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Autumn Term 2025

What a busy half term this is proving to be with visits, visitors, nativities, productions, Christingle services, cinema visits, parties, Christmas Fairs, craft and carols events and all things festive. There was even a surprise visit from the big man himself who delighted the whole school with presents for every child. We have had the best time creating memories for the children at Blakehill.

Thank you to staff, parents and friends for your love and support.

School closes on Friday 19th December and reopens on Monday 5th January 2026.

On behalf of everyone at Blakehill Primary School, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas.

PTFA Christmas Crackers!

What a huge success this year's Christmas Fair was. It was great to see so many of our families able to attend.

Parents of our PTFA are in school again on **17th December**, providing gifts for all at our Secret Santa Stall. These girls really do not stop!!

All monies raised come directly back into school providing experiences, resources and subsidising activities and events.

Thank you PTFA!

School Choir

Our school choir are out and about in the community performing carols for all to enjoy. On Monday 15th December, families will enjoy carols performed by the school choir as they enter school. The choir are then looking forward to a visit to Jowett Court Retirement Home on 17th December. Spreading the magic of Christmas!

Embedding a Reading For Pleasure Culture

A whole school development priority for 2025/26 is the redevelopment of the whole school library and to raise the profile, engagement and enjoyment of reading for pleasure to promote a lifelong love of reading for our pupils. This requires a significant funding commitment, and we have a number of events and initiatives planned to help us achieve our goal this year of redevelopment and expansion of our current resources. If any parents or local businesses are able to offer their time, support or resources, we would be extremely grateful.

Kindness in the Community

During week commencing 19th January, the whole school will be involved in activities to promote kindness: to ourselves, others in school, our families and the wider community. Classes will partner with local organisations, engage in kindness-based projects, deliver kindness tokens, spotlight acts of kindness and further develop a deeper understanding of the importance of being kind.

Together We Can

Upcoming events/ diary dates

Year 5/6 Cinema Visit
Monday 15th December

Year 1 class party
Monday 15th December

Year 3/4 Cinema Visit
Tuesday 16th December

Year 2 class party
Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Dinner and
Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17th December

PTFA Christmas Gift Stall
Wednesday 17th December

SEND Inclusion Games event
Wednesday 17th December

Rocksteady Drumming
Concert
Thursday 18th December (am)
families welcome

Reception class party
Thursday 18th December

Autumn Term reports
Friday 19th December

Year 6 visit to Tropical World
Tuesday 13th January

Year 5 visit to Magna
Tuesday 13th January

Year 2 Great Fire of London
Workshop
Thursday 15th January

Dinosaurs visit Reception
Tuesday 20th January

Whole School Panto
Thursday 22nd January

West Yorkshire Police visit
Year 6
Tuesday 27th January

Year 1 Visit to Idle Holy Trinity
Church
Thursday 29th January

Blakehill Enrichment Opportunities - making learning meaningful.

Please also see your child's class pages on the school website and the school Facebook page.



Blakehill's school council visiting City Hall last week to discover what life is like as a Bradford Councillor.

Thank you to everyone that has been able to donate a present for our Secret Santa Appeal 2025. There will be some very happy children on Christmas morning!



Sending love and prayers to our great friend John Froud who is currently being looked after in St. James' Hospital, Leeds. Wishing him a speedy recovery, from all of his friends at Blakehill Primary School.



Pupils in Year 4 understand the importance of learning their times-tables. Well done on achieving your times tables badge boys!



It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.....

Thank you and well done to all of the children and staff in Reception classes and Year 2 for their wonderful Nativity and Christmas productions this year. You make Christmas time that extra bit special. You superstars!!

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 to **JUPITER** who were our house winners this week.

Attendance - making every day count!

Well done Blakehill. Autumn term data indicates that school are well above national and local % for whole school attendance and below for those pupils classed as persistent absentee. Thank you!

0% of Blakehill school are severely absent (50% or more sessions missed)

6.7% of Blakehill school are persistently absent (10% or more sessions missed)

16% of Blakehill school are at risk of persistent absence (5-10% sessions missed)

30% of Blakehill school have good attendance (95-99%)

48% of Blakehill school have excellent attendance (99%+)

Attendance groups	Autumn Blakehill 2025	Autumn National 2025	Autumn Local Authority 2025
Whole school	96.9%	95.3%	94.5%

Top
attending
class this
term: 4R with
98.1%

100% attendance
winners



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

