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Summer Term 2026

Reception Intake 2026

We are excited to welcome all of our new families to Blakehill in September. We were overwhelmed with the response for places in Reception with 271 applications and only 60 places available.

The new to Reception Parent Meeting is on **Thursday 25th June at 5pm**. There is also an opportunity for you to stay and play on **Wednesday 8th July at 1:30pm**.

In the meantime, our Reception Class staff will be busy visiting your child's pre-school settings to meet our new starters.

We look forward to meeting you all soon and welcoming you to our school.

May Day Celebrations. Hold the date!

Friday 1st May is Blakehill Primary School May Day celebration.

A whole host of traditional activities are lined up for the day including maypole dancing, folk songs, a picnic lunch and a procession of decorated bikes, prams and scooters.

Dig out your red, white and blue clothes too! Parents/carers please check your email for a letter providing more details!



Staff News

We welcome HLTA Rebecca Hutchinson and Teaching Assistant Emma Johnson to the team at Blakehill this term. They share the same passion, values and aspirations for children that are central to our school ethos. I am sure that they will be a fabulous addition to our school community.

Here comes the summer!

The children in Years 1 and 2 are thrilled with the refurbishment of the KS1 playground which was completed during the Easter holidays. With more zoned areas and play equipment to enjoy we are looking forward to many happy hours of play this summer term.



Upcoming events/diary dates

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

Reception class reading café
Thursdays at 8:30am -all welcome

Year 6 Charity Walk
Saturday 25th April

Class 4N Visit Iqra Primary School (Linking Schools Project)
Wednesday 29th April

May Day (wear red, white and blue)
Friday 1st May

School Closure

Bank Holiday Monday:
Monday 4th May

Balance Bike Day – Reception Class
Tuesday 5th May

Reception Class Parent Stay and Play
Thursday 7th May pm

Year 6 SATs Week
Week commencing Monday 11th May

1W Rodley Nature Reserve Visit
Tuesday 12th May

1M Rodley Nature Reserve Visit
Thursday 14th May

Whole School Claret and Amber Day (Bradford City)
Friday 15th May

Year 5 Visit to Murton Park
Monday 18th May

Triathlon Event – Bradford Grammar School
Tuesday 19th May

Whole School Sponsored Obstacle Course
Friday 22nd May

Spring Bank closures:

Closes **Friday 22nd May**
Reopens **Tuesday 2nd June**

Year 4 visit to Royal Armouries
Tuesday 9th June

Fathers' Day Stall. £3 per gift:
Wednesday 17th June (in school)

PTFA Summer Fair:
Saturday 20th June 1pm-3pm

Parent/Teacher Consultation

Thank you to all parents/carers who were able to attend the Parent/Teacher Consultations in March. I hope that you found these both useful and informative. Thank you also for the many 'thank you' notes. These were passed on to staff and really appreciated.

Books to the total value of **£1640.00** were bought during the two evenings from the Scholastic Book Fair which has earned the school **£984.28** rewards. This will be spent on books for our new library! Thank you so much for your generosity.



Safeguarding

The school has a three-point entry system to the main school building to safeguard the children and staff at Blakehill. The first of these is the outer perimeter fence/gate. If parents, carers or visitors require access to the school premises, they are required to contact the office using the gate keypad and say their name and reason for wanting to gain access. Our office staff will only admit visitors once this information is shared and it is safe to do so. Thank you.



Sun Safety

How much nicer are the days when the sun is shining and the temperatures are rising? It is great to see our children taking full advantage of the great weather at lunch and breaktimes.

As always at this time of the year, we encourage children to wear sunscreen and sunhats to school and remind them about the importance of keeping safe in the sun.

Water bottles and light clothing are also advisable.

Reminder – Healthy Lunchboxes

To promote healthy lifestyles and help to minimise obesity in children, we ask children to only bring healthy choice options in their lunchboxes. Fizzy drinks and sweets are discouraged. Thank you for your support with this.



Inclusion Games – Leading the Way!

It was smiles all round when a team of Year 4 and Year 5 pupils participated in the school's Inclusion Games at 'Hollywood Bowl' last week.

Thank you to Mr. Lumb for organising this event, and for inviting children from schools across the Bradford district to attend this all-inclusive tournament. It's such a great way of bringing communities together!



The Sky's the Limit!

Our U11's football team training is well under way in preparation for the Utilita Cup final at Wembley Stadium on 24th May.

The team are set to play in the Blackpool cup next weekend which will see them pitch their expertise against clubs from across Europe. As ever, Mr. Lumb will be pitch-side cheering the team on!

Go Go Blakehill!!!

With your support, we raised £505 for the Zephaniah Trust in memory of John Froud from our recent Break the Rules Day!

Thank you Blakehill.



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...



Well done to the winners of this year's PTA Easter competitions. Our 'decorate an egg' entries were eggcellent and eggstremely difficult to judge!

Thank you to staff and volunteers at St. Cuthbert's Church in Wrose for hosting pupils in Year 5 in the run up to Easter. We had a great time learning about the Easter Story.



Mrs. O'Brien at the helm of our preloved uniform give-a-way! Watch out for this at the end of each term and bag yourself some gems!



The children in Year 1 have been busy in the school grounds exploring our springtime gardens. Our young scientists were able to compare the plants in winter and spring.



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 half term – a non-uniform day for you this week!

Attendance – Making EVERY Day Count!

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.

How is your class doing?

Attendance percentage	
1M	95.9%
1W	96.6%
2G	97.5%
2H	97.2%
3R	96.7%
3S	97.3%
4N	97.4%
4R	97.7%
5J	96.7%
5S	96.3%
6H	96.5%
6N	97.0%
RD	97.2%
RS	95.8%
National	94.8%
Local Authority	94.1%

Whole school attendance is: 96.8%.
Bradford: 94.1%
National 94.8%

Celebration Assembly Winners
Monday 13th and 20th April



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	5S: Friday 27 th March	
6N: Friday 16 th January	5J: Friday 17 th April	1M: Friday 3 rd July
3R: Friday 23 rd January	RS: Thursday 23 rd April	Both Reception 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.