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Blakehill Iftar

Thank you to our school community for coming together to make our very first Iftar such a special and memorable occasion.

It was wonderful to see children, their families and staff, sharing warmth, generosity and inclusivity; reflecting the values we strive to uphold as a school.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Javed for organizing the event, Michelle in our school kitchen and everyone who contributed their time, effort, and food, as well as those who joined us to celebrate. Your support and enthusiasm made this event a great success.



Proud to be Blakehill

Our under 11's football team travel to Barnsley today to play in the EFL tournament; representing Bradford.

Our super team will compete against the best of the best of school football teams in the North of England. If we win, we will be on our way to WEMBLEY! What an achievement!

These pupils certainly seem to have the recipe for success and are a credit to Blakehill Primary School.

Thank you to Mr Lumb, staff and parents/carers for their support, belief and commitment to the team.



"Mr Lumb puts so much time and effort into every single child at Blakehill, always going above and beyond to keep them active, engaged, and inspired. He definitely deserves this recognition" (parent)

Sporting Oscars!

Well done Blakehill for being shortlisted for Bradford's Active Schools Award – *the ultimate celebration of sporting excellence in our community.*

This success reflects the hard work, dedication and passion for developing a true culture of 'sport for all' at Blakehill Primary by Mr. Lumb. The event takes place in April.

Upcoming events/diary dates

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

Pupil mid- year review reports to parents
Friday 20th March

Year 6 Mock SATs
Week commencing 23rd March

School Book Fair (hall)
From 3:30pm Tuesday to Thursday, week commencing 23rd March

Year 5 visit to St Cuthbert's Church
Tuesday 24th March

Road safety Team Workshops with Yr 3
Tuesday 24th March

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 24th March
Wednesday 25th March

Cross Country Finals at Cliffe Castle
Thursday 26th March

School Choir Performance
Thursday 26th March

Break the Rules Day – in support of Zephaniah Trust
Friday 27th March

Easter Assembly
Friday 27th March

Reception Class visit to Hesketh Farm
Thursday 16th April

Inclusion Games Event – Hollywood Bowl
Thursday 16th April

Class 4R Visit Iqra Primary School (Linking Schools Project)
Wednesday 22nd April

Year 6 Charity Walk
Saturday 25th April

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

School Closures

Easter closure **Friday 27th March**

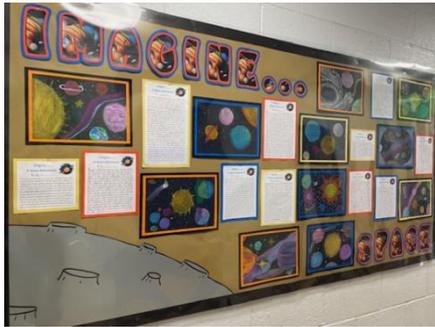
Reopens **Monday 13th April**

Bank Holiday Monday: **Monday 4th May**

Science Week – Out of this World!

What a great week of science learning we have enjoyed this week based on the theme of Space and Beyond. With rocket making, space exploration, designing our own planets and solar systems and plenty of junk -modelling activities, children in all classes have had the opportunity to explore our universe with hands-on science activities and challenges.

The children’s work is on display across school for families to enjoy during parent’s evening next week. Here’s just a taster!



Excellence and Enjoyment

Blakehill Primary School will host the Scholastic School Book Fair after school next week. This is an ideal opportunity to browse/buy books to add to your child’s own reading collection. Books will be on display in the school hall after school during both parents’ evenings and Thursday after school next week. Payment by Debit card only.

Celebrating Reading

2026 is the national year of reading and what better way to celebrate than with a brand-new school library. Plans are well underway for numerous projects and events to mark the year which will provide our children with extensive reading opportunities, resources and facilities. Thank you to Miss Gardner and Mrs Hall who will be leading the ‘Reading for Pleasure’ initiative through school. Pictured below, staff and children in receipt of a selection of books last week after winning a World Book Day competition organised by Bradford Park Avenue.



Upcoming PTFA Events

Thank you once again to our dedicated PTFA who continue to support school with fundraising ideas and activities. Some dates for your diary:

- Easter Competitions. Decorate a boiled egg colouring competition: **Thursday 26th March.**
- Father’s Day Stall. £3 per gift: **Wednesday 17th June** (in school)
- PTFA Summer Fair: **Saturday 20th June 1pm-3pm**



Striving for Excellence

We are really looking forward to the renovation of our KS1 playground during the Easter holidays ready for the return to school. This will bring this area a long-awaited upgrade and bring it up to the standard of KS2 and Reception play areas. ★

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 and jewellery are discouraged. Staff are asked to remind children of these expectations. Thank you for your support.



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...

Ready Steady Cook! Pizza week at this week's MasterChef after school club.



Children in 1W setting a great 'Reading for Pleasure' example.



Children in Year 5 involved in Bradford Park Avenue's Literacy programme this week involved watching a match, interviewing players and writing match day reports. What a great experience for these young people!

The circus has come to Reception class.



Blakehill Rock Steady Crew raising the hall roof with their drumming, strumming and performing. Watch out world, here we come!



Year 2 enjoying exploring the great outdoors at Harlow Carr.



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 **JAVELIN** house team of the 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	95.7%
1W	96.9%
2G	97.2%
2H	97.2%
3R	96.9%
3S	97.3%
4N	97.3%
4R	98.0%
5J	96.7%
5S	96.0%
6H	96.5%
6N	97.1%
RD	97.2%
RS	96.4%
National	94.8%
Local Authority	94.1%

Whole school attendance is: 96.9%
Bradford: 94.1%
National 94.8%

Sporting Excellence demonstrated by these children in Upper KS2 at the West Yorkshire Indoor Athletics Tournament this week.



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 st 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	1M: Friday 3 rd July
6N: Friday 16 th January	5J: Friday 17 th April	
3R: Friday 23 rd January	RS: Thursday 23 rd April	Both Reception
3S: Friday 30 th January	4N: Friday 24 th April	Classes:
2G: Friday 6 th February	4R: Friday 1 st May	Friday 10 th July
2H: Friday 13 ^h 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.

Celebration Assembly Winners Monday 9th March

