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Spring Term 2025

Happy New Year Blakehill.

I hope that you all enjoyed quality family time during the festive period. Not the return to school we anticipated with the heavy snowfall and Arctic conditions! We are really pleased to have everyone back in school.

We are looking forward to a spring term full of exciting learning opportunities and to strengthening the partnerships we have with our stakeholders and welcome families that have recently joined us.

Thankfully, the forecast continues to be bright with lots of new and interesting learning and activities for our children to be involved.

Blakehill Primary School 50th Anniversary

Blakehill Primary School opened its doors as Blakehill First School, with only 5 classes, in January 1975. This means that we are officially 50 YEARS OLD this month! Over the coming weeks and months, staff, governors, and the school's PTFA are gathering ideas to mark this momentous occasion with lots of in-school activities for the children to enjoy. We are hoping to hold a family event on Friday 4th April (fingers crossed for warmer weather).

Details of the proposed celebrations will be shared with parents nearer the date.

Oh No it's Not!

It's panto season!! Our wonderful PTFA are funding a whole school pantomime on Wednesday 22nd January for all the children at Blakehill from the funds raised at our school Christmas Fair.

This year the panto is Beauty and the Beast.

It is just one of the great ways that the PTFA add those little extra bits of sparkle to the school term! Thank you PTFA!

Medication

We understand that from time-to-time contact details, medical information and dietary needs change. It is always a good idea to check with staff in the office to ensure your child's details are up to date. This is particularly important if your child is preparing to go on a visit, residential or is ill at school and we need to contact you.

Please also check expiry dates on medication. Thank you.

First Steps to Wembley

Congratulations to our U11's girls football team who will represent Bradford in the Regional Finals in Hull on Friday 14th February.

We hope that they are able to follow in the footsteps of our U11s boys' team who managed to get to the grand final and played at Wembley Stadium last year. Go Girls!

Secret Santa Appeal

Thank you for your donations to school's Secret Santa Appeal 2024. Your gifts were distributed to disadvantaged children across the district during the festive season.

Upcoming events/diary dates
this term.

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

Positive Start daily
8:30am-8:45am

Blakehill Brew Coffee Mornings
Fridays 9:00am-10:00am

Year 3 Cross Country Finals
Tuesday 21st January (am)

Year 4 Cross Country Finals
Tuesday 21st January (pm)

Dinosaurs visit Reception
Tuesday 21st January

Beauty and the Beast Pantomime
Wednesday 22nd January

Year 6 Parent Information meeting
(SATs)
Thursday 23rd January 5:00pm

Year 5 Cross Country Finals
Thursday 23rd January (am)

Year 6 Cross Country Finals
Thursday 23rd January (pm)

Cross Country Event @Woodhouse
Grove
Friday 23rd January

Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
Tuesday 29th January

Year 1 visit Holy Trinity Church
Thursday 30th January

Girls' Football Competition
Friday 31st January

Arts Week
Monday 3rd February

Year 6 Residential to Beverley Park
Wed 5th - Fri 7th February

Parent Conferences – Working Together

Parents/carers of children with additional needs, SEND and social, emotional, and mental health needs often feel isolated and frustrated when seeking support for their child. Blakehill SENDCos and the pastoral team are relentless in their mission to provide Blakehill parents with onsite support, information, and guidance from local and national professionals.

Our next parent session is on **6th March**. We have managed to secure two workshops on the day: 9:00am and 3:15pm. The focus is: An Introduction to Dyslexia – reading writing and spelling difficulties and will be delivered by Nicola Gaunt (specialist teacher)

This is an opportunity for parents who have similar concerns or worries to share experiences and speak with key professionals. Everyone welcome! Thank you Mrs Gould for organising.

Year 6 Assembly

Due to the school closure last week, class assemblies for 6GH and 6N have been rescheduled.

6GH: Wednesday 5th March 2:45pm
6N: Wednesday 12th March 2:45pm



Forest Schools at Blakehill

Year 6 were fully immersed in their learning about rainforests this week. A visit to Tropical World, workshops and home learning projects provides memorable experiences and enrich the curriculum.



A visit to City Hall to meet with the Lord Mayor provided our school council with lots of interesting information about what it is like to be a Local Authority Councillor, the election process, and the history of the City Hall Building. It's what memories are made of. Thank you, Cllr. and school Governor Ian Parsons for organising this visit.



With a whole new selection of after school activities on offer this term, there is something for everyone!



Fun in the Snow



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.

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During our Monday morning celebration assembly, the house with the greatest number of house points achieved the previous week is announced.

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.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2024-25 class assemblies are:

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| 5J: Friday 15 th November | 1W: Friday 28 th February | 2SG: Friday 20 th June |
| 5P: Friday 22 nd November | 1M: Friday 7 th March | 2H: Friday 27 th June |
| 4SJ: Friday 29 th November | RD: Friday 14 th March | 1W: Friday 4 th July |
| 4R: Friday 6 th December | RS: Friday 21 st March | 1M: Friday 11 th July |
| 6GH: Wednesday 5 th March | 5P: Friday 28 th March | Both Reception
Classes:
Friday 18 th July |
| 6N: Wednesday 12 th March | 5J: Friday 25 th April | |
| 3R: Friday 24 th January | 4SJ: Friday 2 nd May | |
| 3N: Friday 31 st January | 4R: Friday 9 th May | |
| 2SG: Friday 7 th February | 3R: Friday 23 rd May | |
| 2H: Friday 14 th February | 3N: Friday 13 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.

Christmas at Blakehill

2024 ended on a high with lots of activities for the children at Blakehill to enjoy. Here is just a snapshot of Christmas at Blakehill.

