Blakedown CE Primary School Newsletter Autumn 7

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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday between **12th -18th October 2026** to:

Teddy who is 7; &
Laney-Jai who is 9;



BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is BACK again this year! It will be in school on the following dates:

Monday 9th November 3:30-4:30 p.m. - this is also an Open Book session for parents to view their children's work.
Tuesday 10th November 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday 12th November 8:00-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The Fair will be held in the Year 5 classroom. The school receives commission from the sale of books at the fair, which we use to purchase books for each class library across school to promote reading for pleasure.

Thank you for your continued support.

SchoolGrid Food Ordering

The new ordering system for school lunches - SchoolGrid - will be going live shortly after half term on the 9th November. You will receive an introductory email prior to half term where you can set up your login details. Please also see the attached letter for additional information.

Annual Attendance W.B.: 12.10.26

Reception:	93%
Class 1:	98%
Class 2:	98% 7 Lates
Class 3:	99% 7 Lates
Class 4:	97% 2 Lates
Class 5:	99%
Class 6:	98% 1 Late

Class 3&5

Date Reminders:

October:

19-22.10.26: Prospective Parents Viewings
20.10.26: Parents' Evening 2
22.10.26: Recognition Assembly with Reception Parents
23.10.26: INSET 3 – school closed.

November:

03.11.26: Remembrance Worship with Y6 parents (school @ 8.55 a.m.)
06.11.26: Recognition Assembly with Y5 parents
09.11.26: Open Book @ 3.30 -4.30 p.m.

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

Job Opportunity

We are looking for two lunchtime supervisors who are required to work every day 11.45 a.m.-1.15 p.m. These roles will be advertised on WM Jobs and Indeed.

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

Recognition Awards for week beginning 12th October 2026.

Reception	**Sonny** **Skylar**	For his positive attitude towards learning and always trying his best. For her fantastic listening and growing confidence in the classroom.
Year 1	**Jacob** **Remy**	For demonstrating the act of service by helping to collect and fold the hi vis vests after our geography walk. For being a fabulous leader on our walk around Blakedown Village.
Year 2	**Arthur** **Jacob**	For showing real enthusiasm and a love of learning in Literacy lessons since starting our new book. For being such a kind friend and always checking to make sure his friends are okay.
Year 3	**Rae** **Gracen**	For producing amazing fact files about rocks and volcanoes and showing a great passion for learning. For showing great learning behaviours all the time and for trying his hardest with his spellings and showing great improvement.
Year 4	**Dimitri** **Elissa**	For a marked improvement in his level of effort and for seeking guidance if he is unsure. For taking great care with her work and consistently paying close attention to detail, showing pride in all that she produces.
Year 5	**All Class 5**	For demonstrating their Geography knowledge on rivers during our trip to Stourport Basins this week. The volunteers were impressed with what they knew and how they answered their questions, as well as their excellent behaviour.
Year 6	**Otto & Nanaki**	Both for demonstrating excellent collaborative skills by working together effectively, listening carefully to each other's ideas and showing great teamwork.

Recognition Assemblies

Parents are invited to attend Friday recognition assemblies on a rota basis as below. Please also see the website calendar. These are usually around 15-20 minutes long and for **next half term will start at 8.55 a.m**. Days and start times may vary when classes lead worship, as the recognition part follows afterwards and so during these weeks assembly will last a little longer.

There will also be church worship led by each class across the year and parents of the class leading worship are invited to attend.

Please note that during worship & assemblies, all phones should be turned off or turned to silent and should not be used whilst in school and kept out of sight.

03.11.26: Year 6 Remembrance Worship with Y6 parents
06.11.26: Year 5 parents
13.11.26: Year 4 parents
20.11.26: Year 3 parents
26.11.26: Y3 Advent worship in church with Y3 parents
27.11.26: Year 2 parents
04.12.26: Y1 parents
11.12.26: Reception parents
15.12.26: Y1 Christingle service in church @2.30 p.m. with Y1 parents
16.12.26: Reception Christmas Crib service in church @9.00 a.m. with Reception parents
17.12.26: Community/Grandparents Carol Service in school – Y2 lead
18.12.26: Celebration Assembly – Y6 parents

Please see half term events that are happening at The Hive:



Please see information about girls rugby opportunities:



Take part in the BIG FUTURE

The Big Future is the Children's Commissioner for England national survey of children and young people. It is a vital opportunity for pupils to tell her what matters to them, what they want for their futures and what they believe needs to change.

The survey takes just a short time to complete, and we have made it as easy as possible for schools to get involved. You can access the survey and our ready-to-use slide pack, which can be used to introduce it to pupils, here: https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/

The deadline is fast approaching, if you are able to support by accessing this for your child that would help ensure that children's voices are at the heart of decisions about their futures.

Spooky Tennis Fun this Half-Term! 🎃 🎾

Keep them active this October half-term with the B-ALL Sports Halloween Tennis Camps at Blakedown & Hagley Tennis Club! Running from Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th October, the camps are packed with tennis drills, multi-sport games, and spooky team challenges.

Options include Full Days (9am - 3pm) or Half Days, and all ages and abilities are welcome. Spaces are strictly capped to ensure a great experience!

For more information, pricing, or to book a spot, please see the attached flyer, visit our ClubSpark page, or contact Head Coach Elliot Ball on 07827912291.



PTA NEWS

Disco reminders

- Please drop pupils off at the school office and collect them from the playground.
- No water bottles, valuables, mobile phones or coats (please could parents take these away with them as there are no cloakrooms available).
- Last-minute tickets can be purchased at the Pavilion.
- Parking is available at the Pavilion, please do not park in front of the school gates or in the staff car park.
- The Pavillion will be open to all for refreshments from 3:30pm

Wreath making workshops

Following the success of our wreath making workshops last year, we're planning to hold another on 28th November. Tickets on sale now but be quick as there are limited spaces!
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