

Blakehill Primary School

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**Autumn Term 2024**



Upcoming events/diary dates this term

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

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

School Closes:  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

School reopens:  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 5 residential to Buckden House  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

Reception Class Planetarium visit  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 3 visit to the Industrial Museum  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

PTFA Disco  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
Reception and KS1 4:15pm – 5:15pm  
KS2 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Open Classrooms  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**3:30pm**

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 4 Nell Bank Visit

It was a glorious end to Year 4's three day residential at Nell Bank this week, with many of our children experiencing their first overnight stay away from family. This outdoor learning experience provided the children with first hand opportunities to develop new learning and consolidate learning from previous years including work on habitats, rivers, rocks and soils and erosion.

In addition, children 'enjoyed' their 6 mile walk from the Centre to the Cow and Calf Rocks in Ilkley. Year 4 delighted in activities such as: pond dipping, mini beast hunting and adventure play. It is wonderful to spend time outside of school where staff enjoy getting to know the children and their interests better. I am sure the children returned home exhausted but with many happy stories.

Special thanks to staff: Mr Sugden, Mrs Bedell, Mrs Bottomley, Mrs Wright and Miss Collinson for dedicating time away from their own families to ensure that our children are able to have this valuable experience and make lifelong memories. Thank you also to the children and their parents for their enthusiasm and support.

Please check our school Facebook Page for more photographs of the children in action at Nell Bank.



Staff News

Good luck to Mr Poole who leaves Blakehill at the end of this half term. We wish him much love and happiness in this next chapter of his life and thank him for his commitment to school.

Welcome to Mr Towriss who will be 5P's class teacher from next half term. Welcome also to Miss Metcalfe who joins our Early Birds/Night Owls team.

Open Classrooms

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm - 4:00pm, we would like to invite you into school to visit your child's classroom where your child can show you their work so far this term. It will be a great way for you to share your child's learning journey in their new class.

**Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings Reminder – online appointment booking system is OPEN!**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 3.45 pm -7.00 pm**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 3.45 pm -7.00 pm**

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.

**Appointment booking from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October via eschools. Please contact the school office should you require help with accessing this.**

New Reception Parents

From November, I will be showing prospective parents for the Reception class of September 2025 cohort around school. Comments about the behaviour and attitudes of the children, the ethos and culture of the school and the work on display are always highly complementary.

Parents often arrive excited to see the school in action after hearing great feedback from the local community and existing families.

We are extremely proud of our school and all that we achieve.

Thank you for helping to make us GREAT!



**Do you have a child due to start school in September?**

**We invite parents to come and visit our school.**

**We will be showing parents around on:**

- Wednesday 13th November 10am or 3pm
- Tuesday 19th November 10am
- Thursday 21st November 3.30pm
- Tuesday 26th November 10am
- Wednesday 27th November 3.30pm

**Call 01274 414355 to book your visit**

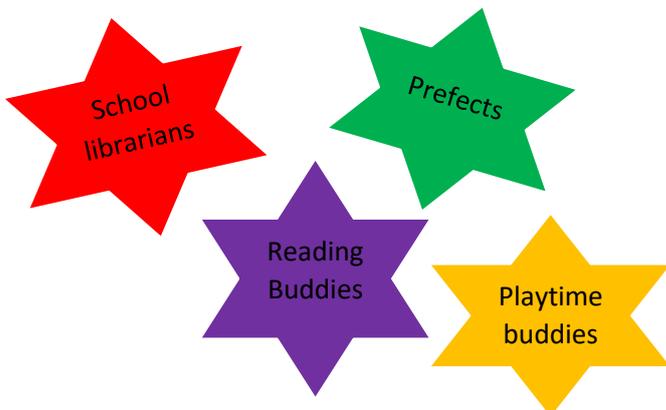
Making The Difference

*‘Behaviour is outstanding. Relationships between staff and pupils are extremely positive. Staff’s expectations of behaviour are high for every pupil. Pupils respond well. Pupils have high levels of self-control. They concentrate and work hard. They treat each other with respect and kindness.’*

We know that we have great children at Blakehill who love to get involved in the whole life of the school. The children understand that they make a difference by having their voices heard, supporting others, showing kindness and respect and looking after the school environment.



School council making pupil voice count!



Together We Can!

We are looking forward to Blakehill Primary School governors visiting school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Most of our governors are parents/grandparents past and present and they are passionate about getting the very best for the pupils and their families.



**All the Fun of the Fair - Year 6  
Blackpool Pleasure Beach Visit**

On Wednesday our Year 6 pupils visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach as part of their DT and Science topics involving mechanisms and forces. Pupils and staff were able to access all rides and amusements during the day and the children had a great time.

The children loved it and, as ever, were a credit to the school throughout the visit.

Thank you to all of the accompanying parents and carers for their time, stomachs of steel and their ability to endure a two-hour coach journey with our Year 6s.



It's time to get your vocal chords warmed up. There is still an opportunity to join the Young Voices Choir. The YV choir perform as part of a 5000+ pupil ensemble in Sheffield in February. It's an amazing experience. Don't miss out!



**JINGLE ALL THE WAY!**

**We can no longer avoid it...Christmas is almost upon us! Please find below the calendar of Christmas events. Class teachers will provide more information shortly.**



Event	When
PTFA Christmas Fair	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December (after school)
PTFA Christmas Gift stall	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December in school
EYFS Nativity Productions	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am
Year 1 Craft and Carols	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (families welcome)
Year 2 Productions	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 10:00am Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm
Year 3 and 4 Cinema	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (am)
Year 3 and 4 Christingle	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Idle. Families welcome
Year 5 and 6 Christingle	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Idle. Families welcome
Year 5 and 6 Cinema	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (am)
Reception class and KS1 Christmas Parties	Year 1 - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (pm) Year 2 - Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (pm) Reception - Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (pm)
Christmas Dinner Day /Christmas jumpers	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Carols around the Tree	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
School closes/reopens	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January

**Secret Santa Appeal**

We have decided to support the Secret Santa Appeal again this year; a scheme that helps to support disadvantaged children and families across the district at Christmas time. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Phil Cavalier-Lumley will deliver an assembly on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November** to the whole school to tell us how we can help.



**Advance Notice**

We are asking for donations of a chocolate bar/bottle for the non-uniform day on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. These will be used as tombola prizes for our Christmas Fayre on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

**More details later.**

**Blakehill Enrichment Opportunities - making learning meaningful.**

Please also see your child's class pages on the school website.



Determination, motivation, positive attitudes and resilience – the winning formula for our continued sporting successes! Well done children. Proud to be Blakehill!

Whatever the day, whatever the weather, we are always happy in our learning when we are together!



# 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 **JAVELIN** who were our house winners this week.

3R and 2H -  
top attending  
classes of the  
week!

## Attendance - making every day count!

### Making every day count!

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 are on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend these. The dates of the 2023-24 class assemblies are:

5J: Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	1W: Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	2SG: Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
5T: Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	1M: Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	2H: Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
4SJ: Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	RD: Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	1W: Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
4R: Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	RS: Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	1M: Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
6GH: Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	5T: Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Both Reception Classes: Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
6N: Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	5J: Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	
3R: Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	4SJ: Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	
3N: Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	4R: Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	
2SG: Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	3R: Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	
2H: Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	3N: Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 Award winners on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October.



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On behalf of staff and governors, I would like to wish our children and their families a happy, safe and restful half term break.