

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Summer 12



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Happy Birthday!

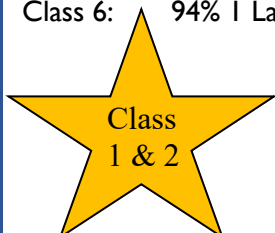
Happy Birthday
between
6th -12th July 2026
to:

Ruby who is 6;
Ronnie who is 7;
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Alex who is 9.



Weekly Attendance W.B.: 29.06.26

Reception: 93% | Late
Class 1: 97% | Late
Class 2: 97% 3 Lates
Class 3: 93% 3 Lates
Class 4: 89% | Late
Class 5: 96% | Late
Class 6: 94% | Late



Date Reminders:

July:

13.07.26: Y6 Leavers' Service
14.07.26: Transition Day
15.07.26: Day2Remember
16.07.26: Celebration Assembly with
Reception parents @ 8.55 a.m.
17.07.26: Leavers' Assembly at 8.55 a.m.
with Year 6 parents

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

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



A Musical Well Done!

This week Year 3 & 4 performed their summer concert to their families - this was a wonderful display of singing, group recorder playing and individual instrument performance. The children from these year groups were a little nervous at first but quickly gained confidence to perform in front of their audience. The individual instrumentalists were very brave with their performances and it was an enjoyable afternoon of music - well done to all of them!

Well done also to Year 5 & 6 who performed their summer production 'Adventure Island' fantastically this week. The Year 6 children all showed confidence and shone in their individual acting roles, with some singing solo or in small parts. The Year 5 singing was beautiful too with separate melodic parts making for very impressive and emotional performances to listen to. The themes of ecology align with our current Eco work and climate and the children and the audience managed exceptionally well in the sticky heat.

Thank you for coming and supporting the children and for being such encouraging audiences. A massive thank you to the PTA for all the wonderful and much needed refreshments provided at each performance.

Well done!!

Well done to Ted who has been selected for the West Midlands Triathlon team. He will represent the region in August and a national competition against the best athletes in Great Britain. What an amazing achievement.



Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday this week. We changed the format a little this year and added the briefings into this event too. We are not sure that this gave parents and teachers the time to meet each other for long enough, so we may change this again next year to ensure staff, parents and pupils have a greater time to interact. However, we hope that it gave you the opportunity to hear about what happens across the next two year groups that your children will move to and that it was useful.

iSingBlakedown

This Sunday 12th July - one of the coolest places to be!



Crisis Resilience Fund

Please see the attached letter and information about the government Crisis and Resilience Fund which replaces holiday free school meal vouchers. This is particularly important to read if you received vouchers in the past.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge Has Officially Begun!

Children across Worcestershire are invited to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge:
Read to the Beat.

The challenge is simple: read six library books during the summer holidays. For every book read, children will receive a sticker for their Read to the Beat sticker book, as well as the chance to earn some exciting bonus rewards along the way.

Reading over the summer is a great way for children to relax, have fun, and keep their minds active during the school break. Regular reading helps maintain skills and can make the transition back to school in September much easier.

Research shows that children who read regularly often achieve higher academic attainment, while also developing their creativity, imagination, and confidence. Reading can also support positive mental wellbeing, providing a relaxing and enjoyable escape into new worlds and adventures.

Visit your local Worcestershire Library to sign up and start your Read to the Beat journey today!



Wyre Forest Scouts

At Scouts Wyre Forest there are 16 Scout Groups across Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley all offering weekly activity sessions for ages 4 - 18 years, plus our active Scouts Network group for 18 - 25-year-olds.

At Scouts, young people engage in a wide range of practical learning, make lifelong friends and have a great time, all while gaining skills for life

Scouts welcomes everyone and we work hard to ensure our groups are accessible, inclusive and supportive - a place where every young person can thrive.

Wyre Forest Scouts are holding a Fun Day at Rhydd Covert Scout Campsite (next to WM Safari Park) on Sunday 23rd August to showcase everything Scouts has to offer and they would love families to come along to have a go at some activities and chat to our volunteers, maybe even start their Scouts adventures.



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.

PTA NEWS

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped over the past few weeks – particularly refreshments at Sports Day, the Y5/6 productions and helping with preloved uniform. We really appreciate the support and could not run everything without volunteers coming forward.

We still need help running a stall at the **Blakedown Strawberry Fayre on 25th July, 2-4pm**. Please get in touch if you can help.

Preloved Uniform available all next week under the canopy

Please help yourselves and take what you need. Pay/donate via the QR code – there is a suggested price list but please feel free to donate what you can. **SHIRTS ARE FREE!!**



STRAWBERRY FAYRE
BLAKEDOWN PARISH ROOMS
SATURDAY 25TH JULY, 2 'TIL 4 PM

STALLS
STRAWBERRIES & CREAM
ICE CREAM, CAKES
HOT & COLD DRINKS
RAFFLE
TOMBOLA

BLAKEDOWN CHURCH
ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS
BLAKEDOWN CHURCH'S ROOF TILES FUND
ENTRY, PLUS LUCKY TICKET DRAW - 50 PENCE

Last chance to earn the PTA a £3 bonus donation!!

Please install the easyfundraising app. It's **completely free**, and when you use it for your normal day-to-day online shopping, 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/>

☀ ☀ ☀ Sunflower update ☀ ☀ ☀

Remember to keep watering your sunflowers in this heat! Thank you to Phoebe and Raymond for sharing photos of their sunflowers over the past few weeks – they look brilliant!

