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Summer Term 2026

What a busy few weeks we have had at Blakehill! Children in all classes have met their new teachers, Year 6 have had their transition days at their secondary schools, new to Reception parents have visited school, all end of year assessment have been completed, and our annual sports days have been and gone.

There is still much more happening during the next couple of weeks in preparation for September.

Whilst this is a very busy time of year, it can also be a stressful one, particularly for the children. Change brings uncertainty and some children deal with this better than others. Robust routines and structure help children to deal with change and staff continue to reinforce high expectations of behaviour, uniform and conduct. As always, thank you for your support with this.

Staff News

Following the retirement of our Assistant Headteachers, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hall, this year, I am delighted to announce the appointment of two excellent and well-deserving additions to Blakehill’s Senior Leadership Team. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Miss Dickinson and Mrs Nelson to their new roles!

I am confident that their drive, passion and expertise will bring fresh energy to our Senior Leadership Team as we drive the school forward into its next chapter, ensuring that staff and children at Blakehill continue to thrive.



PTFA – Summer Fair

Thank you PTFA, staff, parents and friends of Blakehill who were able to help, donate or attend Blakehill’s annual Summer Fair on **Saturday 20th June**. The grand total raised will be on the next newsletter.

Upcoming events/ diary dates this term

New Reception Starters
‘Stay and Play’ sessions

8th July (pm).

Parent Workshop – Managing Challenging Behaviour
Thursday 9th July at 9:00am

End of Year Reports to Parents
Friday 10th July

Reception Classes Graduation Ceremony
Friday 10th July at 2:30pm

Year 6 SATS results
Thursday 16th July

Whole School Inflatable Day
Thursday 16th July

Whole School Awards’ Ceremony
Friday 17th July

School Closes: Friday 17th July and Re-opens Wednesday 2nd September

Year 6 Production
Tuesday 7th July at 6:00pm

Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 14th July at 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Year 6 Award’s Ceremony:
Friday 17th July at 9:15am

Sports Days 2026

A huge thank you to Mr. Sugden and Mr. Lumb for organising this year’s Sports’ Day events. What an enjoyable and memorable day for the children! It was wonderful to see so many of our families attend.

Thank you also to pupil helpers who were great role models and champions of Blakehill.

Thank you for your support and understanding during the period of extreme heat last week. We had to postpone some activities for health and safety reasons, but we are delighted to provide you with new dates for these: Thanks to our PTFA, we have managed to reschedule the whole school Inflatable Day to **Thursday 16th July**. Children can come to school in their PE kits that day.

The Year 2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park has been rescheduled to **24th September**.

On Wednesday, pupils met with their new class teachers in preparation for September. This year we welcome Teachers: Mr MacKinnon, Miss Blackburn and Miss Raan and Teaching Assistants Mrs Graves and Miss Chellam who join the team at Blakehill from September.

There continues to be at least one teaching assistant per class with additional staff employed to support pupils with additional needs. The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher continue to have teaching commitments also.

We are very much looking forward to working with the children and their families once again next year. Below are the classes for 2026/27.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mrs Pulleyn Mrs Spivey Mrs Gasson	RS-1W Mrs Watts Miss Hart	1M -2H Miss Hulston Miss Thomas	2H -3G Mrs Grattan Mrs Howell-Gott	3R -4N Mr Nicklin Miss Mortimer	4R -5R Mr Rhodes Mrs Johnson Miss Potter	5J – 6J Mrs Javed Miss Collinson Miss Power
Miss Dickinson Mrs Lister Miss Thompson	RD -1M Miss Morley Mrs Graves Mrs Hand	1W – 2B Miss Blackburn Mrs Brook Miss Clough	2G -3R Miss Raan Mrs Walker Miss Milner	3G – 4R Mrs Roberts Miss Chellam Miss McGrane	4N – 5M Mr MacKinnon Miss O’Brien Mr Stoyles	5SJ – 6N Mrs Nelson Mrs Wright

Our Year 6 pupils visited their secondary schools this week. They were excellent representatives of Blakehill Primary School. Good luck to you all in this next chapter.

New Reception Starters

It was lovely to meet the parents and families of our new Reception starters last week. WE are really looking forward to meeting the children and welcoming them to Blakehill on Wednesday 8th July at our ‘Stay and Play’ session.

Thank you to staff that were able to attend and meet with our new parents.

Reports

End of year reports will be sent to parents on Friday, 10th July. These are in a sealed envelope. We encourage pupils not to open these prior to their parents receiving them. Enclosed in the envelope is information on your child’s progress, attainment, attendance and behaviours for learning. If you child has taken part in any external testing, e.g., KS2 SATs, Year 4 multiplication check or the Year 1 phonic screening check, this data will be shared with you in the report. Year 6 results released on 16th July.

There is an opportunity for parents to provide feedback via a comment if you would like to do so.

It has been a pleasure to read every child’s report again this year.

Proud to be Blakehill

A new trophy cabinet presents the most recent 2025/26 collection of sports trophies – what a year it has been for the children at Blakehill!

Did you know? **252** children participated in at least one of the **40** after-school clubs this year. With all pupils with SEND and all disadvantaged pupils offered drumming/forest school club, this has been a truly inclusive and rewarding year of growth for our school community.

It is our mission that **ALL** children have the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities. Cost is not a barrier to participation at Blakehill and parents/carers are encouraged to contact school if low income/financial difficulties are preventing them from signing up or taking part.

Thank you to Mr Lumb and school staff who are committed to supporting this offer and seeking out new and exciting opportunities for or children.



Good luck to our school dodgeball team who are travelling to Kettering today to compete in the national finals. We are the only school in Bradford to get into the finals. We are thinking of you!

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...



What a creative team the children at Art Club are! Great for wellbeing and spending time with friends.



It's a serious matter being a Viking! Year 6 recreating life in the past as a Viking Warrior. I think we prefer them as Blakehill children!



Children in Rainbow Room enjoying an ice-cream/ lolly treat during the heat wave last week.



Year 6 are getting ready for their end of year production next week. Can you guess what it is?



Every day is a learning day in Year 1. Class snack time is an ideal opportunity for children to recognise coins



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 **JUPITER** house.

School Uniform

I know that many of you will already be thinking about buying school uniform in preparation for the 2026/7 academic year. Below is a list of Blakehill's uniform requirements. We ask parents and carers to adhere to this, including the requirements for PE and ensure that their child/ren wear the correct uniform for school.

PE:

Children are encouraged to come to school in their PE Kit in order to maximise their allocated PE time and help reduce the number of lost uniform items on these days. Class teachers will inform you which days your child has PE in September. School will enforce strict PE uniform requirements to ensure that high expectations, pupil conduct and learning behaviours are maintained. Thank you for your support with this.

PE Uniform

- A navy-blue school jumper/hoodie (with or without school logo)
- Black/navy blue jogging bottoms/leggings (plain)
- Navy blue shorts (plain)
- White T shirt (plain)
- Black pumps or black trainers

Reception and KS1 Uniform

- White polo shirt/shirt
- Charcoal (dark grey) trousers / skirt / dress
- Charcoal (dark grey) shorts
- A blue and white checked dress may be worn in the summer months
- Navy blue jumper / cardigan with school logo
- Black shoes
- Black/white socks or tights
- Plain Black** trainers



KS2 Uniform

- School tie
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Charcoal (dark grey) trousers / skirt / dress
- Charcoal (dark grey) shorts
- A blue and white checked dress may be worn in the summer months
- V-neck navy blue jumper / cardigan with school logo
- Black shoes
- Black/white socks or tights
- Plain Black Trainers**

Attendance

Well done Blakehill - current whole school attendance is 96.8%

National: 94.9%

Local Authority: 94.3%

100% attendance winners



Celebration Assembly Winners for Monday 22nd and 29th June

