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Spring Term 2026

Year 6 Residential

Pupils in Year 6 enjoyed a three-day residential to Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre in the picturesque setting of the North Yorkshire Moors last week. Despite the freezing temperatures and winter weather, the children had a fabulous time and arrived back at school, exhausted but with great memories. Thank you to staff, (Mrs Hall, Mrs Nelson, Mr Lumb, Mrs Wright and Mrs Hudson) for their time and effort in organising and accompanying the children.

Blakehill's Facebook Page

School's Facebook Page has been closed and will be replaced by a new page which will be launched shortly. This is a routine step to ensure the continued security and proper management of our online presence.

Thank you to parents/carers for their patience and understanding.

Get well Soon!

We continue to send our love and prayers to Mr Froud and his family following his recent operation. We wish you a speedy and full recover. We cannot wait for you to be back at Blakehill, filling our school hall and our hearts with music and joy!

Media and Photo Consent

Schools ask for media and photo consent to keep children safe and respect family privacy. Consent helps the school share positive moments responsibly and with permission.

Updated consent forms will be made available at our Parent / Teacher Consultation Evenings in March. These are also available from the school office.

Parent/Carer/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Appointment booking for our Spring Term Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings will be available from Monday 23rd February via eSchools.

Parent Consultations are:

Tuesday 24th March 3:45pm-7:00pm

Wednesday 25th March 3:45pm-7:00pm

Class Dojo

A great response to parent/carers engagement with our online communication app, ClassDojo. Thank you.

I am aware that parents are being prompted to subscribe upon login. **Please ignore.** This does not affect your experience. You will still receive class and whole school communications.

PTFA Valentines Disco

Thank you to children, staff and families for helping to make our Valentine Disco a huge success again this year. Love was certainly in the air!



Upcoming events/diary dates this term

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

School closes for half term
Friday 13th February

Road to Wembley Half Term
Training
**Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th
February 9:00am - 11:00am**

School reopens
Monday 23rd February

Owls visit Year 1
Monday 23rd February

West Yorkshire Cross Country
Finals
Tuesday 3rd March

Class Photos
Wednesday 4th March

World Book Day
Thursday 5th March

School Council Event – Learn with
the Lords
Friday 6th March

Year 2 visit to Harlow Carr
Monday 9th March

Whole School Science Week - Blast
Off Theme
Wk. commencing 9th - 13th March

Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 12th March

Parent Workshop – PDA
Thursday 19th March

REMINDER: Parent Conferences – Working Together

Parents/carers of children with additional needs, SEND and social, emotional and mental health needs often feel isolated and frustrated when seeking support for their child. Blakehill SENDCos and the Pastoral Team are relentless in their mission to provide Blakehill parents with onsite support, information and guidance from local and national professionals.

Our next parent session is on **Thursday 19th March 2026** at 9:00am and focuses on Supporting Children with Demand Avoidance. This session is designed for any parent who feels their child struggles with daily demands or expectations. Please note that no formal diagnosis is required for you to attend; the strategies and language discussed can be beneficial for a wide range of children who experience anxiety-driven avoidance.

We are privileged to host guest speaker Nicola Weston, a specialist teacher from the Bradford SCIL (Social Communication, Interaction, and Learning) team, who will lead the session. To ensure a comfortable morning, tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be provided for all attendees.

Everyone welcome! Thank you Mrs Gould and Miss Dickinson, (SENDCos) for organising.

Striving For Excellence

An independent review of the school's quality of provision was conducted by the Local Authority last week with a particular focus on outcomes for our most disadvantaged pupils. The audit quality assures the work of the school.

Outcomes of the review indicate:

"Staff are very clear on how they support the needs of their disadvantaged pupils and the impact of the training and support they receive to swiftly and effectively remove all barriers to ensure sustained progress.

There is a strong focus on consistently high quality-teaching.

There is strong evidence of an inclusive culture and ethos across the whole school."

We are incredibly proud of our school. Together we Can!

Inclusion Events – Leading the Way

Thank you to Mr Lumb who is championing the Blakehill 'Sport for All' campaign to ensure ALL children receive equal access and opportunity to physical activity. This week some of our pupils will visit Hanson to participate in a SEND event.



Only the Best!

During the February half term and Easter holidays, a schedule of works will take place to further enhance the school's learning and play areas.

All classrooms on the top corridor will be redecorated and have new furniture, each classroom will have a dedicated library area with brand new resources to promote a love of reading, the Year 5/6 boys' toilets will benefit from a total refurbishment, a new projector will be installed in the school hall and the KS1 playground is set to have a long awaited upgrade to match the works completed two years ago to the KS2 playground.

PARKING

Local PCSOs patrolled Highfield Road and the surrounding areas last week following multiple complaints made by local residents of parents/carers parking in and across driveways, blocking access to their homes at school drop off and collection times.

Despite numerous reminders and pleas, school council campaigns and road marking installation some parents STILL disregard the safety of children and the rights of residents by putting their own needs first.

We have been informed that images will be taken of offending vehicles and shared with the appropriate agencies.

World Book Day 2026 – Save the Date!

Thursday 6th March is World Book Day. In true Blakehill style we will be inviting children and parents to participate in a range of activities to mark this annual tradition.

Please look out for more information on how you can be involved. Details after the half term break!

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...



Congratulations Mrs Roberts and Mr Rhodes for successfully passing your NPQs in Leading Literacy and Senior Leadership.



Year 4 are smashing their times-tables. Just ANOTHER group of numberbots that have successfully achieved their times-tables badges!



Everyone Can at Blakehill Active Games Club



Some brilliant cave paintings from Year 3



Ready, Steady, Bake!!
Our afterschool bakers all prepped and ready to bake us some more weekly delights!



Meeting Bull Girl and winning a matchday ball. What a day for one of our youngest children!



From kit to creation – our fabulous bread-makers present the outcome of their hard work.

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 Monday morning celebration assembly, the house with the greatest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced. Well done **KESTREL** house team of the week!

Attendance – Making EVERYDAY Count!

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100% attendance at school is extremely important in helping all pupils achieve their full academic potential. We recognise that good attendance and punctuality are crucial to raising standards and pupil attainment. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. During our weekly celebration assembly, the highest attending class of the week receives a £5 voucher to spend or save. All children that have 100% attendance that week are entered for a weekly prize draw.

How is your class doing?

Attendance percentage	
1M	95.2%
1W	96.7%
2G	97.4%
2H	97.6%
3R	96.6%
3S	97.1%
4N	97.5%
4R	98.0%
5J	96.4%
5S	96.0%
6H	96.5%
6N	97.3%
RD	97.6%
RS	96.3%

Whole school attendance is: 97%.

National: 94.8%

Bradford: 94.1%



Celebration Assembly Winners
Monday 26th January and 2nd February



Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2025/6 class assemblies are:

5J: Friday 14 th November	<u>1W: Thursday 26th February</u>	3S: Friday 23 rd May
5S: Friday 21 st November		2G: Friday 5 th June
4R: Friday 28 th November	1M: Friday 6 th March	2H: Friday 19 th June
4N: Friday 5 th December	RD: Friday 13 th March	<u>1W: Thursday 25th June</u>
6H: Friday 9 th January	RS: Friday 20 th March	1M: Friday 3 rd July
6N: Friday 16 th January	5S: Friday 27 th March	Both Reception
3R: Friday 23 rd January	5J: Friday 17 th April	Classes:
3S: Friday 30 th January	4N: Friday 24 th April	Friday 10 th July
2G: Friday 6 th February	4R: Friday 1 st May	
2H: Friday 13 th February	3R: Friday 8 th May	
	3N: Friday 12 th June	

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.