

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Summer 10



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday
between
22nd – 28th June 2026
to:

Lilly who is 7;
Meredith who is 7;
& Levi who is 11.



Annual written reports
will be handed to you
on Friday 10th July.
Any not collected at
the end of the day will
be available from the
school office.

Clearly this week has been an unsettled and difficult week for everyone in unusual circumstances. The governors, staff and I want to say thank you for your support across this week and for helping us to keep your children safe in the sun by sending them with water bottles, hats and sun cream. Obviously, closing the school for two afternoons was not an easy decision as it has so many implications on you as parents and the wider community. We will resume business as normal on Monday and look forward to a busy but more usual end of term.

You will see below that there are lots of events happening towards the end of term. We hope to see as many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' briefings and at the concerts that are taking place shortly. Wishing you a restful and more comfortable weekend.

Date Reminders:

June:

29.06.26: Bags2School

July:

01-03.07.26: Y6 Bikeability

03.07.26: R/Y1/Y2 sports event in school

03.07.26: Reception Forest School

03.07.26: Y1 Worship & recognition Assembly with Y1 parents

08.07.26: Year 3 & 4 summer concert

08.07.26: Meet the teacher briefings

09.07.26: Year 5 & 6 performance

10.07.26: Year 5 & 6 performance

10.07.26: Annual written reports

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

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



School Christian Values

Peace Forgiveness Trust Perseverance Respect

Blakedown Vision and Values

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

JOY

SERVE

ACHIEVE

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.

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.

PTA NEWS

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>. Please use any bag e.g. binbag, and leave them under the canopy at the front of school.

Please hold on to any **good quality, clean school uniform** you no longer need, and drop this off from Tuesday ahead of our preloved uniform sale

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£1000 FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY -
nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize**

Could you help Blakedown CofE Primary School PTA get a £3 bonus donation in just a few taps? It won't cost you anything and you don't need to go out in the heat!

Just install the easyfundraising app. **It's completely free**, and when you use it for your normal day-to-day online shopping, from takeaways to groceries and more, **we get a donation at no extra cost to you.**

Use this link to get the app, and we'll also get a £3 bonus donation for inviting you. Thank you!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/blakedown-cofe-primary-school-pta/569sfo/spp/0ylmJ0IJ/EJ26R/textcopy/>

Can you help?

We still need some parents, grandparents, aunties 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.