



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T3 Wk2: 16th January 2026

A week of opportunities



Year 5 and Year 6 have enjoyed taking their learning out of the classroom this week. On Tuesday, Year 5 visited We the Curious and Year 6 headed to Emersons Green library to meet author Hana Tooke.

Year 5 relished the opportunity to explore the museum's many interactive exhibits to help find out more about their enquiry question, 'What can forces do?' They also entered the planetarium to fly through space whilst learning more about the solar system.



Year 6 headed to the library to take part in a workshop with [Hana Tooke](#). Alongside Hana reading extracts from her latest book, Year 6 were treated to a dose of impromptu brain surgery. Keys to unlock reading were also given out. It was a fun visit for all involved.



Hana's latest book, *Skullmoor* is a gothic and mysterious adventure about family secrets and devilishly bad deeds. She has also written *The Unadoptables* and *The Midnighters*. The fun didn't stop on Tuesday for Year 5 and 6. On Wednesday a group of children took part in a Dodgeball festival at Mangotsfield Secondary. For many of the children it was their first opportunity to represent Team Blackhorse. Miss Bettany and Miss Mellish were very impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment they showed during the event.

Courtesy and consideration during drop off and pick up

This is a polite request for everyone in our school community to consider the safety of our children and other members of the public when on the school run. We are very aware that life is busy and many people are in a rush, this allied to the fact that parking around the school is limited, leads to inconsiderate and at times unsafe and illegal parking.

In the last week we have received further communication from residents including photographs of parents parking on double yellow lines, blocking driveways and parking in a way that obstructs both pedestrians and other road users. Can we remind you that parking is available at The Trident, just a 5 minute walk up the hill. We also encourage everyone to walk, cycle or scoot to school. If you need to drive, try and park a short distance away and walk the last 5 minutes.

We have contacted the local authority and our local PCSO to make them aware of the issues and have asked them to spend time at school at key times to see the issue for themselves.



We would also like to remind you that the school car park is for staff only. Limited parking is available for drivers in possession of a Blackhorse Parking permit. In order to obtain one

of these please bring your blue badge accreditation to the school office.

From Monday this includes dropping off for breakfast club and collecting from extra-curricular clubs. There have been a few near misses with pedestrians and we do not want an accident to happen. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this.

Term 3 Diary Dates:

Mon 19th Jan: Fire Service visiting Reception

Tues 20th Jan: NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops in Y2, Y5 & Y6

Fri 6th Feb: Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly 9:15

Mon 9th Feb: Rec weight, height and vision screening

Tues 10th Feb: Flamenco Music Concert at Resound

Weds 11th Feb: Y5/6 Author Visit

Thurs 12th Feb: Y2 trip to SS Great Britain

Fri 13th Feb: KS2 Achievement Assembly 9:15

Fri 13th Feb: Last day of Term 3

Mon 23rd Feb: INSET Day

Tues 24th Feb: Term 4 begins

Attendance Champions this week:

For the second week running Year 4 are our attendance champions Reception also exceed our 97% target with 97.7% and 97.2% respectively.

Huge congratulations to Maple who achieved 100% this week. Ash had a very impressive 99.2%. Poplar, Cedar, Willow, Rowan and Oak all exceeded our target of 97%

NSPCC Speak Out Stay safe



Next week the children will be taking part in the NSPCC Speak out Stay safe programme. It is a safeguarding programme that aims to equip the children with the knowledge they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect.

There will be separate age appropriate assemblies on Monday for Reception and KS1 and for KS2. Years 2, 5 and 6 will be taking part in workshops run by staff from the NSPCC .

KS1 will be introduced to Buddy the speech bubble who helps the children speak out if they have any worries. They also explain the different forms of hurt in a simple age appropriate way so children understand when something is not right. The KS2 assembly explains that all children have the right to speak out and have their views taken seriously.

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 bravery. This week our Champions are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Ivy-Mae & Lili
Reception	Zayd & Amelie
Year 1	Aaliyah & Olivia
Year 2	Alys & Dexter
Year 3	Toby & Lyle
Year 4	Axelle & Chloe S
Year 5	George & D'Nai
Year 6	Ivy & Josh

This week's Champion...

Bravery is our focus this week and Axelle in Maple has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Urry writes 'Axelle is a true Blackhorse Champion because she role models our 4 values all the time, in all she does! Axelle always sees the positive in everything and she has a brave, bold, 'can-do' attitude which means she makes rapid progress in all subjects. Axelle is a natural leader and she inspires everyone with her enthusiasm and positivity. She is an absolute legend and a fantastic member of Maple Class. Bien fait Axelle!



A432 Safer Road Consultation

Bristol City Council and South Gloucestershire Council are working together to make a five and a half mile stretch of the A432 safer and more accessible for all road users. This includes the local roads around Badminton Road. Proposals include new 20mph zones and installing new zebra crossings. [Have your say here.](#)