

Blakedown CE Primary School

Newsletter Summer 13



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Happy Birthday!

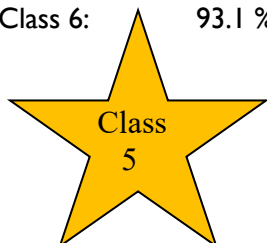
Happy Birthday
between
13th -19th JULY 2026
to:

Isabelle who is 5;
Imogen who is 9;
Beatrice who is 10
NYLA who is 11;



Annual Attendance

Reception:	94.3%
Class 1:	95.5%
Class 2:	94.2%
Class 3:	95%
Class 4:	94.5 %
Class 5:	96.3 %
Class 6:	93.1 %



Goodbye Year 6

As we say goodbye to our lovely Year 6's, we celebrate not just what they have achieved, but who they have become. Our school vision reminds us that every person is wonderfully unique, with their own gifts, talents and strengths. Over the years, we have watched them discover more about themselves, grow in confidence, and begin to understand the difference that only they can make in the world.

As they leave us and move on to the next stage of their journey, we hope that they remember that their uniqueness is not something to hide but is something to cherish. We hope that they use their gifts well, use their talents in service of others and look for ways to make a positive difference wherever they go.

We will remember their laughter, their achievements, and the many ways they have enriched school life.

We wish them every happiness and success for the future.

Good luck, and congratulations. You will be missed Year 6!

The staff, governors and I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your support across the years in working together for the benefit of all your children.

I hope you are all able to find time to recuperate and have quality family time together over the summer break. We will look forward to seeing you back, safe and sound on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

Hagley Library

Please see the attached poster for
lots of holiday craft events happening
there across the summer.

Date Reminders:

July:

20.07.26: INSET Day

September:

01.09.26: INSET Day

02.09.26: INSET Day

03.09.26: Start of autumn term 2026-27

The website will be updated over the
summer for 2026-27 dates.

HOT OFF THE PRESS - ECO NEWS

We have just been informed that the school have been awarded the Green Flag at Distinction Level again.

Well done the Eco Team
and Mrs Edmunds –
outstanding work!

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



Senior Leadership Update

As well as there being some staff changes in September with regards to class teachers and teaching assistants, there will also be a change with regards to some of the leadership roles in school. From September, Mrs Nash will become our SEND and Inclusion Leader and Assistant Headteacher and will work across Tuesday-Thursday each week out of the classroom to support and have the strategic direction over this important area.

Miss Low will become our Deputy Headteacher full time whilst also being the Year 5 teacher. Congratulations to them both on being successful in applying for these positions during the latter half of this term.

I have also been fortunate to receive training and have now qualified as an Ofsted Inspector and so each half term will be out of school for a few days inspecting. During these times Miss Low will be your first point of contact followed by Mrs Nash. As you can see the leadership team has not changed in terms of members, but the roles have been altered.

Please see below for an update of class teachers and support staff (some staff appear twice as they support either a morning or afternoon in a different year group):

Reception: Miss Welsh, Miss Sault & Mrs Thomas

Year 1: Mrs Edmunds, Miss Winwood & Mrs John

Year 2: Miss Smith & Mrs John

Year 3: Miss Brooks & Mrs Thomas

Year 4: Mrs Barnes & Mrs Anderson, Miss Chance

Year 5: Miss Low & Mrs Powell

Year 6: Miss Jones & Mrs Smith

There are also a number of teaching assistants who will work 1:1 with pupils:
Mrs Spragge, Mrs Humble, Miss Mitchell, Mr Newton-Leach, Mrs Hollow, Mrs Foreman,
Miss Leach

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to those with birthdays over the summer break 20th July – 31st August 2026:

Amila, Remy & Arthur who are 5;

Eloise, Phoebe, Raymond & Ramaiya who are all 7;
Charlie who is 8;

Joshua, Jacob, Daya & Ava who are 9;

Colt, Alfie, Hettie, Grace, Reuben, Benji & Oliver who
are all 10;

Lizzie & Florence who are 11.



Team Point Totals for this term:

Sea Horses - 690

Sharks - 637

Stingrays - 589

Dolphins - 570

Jellyfish - 528

Turtles - 512

Goodbye and Thank You!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Tolley, Mrs Graystone, Mrs Schwartz and Mr Eaton today after their years of service and dedication to the school. We had a lovely celebration for them and the children in year 6 this morning and wish them all well in their next endeavours.

Celebration Awards for the Summer Term 2026

Reception	For working together to complete their Reception Class learning journey and having lots of fun!
Year 1	For all your acts of service in Forest School, also congratulations on your phonics achievements too!
Year 2	For a fabulous year! They have all grown in independence and resilience - working hard and trying their best in all that they have done this year.
Year 3	For working together as a team to build friendship, respect, kindness and empathy towards each other.
Year 4	For believing in themselves, growing in confidence and finding joy in every aspect of their learning. They have all achieved more than they realise by working incredibly hard this year.
Year 5	For embracing every part of Year 5, making the most of all learning experiences and opportunities. They have shared many moments of joy together this year and have all worked hard to improve and achieve personal targets! It has been a pleasure to them grow. Well done.
Year 6	For showing empathy, compassion and maturity throughout the year.



Cyber Safety

Please see attached for important information to enable you keep your children safe online over the summer and beyond. There is also information on the one attachment about a webinar that is being held on 28th July. The information contained in these attachments covers 'The Com Network' and 'Cyberchoices' – please take time to look at these.

Junior Tennis Camps at Blakedown & Hagley Tennis Club this August.

Blakedown & Hagley Tennis Club are very keen to keep the local community active over the summer break. They have forwarded some information which is attached about sessions such as B-ALL Sports, and have a fantastic schedule planned for children aged 6-11.

August Camp Schedule:

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Full Day)

Fridays: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Afternoon Session)

Please see the attached for more details.