

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Summer 9



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Happy Birthday!

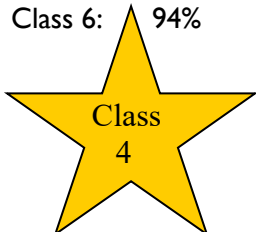
Happy Birthday
between
15th -21st June 2026 to:

Rio who is 5;
Layne who is 5;
Isaac who is 6;
Reuben who is 7; &
Freddy who is 9;



Weekly Attendance W.B.: 15.06.26

Reception: 91% 4 Lates
Class 1: 95% 3 Lates
Class 2: 93% 3 Lates
Class 3: 94% 1 Late
Class 4: 99%
Class 5: 98% 1 Late
Class 6: 94%



Date Reminders:

June:

23.06.26: Y6 Islamic Experience trip
25.06.26: Y6 Pyramid Arts Day
25.06.26: Y2 Dance Festival
26.06.26: Y2 Swimming
26.06.26: Reception Forest School
26.06.26: Y1 Worship & recognition
Assembly

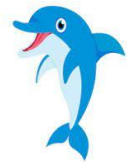
For all future dates, please refer to
the school website calendar.

Sports Day

Yesterday, the sports day went ahead as planned - we had perfect weather for the activities that were undertaken and it was lovely to see so many of you be able to attend and support the children. For Reception this was their first time taking part in front of so many people and they seemed to just love the experience. For some of our children it was their first time at pushing themselves to join in as it can be very daunting with so many people watching. For all others, they tried hard, included others and worked well as a team member showing determination and competitiveness. It was wonderful to see the joy on our children's faces and see them all achieve their best, adding team points to their house teams. Thanks to Mr Newbold for organising the whole morning; also to our Year 6 sports leaders who helped at the KS1 event, encouraging their younger peers and recording results. Thanks also to the PTA for the organising refreshments and to the Year 8 sport leaders from Haybridge who supported during the KS2 events.

Final scores were:

- 1 Dolphins 242 Points
 - 2 Sharks 236
 - 3 Stingrays 215
 - 4 Turtles 211
 - 5 Seahorses 204
 - 6 Jellyfish 203
- Well done Dolphins!



Blakedown Vision and Values

'I will praise you because I am
fearfully and wonderfully made'

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Home-Start Wyre Forest to introduce our Swop Shop

The Swop Shop is a community donation and recycling scheme that provides good-quality children's clothing, shoes, school uniforms, toys, and equipment free of charge to families across the Wyre Forest area. Home Start's aim is to ensure that all children have access to the essentials they need to thrive while encouraging the recycling and reuse of items that are still in excellent condition. Home Start are pleased to be holding a free School Uniform Swop Event on:
Tuesday 7th July 2026 - 9:00am – 12:00pm at St Ambrose Church, DY10 1RP

This event is open to all local families. Parents and carers are invited to come along and choose good-quality second-hand school uniform free of charge. Families are also welcome to bring any outgrown or unwanted uniform items to donate or swap, helping other children in our community. Please see the attached post and event for the link: <https://fb.me/e/61WjftBKb>

TEACHER EDUCATION DAYS

2026-27

As you are aware, schools are required to set five Teacher Education Days (or INSET) each year. On INSET days, staff are involved in professional development training and pupils do not attend school. For the next academic year, the five provisional dates have been set as follows:

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 28th May 2027

Meet the Teacher

This year Meet the Teacher is on Wednesday 8th July and this year, we will be combining this event, where you and your child are able to meet their new teacher, with the class briefings. There will be two times to attend a briefing to enable you to hear more than one briefing if you have children in more than one age group and to meet the teachers.

To hear about Year 1 and Year 2, please meet in Year 1 classroom;

To hear about Year 3 and Year 4, please meet in Year 3 classroom;

To hear about Year 5 and Year 6, please meet in Year 6 classroom.

Each briefing will start at 3.30 p.m. and be repeated at 4.10 p.m. and be around 30 minutes long. We hope that this helps you and your child understand the expectations of their new year group, whilst also giving you a chance to meet the next teacher. Please ensure that your child sits with you during this event and that all phones are switched off.

We look forward to seeing you.

Free School Meals – Check if you are eligible

The Department for Education has recently updated the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. This means some families may now qualify, even if they have not been eligible in the past.

If you receive Universal Credit, you should apply. We strongly encourage all families to check their eligibility and submit an application.

To apply, you will need:

- Your name
- Your National Insurance number
- Your date of birth

Find out more and apply online here: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Please note: the application system will be unavailable from 9 July to 15 July.

Recognition Awards for week beginning 15th June 2026.

Reception	Blair Rocco	For her super independent work on repeated patterns. For fantastic phonics and working hard to make his independent sentences interesting.
Year 1	Enzo Ruby Mya	For fantastic focus in Maths, where Enzo was a comparison champion. For always trying her very best and being ready to learn. Not only has Mya been busy writing at home she has also been helping others with her super knotting skills in forest school.
Year 2	Ronnie L Leo Ramaiya Ava Rose	For pushing himself out of his comfort zone at sports day to achieve more than he first believed he could. For working with determination in maths when learning to tell the time. For being a positive, calm role model for her peers who is ready to learn and focused on tasks. For her competitive spirit and pushing herself to achieve at sports day.
Year 3	Fred All Year 3	For his bravery, effort and perseverance at sports day. For asking brilliant questions during their trip to Kinver Edge and representing school very well.
Year 4	Holly & Ruqayyah Spencer	For consistently being respectful and being a kind friend to those around them. For his engagement in a debate during Geography looking at renewable and non-renewable energy sources.
Year 5	Joseph Florence	For the joy and enthusiasm that he shows for all learning but, in particular, during sports day, where he demonstrated the joy in taking part and being proud of doing his best with a beaming smile on his face! For working hard on her writing and checking that she has correctly punctuated her sentences with greater independence.
Year 6	Ted Levi, Harley & Teddy	For showing great sportsmanship during the sports day relay. For being encouraging, supportive and organised sports leaders during sports day.

PTA NEWS

We hope everyone enjoyed sports day! All the children did so well. 🙌
Thanks to everyone who bought refreshments and uniform - **we raised almost £200!** 🙌 We'll be putting this towards our current fundraising target for Art & DT supplies 🎨, microphones for Music 🎤 and Sports equipment for the school. 🏀 🏈

Thanks to everyone who helped set up, sell refreshments and pack up afterwards - we really appreciate the help! 🌟 Thank you for the donations of cakes and crisps too!

Don't forget to come and see us at the Bolt tonight – PTA tuck shop, glitter tattoos, bubble wands and free poster making. Good luck to all those running! 🏃 🏃 🏃

Can you help?

We still need some parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles to help us with:

- Uniform sale (8th July)
- Y5/6 production refreshments (9th/10th July)
- Blakedown Strawberry Festival (25th July)

We cannot support these events without some additional volunteers, please let us know if you can help -

blakedownprimarypta@gmail.com.

Bag2School Collection

Monday 29th June

Please leave bags by 9am

Please see their website for what can be included:

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. Bags can be left on Friday 26th June under the canopy at the front of school.

HELP US WIN £1000 FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Nominate our school and you could win a £100 gift card!!

nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize

Keeping Children Safe During Heatwaves

As temperatures rise, we are taking steps to ensure the wellbeing of all pupils and staff during periods of extreme heat. Here's how we're keeping your child safe, and how you can support us:

School Measures

- *Monitoring classroom temperatures and adjusting activities when it gets too hot.*
- *Encouraging regular water breaks inside and outside.*
- *Keeping blinds/curtains closed on sunny sides and using fans where safe.*
- *Moving PE or outdoor play to earlier or later in the day to avoid peak heat.*
- *Providing shaded areas for breaks and lunchtime where possible.*
- *Being alert for signs of heat-related illness and responding promptly.*

How You Can Help

- *Send your child to school with a named water bottle each day.*
- *Apply long-lasting sunscreen at home in the morning (where applicable).*
- *Provide a sun hat and, if possible, sunglasses.*
- *Dress your child in lightweight, breathable clothes—uniform rules may be relaxed during heatwaves (we will confirm this in advance).*
- *Let us know if your child has any health conditions that affect how they cope with heat, if we do not already know.*

*We appreciate your support in helping us keep our school community safe during hot weather.
If you have any questions, please contact the school office.*