



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

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Merry Christmas From Blackhorse



It has been another fantastic week at Blackhorse with four more amazing performances, a fun packed talent show and a special visitor to our Christmas parties to round off the week. In amongst the festivities Year 6 also

found time to round off their enquiry by dissecting lamb's hearts.

On Monday it was the turn of Year 3 and 4 to take to the stage to perform their version of The Christmas Story. A packed hall saw the children narrate the story with confidence. They all sang with a smile on their face. Both year groups also had the chance to showcase their recorder playing ability developed in their weekly lessons with Ms Andrews.

On Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 put on a magical performance of The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse. The children dazzled the audience with their performances and their were many, many highlights that left the audience feeling emotional. The story of friendship, kindness and hope was a perfect fit for this time of year and left us thinking deeply about finding courage and celebrating the connections we have with our family and friends.

Everyone at Blackhorse wishes you and your family a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026.

Huge Thank You to the PTA



All the hard work and effort put in by the PTA over the past 18 months has enabled us to purchase and install an exciting new climbing structure to enhance playtimes for all of our children.

The fundraising carried out at the Christmas Carols and BBQ, the Summer fair, refreshments stalls at Sports Day and the Christmas performances, the Barbequizz and all the other things they offer have enabled them to fully fund the project.

'Tumbledown Island' will be installed on the playground next to the gazebo in late January/early February. The structure will provide opportunities for children to develop their physical strength, balance, co-ordination and gross motor skills whilst at the same time developing their imagination, resilience and ability to take risks.

In times when budgets are tight, we are very grateful to have a PTA that works so hard to provide opportunities for our children. We can't wait for the build to begin and for the children to have the chance to play on the new equipment.

Term 3 Diary Dates:

Mon 5th Jan: Inset Day—school closed to pupils

Tues 6th Jan: Term 3 begins

Weds 7th Jan: EYFS Intake 2026 Open Evening 6pm

Attendance Champions

Well done to Year 4 who are our attendance champions this term with attendance of 97.2% Year 2 came in second with 96.9% followed by Year 3 with 96.3%

When it comes to individual classes Elm top the charts with a very impressive 98.1% earning themselves an extra 15 minute break time in the New Year. Maple were second with 97.7% followed by Poplar with 97.2%.

135 children still have 100% attendance since the start of Term 1 which is just under a third of the children. A further 132 children have attendance above our target of 97%

A fun packed talent show



On Thursday, children from every class took to the stage to share their special talents in an attempt to impress the judges.

Acts included children in Y6 and Reception telling jokes,

musical performances from across the school and a host of dance routines. It was great to see the children demonstrating great bravery to take to the stage in front of nearly 400 people. Each class was very proud of their entry and cheered when the judges agreed or frowned in disapproval when the judges didn't show the love they deserved.

Our winner was Sandy from Poplar who performed Titanium live on the drums with his very own accompaniment which you can [see here](#). Grace K, Grace P, Sophie and Axelle were runners up with a very funny sketch involving characters from the nativity and a live news show. Sophia in Year 5 came third with a wonderful performance of a Taylor Swift song.

Thank you to our judges, Mr Denton, Mrs Lloyd, and Miss B for their humour and making the afternoon so fun.

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	Llewellyn & Lili
Reception	Rudi & Elliot
Year 1	Lexi & Primrose
Year 2	Ivy & Elsie S
Year 3	Isla S & Poppy
Year 4	Ayda & Henry
Year 5	Mia– Doris & Nate
Year 6	Adelaide & Florence S

This week's Champion...

Bravery is our focus this week and Adelaide in Willow has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Jenkins writes 'After her brilliant performance as the Fox in the Year 5/6 production this week, we can't think of anyone



more deserving of the Champion trophy. Adelaide doesn't only show bravery on stage but day to day in class. She is resilient and works through challenges - never making excuses or avoiding hard work. She approaches every day with a positive attitude, a great sense of humour and a kindness which is appreciated and valued by every member of Willow Class. Well done Adelaide!

PTA Carols and BBQ

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Carol event organised by the PTA.

It raised an amazing £1336.10.