

Blakehill Primary School

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Spring Term 2025

Happy Easter!

The Easter bunny made an unexpected appearance during our whole school Easter assembly this morning much to delight of the children and the amusement of the adults. Laden with chocolate eggs, the Easter bunny delivered sweet treats to all children.

On behalf of staff, pupils and governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 22nd April.**

Welcome back.

After time to recover from her planned operation, we are delighted to be welcoming Mrs. Keighley back to school after the Easter holiday. Thank you to Mrs. Gould and the Senior Leadership Team for keeping everything in school running smoothly in her absence.

Telegraph and Argus Education Awards

We are really excited to announce that Mrs. Keighley was awarded Headteacher of the Year in this year's T & A Education Awards. Blakehill won **School of the Year** at the awards back in 2022. Thank you Mrs. Keighley for everything you do for the school, the children, and the families of Blakehill.

Well done to Zeke who was shortlisted for the pupil of the year. Zeke was shortlisted for his resilience and effort in school. Zeke joined Blakehill last year.



School Council

The Bradford City stadium fire occurred during a Football League Third Division match on Saturday 11th May 1985 at the Valley Parade stadium in Bradford. Sadly, 56 spectators did not return home from this game and at least 265 were injured. With the 40th anniversary of this event coming, the School Council would like to raise money to support the Bradford Burns Unit. On Friday 9th May, the school will be having a claret and amber non uniform day in return of a £1 donation which will go to the burns unit.



Upcoming events/diary dates this term

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

Positive Start daily
8:30am - 8:45am

Blakehill Brew Coffee mornings
Every Friday 9:00am - 10:00am

School Closes for Easter
Friday 4th April

School Reopens
Tuesday 22nd April

Reception Circus Workshop
Thursday 24th April

Year 5 Online Safety Session
Tuesday 29th April

AWARE parent workshop
Thursday 8th May

Claret and Amber Day
Friday 9th May

KS2 SATs Week
Wk. comm. Monday 13th May

Close for half term
23rd May

Playground Safety

Please note that there should not be any football on the Key Stage 2 playground before the start of school. We have also noticed a number of children riding bikes, electric bikes and scooters in the playground as well as parents bringing dogs onto the school grounds.

Please can we remind you that dogs and bikes should not be in the playground.

This is to ensure the safety of our families and to provide our children with a calm start and end to the day.

It has been such a busy few weeks in school with lots of exciting activities going on. Education is the adventure that never ends, always leading you to new discoveries.

Our Spring term, prize draw winners.



The children had an Easter assembly with Mrs Hall.

We had a great response to the PTFA Easter bonnet competition



Our KS1 and KS2 competition winners

Simply the best!
We are really proud of Mrs Keighley

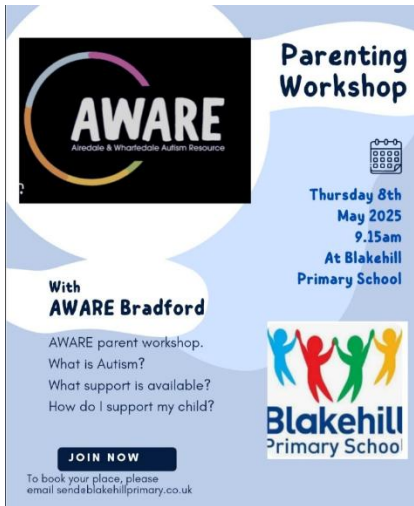


Outdoor art lessons.



There was a very special guest in school





AWARE
Aware & Wharfedale Autism Resource

Parenting Workshop

Thursday 8th May 2025
9.15am
At Blakehill Primary School

With **AWARE Bradford**

AWARE parent workshop.
What is Autism?
What support is available?
How do I support my child?

JOIN NOW

To book your place, please email send@blakehillprimary.co.uk

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Parent workshop with AWARE: Introduction to Neurodiversity
Thursday 8th May 2025 9.15am – 10.15am with Philippa McCann.
We are delighted to be hosting a parent support session run by Philippa from AWARE. AWARE is a SEND group supporting families with children and young adults on the autistic spectrum (formal diagnosis not required).
We hope to see a lot of families attend this event. Some parents have already mentioned that they would like to use this workshop to meet other families and to form their own parent support group.
To book your place, please email send@blakehillprimary.co.uk



Happy
ST GEORGE'S DAY

BRAISED SAUSAGE
Served with Mash Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

QUORN SAUSAGE
Served with Mash Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

SOYA COTTAGE PIE
Served with Seasonal Vegetables

QUEEN VICTORIA BUNS
with Jam & Cream

APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD

FRESH FRUIT

Easter Egg Appeal

Each year we support the JCI Easter Egg Appeal. This very worthwhile project brings a little happiness to disadvantaged families and children at Easter throughout the Bradford District.

We are again overwhelmed with the generous support from our Blakehill families who donated 88 eggs.



Bradford 2025 City of Culture
The wait is over, and the time is now – Bradford 2025 is the new UK City of Culture. To support this event, Blakehill will be taking part in a range of events to showcase the city. This will include working with artists, gardening and most recently, supporting the council with litter picking.

School Dinners

FM catering continue to provide school dinners to the children at Blakehill. A new menu has been provided for the summer term. This can be found at <https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk/>

Watch out for our themed days.



PFTA

Our PFTA is made up of a group of amazing volunteers who work hard to raise funds for the school. These funds are spent on events or resources for the children. Since our request for additional volunteers, we have had 7 new members join the team. The next PFTA meeting is on Tuesday 29th April at 6.00pm.



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Do you want to be part of an amazing team?

Parent Teacher Friends Association (PFTA)

Are you creative, motivated and driven?

Do you want to support the school with fundraising and events?



Tomorrow over 100 Blakehill children and families will be attending the Bradford City v Crewe game. This could prove a very exciting game with Bradford fighting for automatic promotion. Thank you to Bradford City Community Foundation who provided tickets for £3 each and then further donated some free tickets. This game marks the 'Her Game Too' event promoting female football.



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


 Attendance - making every day count!
 

Making every day count! 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.

Fixed Penalty Notices

Holidays taken during term time are subject to a fixed penalty notice as part of the Local Authority campaign to improve attendance across the district.

Schools do not benefit from any fines - this is paid directly to the council however Local Authority schools like ours are obliged to follow the guidance and procedures.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2024-25 class assemblies are:

3N: Friday 13th June	
5J: Friday 25 th April	2SG: Friday 20th June
4SJ: Friday 2 nd May	2H: Friday 27th June
4R: Friday 9 th May	1W: Friday 4th July
3R: Friday 23 rd May	Both Reception Classes: Friday 18 th July

Reminders

School Closures

Easter closure **Friday 4th April**
Reopens **Tuesday 22nd April**

Bank Holiday Monday: **5th May**
Spring Bank closures:
Closes **Friday 23rd May**
Reopens **Wednesday 4th June**

Uniform

We take great pride in our appearance, school environment and grounds at Blakehill. We are proud of our school and know that it is held in high regard by the local community.

We implement uniform requirements that ensure pupils are safe, comfortable and look smart to uphold the high expectations that parents and pupils at our school have come to expect. Nail varnish, jewellery and trainers are discouraged. Staff are asked to remind children of these expectations. Thank you for your support.

