Blakehill Primary School

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Autumn Term 2026

Year 5 Buckden Residential

I was incredibly lucky to spend the full five days with our Year 5 pupils on their residential to Buckden House this year – what a brilliant time we had! Set in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, the children were immersed in outdoor adventure activities that left them both exhilarated and exhausted. Without exception, every child challenged their capabilities and mindset, participating in activities that many of them had never experienced before. It was a pleasure to be able to share this experience with them.

It is also a great opportunity for staff to learn more about children and their interests out of school, which in turn helps us to strengthen relationships.

I am sure that the children returned home retelling stories of their personal achievements.

Special thanks to staff: Mr. Lumb, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Wright, Miss O'Brien, Mr. Rhodes and Michelle (Catering Manager) for dedicating time away from their own families to ensure that our children are able to have this valuable experience and make lifelong memories. Thank you also to the children and their parents for your enthusiasm and support.

Please check our school Facebook page for more photographs of the children.





Blakehill Open Classrooms

Prior to Parent/Teacher Consultation evenings, parents/carers of children in all classes are invited into school on **Tuesday 17th November from 3:30pm-4:30pm** to meet the teacher and look through their child's work. It's a great opportunity for your child to share their learning. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

Wake up Shake up daily
8:30am-8:45am.

Forest schools
Every Tuesday afternoon

Rock Steady and Learn to Rock Music Lessons
Every Thursday

Children in Need Day
Friday 13th November

Open Classrooms
Tuesday 17th November 3:30pm-4:30pm.

Boys U11s Road to Wembley
Thursday 19th November

Pupil midterm reports to parents **Friday 20th November**

Year 6 – Rewind to Christmas
Tuesday 24th November

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 24th November 3.45 p.m-7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 25th November 3.45pm-7.00 pm.

Scholastic Book Fair
Open during Parent's Evenings.

Parent Sleep Clinic
Wednesday 25th November at 9:00am

Year 4 WW2 Day
Change of date
Friday 27th November

Friday 27th November – non uniform day (donations for PTFA chocolate/bottle tombola)

PTFA Christmas Fair
Monday 30th November 4:30pm-6:00pm

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Our Christmas Events Calendar

We are fast approaching the festive season and preparations are well under way to make this another holiday season to remember. Your child's class teacher will provide more information about these events nearer to the date.

Event	When
PTFA Christmas Fair	**Monday 30th November 4:30pm – 6:00pm**
Santa's Grotto (Free)	**Thursday 3rd December**
EYFS Nativity Productions	**Wednesday 9th December 10:00am** **Thursday 10th December 2:00pm**
Year 1 Craft and Carols	**Friday 11th December** (Families welcome)
Year 2 Productions	**Wednesday 9th December 2:00pm** **Thursday 10th December 10:00am**
Year 3 and 4 Christingle	**Tuesday 15th December 10:00am** at St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose. Families welcome
Year 5 and 6 Christingle	**Monday 14th December 10:00am** at St Cuthbert's Church, Wrose. Families welcome
PTFA Christmas Gift Stall	**Wednesday 16th December**
KS2 (Year 3-6) Pantomime	**Thursday 17th December** at Bradford Alhambra
Reception class and KS1 Christmas Parties	**Year 1 - Monday 14th December (pm)** **Year 2 - Tuesday 15th December (pm)** **Reception - Thursday 17th December (pm)**
Christmas Dinner Day /Christmas jumpers	**Wednesday 16th December**
Carols around the Tree	**Friday 18th December**
School closes/ reopens	**Friday 18th December – Monday 4th January**

Holiday dates 2027/2028

The holiday dates for the next academic year have been agreed by Governors and published on the school website. Holiday dates 2027/2028:

Autumn Term

Monday 6th September 2027– Friday 22nd October 2027

Monday 1st November 2027 - Friday 17th December 2027

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January 2028 - Friday 18th February 2028

Monday 28th February 2028 - Friday 7th April 2028

Summer Term

Monday 24th April 2028 - Friday 26th May 2028

Thursday 8th June 2028 – Friday 21st July 2028

Please note: Bank holiday Monday 1st May (school closed)

PTFA Plea

Last year, our PTFA funded: the Wellbeing garden (a quiet and beautiful space for children to use at break/lunchtimes), equipment for playtime resources, Reception playground resources, Santa's Grotto, a whole school Panto, bouncy castles for our annual fun day and the year 6 leavers' hoodies at a total cost of £10,212.

Funding comes from events such as school discos, Christmas and summer fairs and various stalls.

Ahead of our annual Christmas Fair on **Monday 30th November, t**he school's PTFA are asking for donations of 'good as new' gifts for our tombola, teddies, sweets, bottles and chocolate. We are also looking for donations from local businesses for our main raffle.

Friday 27th November is a non-uniform day. We are asking for donations of a chocolate bar/bottle for our chocolate and bottle tombola as a 'fine' for this. Thank you all in advance.

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The Best Days of our Lives

We look at enriching learning experiences every day, providing our children with a curriculum that is broad, rich, engaging and meaningful. Take a peek at some of our learning so far…





Blakehill school council are on a mission to raise awareness of safe parking – ignore at your peril! Do your bit top keep our children safe.

Here we are again, raising awareness of environmental issues supported by BCFC. A school council determined to bring about change.









Pupils in UKS2 working with WYP to learn more about preventative crime and positive life choices. Building the future generation.





Inclusion games leading the way in physical education opportunities for all.

Celebrating 120 years of school dinners with a wonderful traditional roast dinner

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Blakehill Values and Ethos

House Points

Pupils at Blakehill receive house points for demonstrating a positive attitude to their learning, trying their best, never giving up, even when faced with challenges, high quality work and supporting others in their learning. This system encourages pride, achievement and teamwork. House points recognise individual and collaborative achievements. All children belong to a house team. The names of these teams have strong links with Bradford and are named after Jowett cars.

KINGFISHER KESTREL JAVELIN JUPITER

During our Friday afternoon celebration assembly, the house with the greatest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced.

Well done to JAVELIN who were our house winners this week.

Attendance - making every day count!

Attendance Champions!

Blakehill Primary School has received its Attendance report from the Department of Education for 2025-2026.

We are in the top 10% nationally for attendance and lowest 10% for persistent absence with no areas to improve.

Thank you to everyone for your commitment to making sure our children get the very best out of school.

Another win for Blakehill and greater recognition for our school! Proud to be Blakehill.

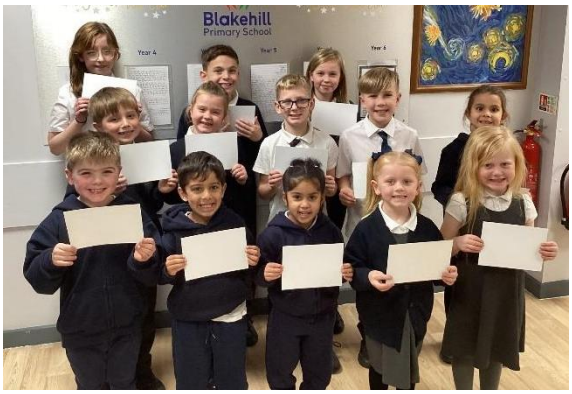
How is your class doing?

Attendance percentage	
1M	98.0%
1W	96.8%
2B	97.7%
2H	96.5%
3G	98.7%
3R	97.7%
4N	96.9%
4R	97.4%
5M	97.9%
5R	98.6%
6J	96.6%
6N	96.6%
RD	96.9%
RP	96.8%
National	95.7%
Local Authority	95.4%

3G achieved top attendance with 98.7% last week!

Current whole school attendance: 97.4%

Celebration Assembly award winners: Friday 6th November





Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday morning at 9.15 am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2026/2027 class assemblies are:

6N: Friday 15th January

6J: Friday 22nd January

5R: Friday 29th January

5M: Friday 5th February

4N: Friday 12th February

4R: Friday 26th February

3G: Friday 5th March

3R: Friday 12th March

RD: Friday 23rd April

RP: Friday 7th May

1W: Thursday 20th May

1M: Friday 28th May

2H: Friday 18th June

2B: Friday 25th June

Both Reception Classes Graduation Ceremony: Friday 9th July

Please note:

For child protection and safeguarding purposes, we request that photos and videos are for personal use only and not shared on social media etc. unless express permission from the parent concerned is given. PLEASE LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER DROPPING PUPILS OFF AND QUEUE AT THE OFFICE GATE.