

Blakehill Primary School

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Summer Term 2025

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on completing their end of key stage assessments this week. Their effort, determination and resilience really paid off.

Thank you to all staff involved, particularly to Mrs Hall, Mrs Gould and Mr Nicklin for ensuring that the week was well organised and ran smoothly for the children. Results will be available to schools from 9th July and will be shared with pupils and their parents/carers shortly after.



SAVE THE DATE: Blakehill Primary School Golden Jubilee



We are celebrating 50 years of Blakehill Primary School with a day of festivities on Friday 4th July.

The day will begin with a special assembly. Children in KS2 will perform dances and songs from the 1970s. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be invited to decorate their bikes, scooters or prams (1970s/disco/golden jubilee themed) and take part in a celebration parade. Weather permitting this will take place on the school field.

During the afternoon, children will enjoy festival themed activities which will include music performances from parent and musician Nigel Passey, ice-creams and a whole school photo to commemorate the event.

Past members of staff are also invited to help us to celebrate. More information will be provided nearer the date.



Claret and Amber Day

Thank you to everyone that supported and donated to the Bradford Burns Unit in memory of those injured or lost their lives in the Bradford City FC fire in 1985. With your support we raised £538.84. Thank you.



Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

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

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

School closed for half term **Friday 23rd May and reopens on Wednesday 4th June**

Year 4 Multiplication Check
2nd-13th June

Year 6 Visit to Danelaw Viking Museum
Monday 9th June

Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
Wk. comm Monday 9th June

Whole school Shakespeare Workshops
Wednesday 11th June
Thursday 12th June

PTFA Fathers' Day Stall
Friday 13th June

Year 4 Roman Workshops
Monday 16th June – togas at the ready!

Year 5 visit to Murton Park
Tuesday 24th June

Sports Days 2025
Wk. commencing Monday 23rd June

Blakehill PTFA FUN Day
Inflatables and ice creams
Thursday 26th June

Year 6 Key Dates
Year 6 secondary transition day:
Wednesday 2nd July.

Year 6 Prom: **Wednesday 9th July @6.30pm – 8:00pm.**

Year 6 production: **Wednesday 16th July @6:00pm**

Year 6 Award's Ceremony:
Tuesday 22nd July @9:00am

Sports Day – Diary Dates Reminder

We are looking forward to Sports Days 2025 and would love to welcome Blakehill families and friends. The dates and times of these are:

Year 1 and 2 - **Monday 23rd June 1:30pm – 2:30pm**

Year 3 and 4 - **Tuesday 24th June 9:30am – 10:30am**

Year 5 and 6 - **Monday 23rd June 9:30am – 10:30am**

Reception - **Tuesday 24th June 1:30pm – 2:30pm**

Children can come to school in their sports kits on the day and are encouraged to wear a t-shirt that matches their House Team colour.

SAFEGUARDING NOTE: Taking photos is fine, but we ask you not to put any photos with other children in on any social media unless you have consent from the child's parent. We have some children for whom this can have serious consequences. Thank you for respecting this request.

Social Media Safety

As a school we teach explicit E-safety lessons, regularly reinforce messages about online safety with assemblies and visits from the police and external agencies. Unfortunately, we know that living in the age of social media, our children have access to a world of information, much of which is age inappropriate.

As adults, it is our responsibility to regularly check privacy settings, discuss appropriate online behaviour, and be vigilant for signs of cyberbullying or inappropriate content. School can provide more support with this should you need it.

Early Birds and Night Owls - Price Increase

We are really lucky to have our own onsite wraparound childcare provision here at Blakehill, in addition to a wide range of before and after school extra-curricular clubs. Our aim has always been to provide high quality and affordable childcare that meets the needs of our children and their families.

To meet the cost of increased staffing and building maintenance overheads we are regrettably having to increase prices slightly from September 2025. There has been no change to the price of Early Birds and Night Owls since 2020.

The new prices are:

Early Birds 7:30am - 8:45am to £5.00 per session

Night Owls 3:15pm - 6:00pm to £9.00 per session



Staff Vacancies

Do you have the skills, knowledge and understanding to make a difference to the lives of children at Blakehill Primary School? Are you committed to driving excellence and can inspire children to be the best that they possibly can be?

We have vacancies for a Learning Mentor and a Teaching Assistant to join our team. For more details, please see Bradford Prospects or contact Vicki Scott, the School Business Manager.



PTFA – Summer Fair

Our annual PTFA summer fair is always a great success and a fabulous way of showcasing our school. This year, the summer fair is on **Saturday 12th July**.

Our next PTFA meeting is in school on Tuesday 20th May at 6pm.

Everyone welcome!

Parking

A number of concerns have been raised with school once again about inconsiderate parking. The majority of these are from local residents who find parking and access to their homes difficult.

This week the waste collection team struggled to navigate their truck on Northedge Meadow.

Not only are these complaints time consuming for us to address, but they are also causing distress for those living/working within the locality of school, leading to verbal and physical altercations occurring unnecessarily.

Whilst this is not directly a school issue, we are often left with the fallout of these incidents. I am aware that complaints have been reported to West Yorkshire Police and photographic evidence provided.

Learning = Fun

Learning should be fun, engaging and exciting and we continue to try to provide many opportunities to enrich the learning for our pupils. Visits, visitors and events help us to do this. Follow us on Facebook for more...



Year 1 love the great outdoors, especially when they are discovering more about the world around them! A leaf hunt is a great activity and keeps us busy, curious and enthusiastic!

Super work.

Our Forest School sessions are a huge winner with the children of Blakehill Primary School – outdoor learning is THE best come rain, sunshine and even snow!



Together we Can.

Parents and staff meeting on a Friday for our Blakehill Brew sessions and attending a session on neurodiversity led by AWARE. It's a great way to meet other parents, find out more information about school, and talk to other professionals. All welcome!



Thank you to children in Year 4 who are involved in the Grow to School project for tending to our school planters. We cannot wait to see the first shoots of our vegetable crop.



A visit to Rodley Nature Reserve is a great way to spot different species in their natural habitats.

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.

Attendance - making every day count!

Attendance – Advice to Schools

New regulations issued by the Department for Education to schools in the recent drive to improve attendance will be implemented from September 2024. All schools are required to follow the guidance. Mrs. Gould, our attendance leader will provide information to parents later this term focusing in particular on how the new measures will affect our families. A link to the guidance is provided below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/63049617e90e0729e63d3953/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance.pdf

Celebration Assembly Winners for 6th May



Class assemblies are held every Friday at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please ensure that you are on time to avoid disruption to the assembly. The dates and time of these are:

3R: Friday 23rd May

3N: Friday 13th June

2SG: Friday 20th June

2H: Friday 27th June

1W: Thursday 3rd July

1M: Friday 11th July

Both Reception Classes: Friday 18th July



Change of class assembly date

Please note that 1W class assembly is now on 3rd July. The date has changed due to the school's 50 year anniversary.

Please Note: For safeguarding purposes, we request that photos and videos are used for personal use only and not shared on social media unless permission from the parents concerned has been given. Thank you.

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