Blakedown CE Primary School Newsletter Autumn 8

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Dyslexia Awareness 2026

All classes took part in Dyslexia Awareness Day 2026, as part of their Wellbeing Wednesday sessions. Children enjoyed finding out how we all have different minds and different ways of doing things. The children thought about their own super learning powers and built an everyday learning tool kit.



To find out more about Dyslexia, please visit the British Dyslexia Association website- https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/news/dyslexia-awareness-week-2026

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday between **19th -25th October 2026** to:

Ella who is 10;
Ruby who is 10; &
Joseph who is 11.

And over half term : **26th October-1st November 2026** to:

Tommy who is 5;
Harri who is 5;
Albie A-N who is 5;
Ronnie who is 8; &
Reggie who is 9.



SchoolGrid Food Ordering

Please be aware that you will receive a link today that only allows you access for 24 hours. Please look out for it and respond so that you can set up your meal ordering system.

Attendance W.B.: 19.10.26

Reception:	94%	3 Lates
Class 1:	97%	2 Lates
Class 2:	92%	4 Lates
Class 3:	95%	8 Lates
Class 4:	96%	4 Lates
Class 5:	94%	2 Lates
Class 6:	95%	1 Lates

Class 1

Date Reminders:

November:

03.11.26: Remembrance Worship with Y6 parents (school @ 8.55 a.m.)
06.11.26: Recognition Assembly with Y5 Parents (8.55 a.m.)
09.11.26: Open Book @ 3.30 -4.30 p.m.
09.11.26: Book Fair Week
13.11.26: Cross Country Y5/6 Team

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

Recognition Awards for week beginning 19th October 2026.

Reception	**Harry P**	For working hard in phonics and showing great determination when learning and applying new sounds.
	Daphne	For working hard and using her wonderful imagination in drawing club.
	Albie S	For his fantastic, creative ideas that he shares during learning and play.
Year 1	**Harry**	For demonstrating fantastic listening skills, lots of different adults have recognised this well-done Harry.
	Arthur	For sharing his amazing knowledge of King Henry VIII with the class. Arthur could be a future historian.
	Hannah	For thinking of others - Hannah shared her birthday book with us and all of Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed it.
Year 2	**Grace**	For always having enthusiasm for her learning. Grace approaches every lesson and everything we do with a positive attitude and always tries her best.
	Alex	For showing good concentration and focus when completing independent work.
Year 3	**Lane**	For putting great effort into her rocks fact file and showing the school values every day. For also writing a good poem about school and performing it to the class with confidence.
	Meredith	For explaining column addition and subtraction very clearly and using mathematical terms to support her peers understanding.
Year 4	**Remi & Elias**	For engagement and consistent practice on TT Rock Stars.
	Bethany	For enthusiasm in PE and presentation of her movement and balance sequence to the class.
Year 5	**Olivia**	For always showing care for others and for being encouraging and supportive of her peers. Olivia is also demonstrating resilience and determination to succeed within her learning.
	Ethan R	For consistently working hard and pushing himself to make the most of every learning opportunity and experience.
	Jude	For making a super start to Year 5 working well and trying new things through our curriculum.
Year 6	**Joseph**	For his brilliant writing about an imaginary island in literacy. Joseph has shown he can confidently use ambitious vocabulary as well as add humour to his writing.
	Douglas	For his enthusiasm when completing history and geography assessment thinking squares, demonstrating his knowledge and impressing the class with his knowledge of interesting facts.

Hagley Library Half Term Event



Team Point Results

Seahorses - 328
Turtles - 316
Sharks - 300
Jellyfish - 286
Dolphin - 270
Stingray - 242

Well done Seahorses!

KS2 Inter-house Tag Rugby Results



Points

1 Seahorses 34
2 Sharks 33
3 Jellyfish 32
4 Stingrays 30
5 Turtles 27
6 Dolphins 26

Our listening work - Information for parents

Listening is an important skill for learning language, but it is also a very important skill at school. A good listener at school is more likely to take part in class discussions, remember what they have learned and understand what they have to do. Listening is quite a hard thing to do. It's not just one skill-it is several skills. As a school we are working on listening skills with the children to ensure each child develops the skills that make up a good listener.

Our four rules of 'Good Listening' are:

- Looking at the persons who's talking
- Keeping still
- Keeping quiet
- Listening to all of the words

You can help by reminding your child about these rules during the everyday things you do together that need them to listen. This will really help to use their listening skills in real life.

PTA NEWS – please see attachment for links.

PTA UPDATES

Thank you for your continued support!

AUTUMN DISCO

A huge thank you *to everyone who attended our Autumn Discos. We hope all the children had a fab time!*

A special THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers who helped across both discos and with refreshments. We could not have done it without you!

TOTAL RAISED: £575!

CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a festive evening of creativity and make your own beautiful Christmas wreath!

Friday 27th November | 7.00pm

BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE

Every booking helps support our school PTA. Thank you for your support!

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone who supported our pre-loved uniform sales at both parents' evenings.

Together, we raised £41.00!

We will now only be taking branded uniform donations until the spring term.

Please contact us via your class PTA representative if you need any pre-loved items.

ELVES NEEDED!

Breakfast with Santa is back on Saturday 5th December!

This annual event is run by the Blakedown Dads and Grandads (aka the Elves). If you can spare some time to help, we would love to hear from you!

Contact Chief Elf Jonathan: 07813 919866

First meeting: Wednesday 4th November at 8.00pm, OHAH Pub

Everyone welcome - come along and get involved!





Thank you for supporting our PTA and school community!