



# Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T4 Wk6: 3rd April 2026

## Wizard of Oz wows audiences



**This week our musical theatre club created memories that will last a lifetime performing The Wizard of Oz to a proud audiences of family and friends. They sang, danced and acted their way through three excellent performances. It was lovely to see the broad smiles on their faces as they lit up the stage.**

A story familiar to all ages was brought to life by the cast with whole cast songs including One short day and Ding Dong the witch is dead. There were also memorable solos including Somewhere over the rainbow by Meadow playing Dorothy joined again at the end by Tabby, Olami, Vienna and Melodie.

Jackson as the scarecrow, Leo as the tin man and Florence as the lion also performed lovely solos.

The main characters were supported superbly by the cast who sang and danced enthusiastically throughout the show.

The commitment to learning their lines and the stage directions is no mean feat and is something they can be very proud of.

We would like to thank Laura Jenkins and her team of Megan Mellish, Rosie Waddicor and Robyn Wooller for bringing the show to the stage. We would also like to thank Emma Clark for the time, effort and care to making the set look incredible and for her atten-



tion to detail with the costumes. It was a true spectacle. She was aided by Ellie Lyle who helped with the scenery.

Just a few days after the performances we are already looking forward to next year's production..

## Welcome to Miss Joplin

**Emily Joplin has been appointed to cover Miss Coode's maternity leave from May 5th. She will be visiting Lime class in the first week of Term 5.**



Hello! My name is Miss Joplin and I am really looking forward to joining Blackhorse as a teacher in Lime Class in a few weeks time. I completed my teacher training through a PGCE at UWE last year, during which I taught in Year 4 and Year 2. I am particularly passionate about children reading for pleasure and engaging in outdoor learning. Bristol has been my home for the last six years and when I'm not at school I enjoy pottering about on my allotment, cosy afternoons with a good book and spending time with my young nephews. I'm excited to become part of the Blackhorse community and look forward to getting to know the children, parents and staff members soon.

## Term 5 Diary Dates

**Mon 20th Apr: First day of Term 5**

**Mon 27th Apr: Clubs begin**

**Thurs 23rd Apr: Cross Country Race 2/3 at Blackhorse**

**Weds 29th Apr: Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow in Rec**

**Thurs 30th Apr: Class Photos**

**Thurs 30th Apr: Cross Country Race 3/3 at Pomphrey**

**Thurs 7th May: Y2 Flute Discovery Lesson**

**Mon 11th May: KS2 SATs week**

**Weds 13th May: Rec visit to Slimbridge**

**Fri 15th May: Sports Day and Family Picnic**

**Mon 18th May: Y6 Fairtrade Workshop**

**Weds 20th May: Y6 visit to Clifton Suspension Bridge**

**Thurs 21st May: Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly**

**Fri 22nd May: KS2 Achievement Assembly**

**Fri 22nd May: Last Day of Term 5**

**Mon 1st June: INSET Day: School closed to pupils**

**Tues 2nd June: 1st day of Term 6**

## This week's Champions!

**Each week, the staff nominate one child per class who has been a model pupil, demonstrating the values which we look for in Champion Learners!**

This week we have been focussing on the school value of pride. This week our Champions are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Isla & Vienna
Reception	Nimrah & Ethan
Year 1	Grace & Effie
Year 2	Felicity & Ella
Year 3	Isla S & Isobel
Year 4	Summer & Lily G
Year 5	Valentino & Esme
Year 6	Musical Theatre Cast

## Congratulations to Mrs Reilly

We have more exciting news to share as we announce that Sally Reilly, Sycamore class teacher, and her husband Jack are expecting their second child.

The baby is due in September and we would like to wish Sally and Jack our best wishes.

We will shortly begin the process of recruiting a teacher to cover Sally's maternity leave.

## This week's Champion...

**Pride is our focus this week and the cast of the Wizard of Oz have been chosen as our Champions.**

Each and every member of the cast can be very proud of the commitment they demonstrated to musical theatre club. The club started back in September and the children have attended rehearsals after school, during enrichment and even on Saturday mornings in the run up to the show. They also put in many hours of practise at home.

The hard work paid off and they put on four memorable and performances and we are very proud of them all.

## Attendance Champions

**Year 4 are our attendance champions this term with attendance of 97.5%. Year 5 also exceeded our 97% target with 97.2%**

Maple are the class champions with 97.9% followed by Rowan with 97.2%. Oak are in third with 97.1%. All 3 classes have earned an extra 15 minute break in Term 5.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

With some changes coming to our Local Governing Board we will soon be looking to recruit a new parent onto the board. We are particularly interested in people who may have knowledge of and experience in health and safety or the primary curriculum. Look out for more details in term 5.