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Our very youngest children have settled well and are adapting to the routines of school life. It is lovely to see so many siblings of older children in school and children of ex pupils at Blakehill.

We wish all our new children and their families a warm welcome and we look forward to working with you.

The Changing Face of School Council

We are delighted to introduce our new School Council. Members of each class from Year 1 - Year 6, nominated by their peers, meet every two weeks to discuss ideas to support further school improvement. They keep us very busy!

Thank you to Mrs Gould for co-ordinating School Council and for supporting them with their ongoing campaigns.



Forest Schools

Children taking part in Forest School sessions are asked to wear weather appropriate clothing. Wellies, warm jackets and hats are recommended please!

Early notification - Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 18th November 3.45 p.m.-7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 19th November 3.45 p.m.-7.00 p.m.

It is that time of year again where parents are given the opportunity to meet and speak with their child's class teacher at our Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings. Ten- minute slots are available for parents to discuss their child's progress, attainment, effort and behaviour.

You will be able to book an appointment for this from Monday 20th October via eSchools. Please contact the school office should you require help with accessing this.

Year 4 Residential

Children in Year 4 will visit Nell Bank Outdoor Learning Centre in Ilkley between **Wednesday 15th October and Friday 17th October** as part of their science and geography learning. Parents should have received kit lists and other relevant information. Please see your child's Class Teacher/contact the school office should you require further details.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this half term

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

Cross Country Event – Blakehill
**Tuesday 7th October
3:15pm – 4:30pm**

PTFA Disco (pyjama themed)
**Tuesday 7th October
Rec/KS1 4:45pm-5:45pm
KS2 6:00pm-7:00pm**

Parent Sleep Clinic
Tuesday 7th October 9:00 am

Cross Country Event – Cliffe Castle
Wednesday 8th October

Year 1 – Local Area Walk
Thursday 9th October

Year 2 to Saltaire
Thursday 9th October

Reception class Phonic Workshop for parents
Thursday 9th October at 3:30pm

World Mental Health Day (Wear something yellow)
Friday 10th October

U11 girls' football event
Monday 13th October

Year 6 Chocolate Factory Visit
Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October

U11 boys football event
Tuesday 21st October

Year 1 visit to Industrial Museum (Washday Workshop)
Thursday 23rd October

Year 4 residential to Nell Bank
Wednesday 15th October – Friday 17th October

School Closes:
Thursday 23rd October. This will be a non-uniform day

PTFA Events

We are always looking for new members who are enthusiastic about helping us raise funds for the 'sparkly' bits of school. For example, last year the PTFA bought:

- Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies
- Equipment for Reception outdoor provision
- 15 IPADs for classrooms
- Santa's Grotto
- Books
- A whole school pantomime
- Inflatable Fun Day treats (ice-creams) for the whole school

Here are a few dates for your diary:

- School 'Pyjama' themed disco: **Tuesday 7th October**
- Christmas Fair: **Monday 1st December (after school)**
- Secret Santa Gift Stall: **Wednesday 17th December**
- School disco: **Tuesday 10th February**

We love to see new members and would be delighted to see you at our next meeting which is in school on Tuesday 21st October at 6:00pm. It is a great way to get involved in school life!

Hot Chocolate Friday

It is also great to see the return of Hot Chocolate Friday. This Friday afternoon treat is for children who ALWAYS demonstrate positive learning behaviours, attitudes and conduct.

It's Mrs Keighley's favourite way to end the school week.



Positive playtimes - improving social and emotional wellbeing

It is great to see the children having so much fun and enjoying lunch and break times. The addition of new play equipment, the range and organisation of activities provided and an increase in adult participation including Lunchtime Supervisors, Teaching Assistants, Mr Lumb, Mrs Shaw and the occasional energetic teacher means that we are all involved in promoting positive interaction during these less structured times of the school day - and it is paying off.



World Mental Health Awareness Day

On Friday 10th October, children are invited to wear something yellow to raise an awareness of mental health.

Children will be involved in activities on the day to further support their knowledge and understanding.



You're Invited: Phonics Information Session for Parents of pupils in Reception Class

We are excited to invite you to a **Phonics Information Session** to help you better understand how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home. Childcare is provided!

Date: Thursday 9th October

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Reception Classrooms

During this session, we will:

- Explain the phonics programme we use in school
- Show you how we teach reading and writing through phonics
- Share practical tips and resources for supporting your child at home
- Answer any questions you may have

Whether you're new to phonics or just want a refresher, this is a great opportunity to see how we lay the foundation for reading success. **We hope to see you there!**

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...



European Languages Day proved to be a huge success. Can you guess which country RS class were celebrating?



Showing appreciation of our lovely team of Teaching Assistants this week for National Teaching Assistant Day



Year 6 championing the way at the U11's Benchball Tournament at Hanson. The girls triumphed unbeaten. Great sportsmanship demonstrated by all!



What we achieve out of school is just as important as what we achieve in school. From fishing to gymnastics, swimming to cricket, Blakehill children enjoy and excel!



Are these the fastest children on two legs? They certainly gave all competitors a 'run for their money' at the Cross-Country event last week!



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 **KINGFISHER** who were our house winners this week.

Attendance - making every day count!

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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.

100% attendance prize draw winners.



RD and 2G top attending classes with 100%!

Celebration Assembly award winners
Monday 22nd September and Monday 29th September.



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>	2G: Friday 5 th June
5S: Friday 21 st November		3N: Friday 12 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	RS: Friday 20 th March	
6N: Friday 16 th January	5S: Friday 27 th March	1M: Friday 3 rd July
3R: Friday 23 rd January	5J: Friday 17 th 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 ^h February	3R: Friday 8 th May	
	3S: Friday 23 rd May	

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.