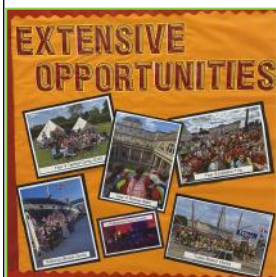




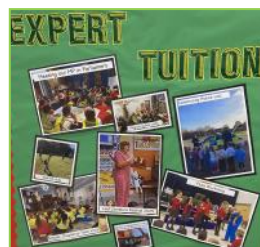
### Welcome Back to Blackhorse



We would like to welcome you all back to the start of another academic year at Blackhorse and extend a warm welcome to the new families that are joining our community for the first time.

It has been a pleasure to see the children returning to school and settling into their new classrooms with such confidence. The children all look super smart and have been showing the best version of themselves to their new teachers and demonstrating how ready, respectful and safe they can be at all times.

In assembly on Monday, we reminded ourselves of our school mission to 'Build Champion Learners' through Extensive Opportunities, Expert Tuition, Purposeful Practice and Personal Effort. We talked about how the adults at school will work hard to make this year the best yet and how they can contribute to this.



We also reminded them of the good habits we need to get back into. These include arriving at school on time every day and being present in every lesson and ready to actively engage. We also talked about the importance of a healthy diet and a good sleep routine.

Finally we discussed the benefits of joining one of our many after school clubs on offer. These will start in Week 3 and an email will be sent early next week with all the details.

It promises to be another fantastic year for everyone at Blackhorse.

### A great start to the year for Reception



Our new Reception children have really impressed us this week with the confidence they have shown coming into their new classrooms. They have walked in smiling every day ready to explore their new environment.

They have all enjoyed getting to know their new friends and the adults they will be working with this year. Every time I have popped into Ash or Beech the children have been exploring the tasks on offer to them and getting involved in class discussions. It has been lovely to see them engaging in learning on the carpet and starting their learning journey.



### Meet the Teacher

We would like to invite you into school next Wednesday 10th September, to meet your child's class teacher. You will find out what your child will be learning this year and what you can do at home to support them. It is a great opportunity to meet your child's class teacher so please join us.

The timings are as follows:

**3:15pm** Cherry **3:45pm** Rec, Y1, Y4, Y5 & Sycamore **4:20pm** Y2, Y3, Y6

## Term 1 Diary Dates:

- Weds 10th Sept: Meet the Teacher**
- Thurs 18th Sept: Individual Photos**
- Weds 24th Sept: Author Visit Y5 and Y6**
- Mon 29th Sept: Y6 PGL residential**
- Thurs 2nd Oct: EYFS Intake 2026 Open Morning**
- Fri 3rd Oct: Author Visit Y3 & Y4**
- Mon 6th Oct: PGL Meeting for Y5 Parents (3:45)**
- Mon 6th Oct: PTA AGM (6:00)**
- Mon 13th Oct: EYFS Intake 2026 Open Morning**
- Tues 14th Oct: ESFA Girl's 7-a-side tournament**
- Tues 14th Oct: Flu Vaccinations**
- Thurs 16th Oct: PTA School Disco**
- Fri 17th Oct: Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly (9:15)**
- Fri 17th Oct: PTA Rags 2 Riches clothes collection**
- Tues 21st Oct: Y2 visit to We the Curious**
- Thurs 23rd Oct: KS2 Achievement Assembly (9:15)**
- Fri 24th Oct: INSET Day: school closed to pupils**
- Mon 3rd Nov: Start of Term 2**
- Fri 28th Nov: INSET Day: school closed to pupils**
- Fri 19th Dec: Last day of Term 2**

## A fond Farewell to Carie Stainsby



It is with mixed emotions that we are soon to be saying farewell to Carie Stainsby, our Nurture Facilitator. We are delighted for Carie who has secured a fantastic position working within BANEs for the Oxford Foundation NHS Trust as a Trainee Mental Health Practitioner working with children.

Carie has been at Blackhorse as an HLTA and Nurture Facilitator for 8 years and is a much valued member of the team. Her caring approach and calmness has endeared her to our children and she will be very much missed. Whether working closely with our children or supporting our choir and musical theatre productions, Carie always gives 100% and her dedication shines through. Carie's last day will be 19th September.

## 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 nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Jack & Mason
Reception	Everyone in Reception
Year 1	Harry & Jack
Year 2	Caleb & Aiden
Year 3	Amna & Isobel
Year 4	Oliver & Harri
Year 5	Ruben & Josh
Year 6	Harry B & Theo

## This week's Champion...



This year we are reminding the children of our school values of Pride, Respect, Bravery and Success and encouraging them to apply them on a daily basis in everything they do. Each week our Champion gets to take home the house trophy for a week and they also get to take

Champ home.

Respect is our focus this week and Harri in Y4 has been chosen as our Champion. Miss Cross writes; 'Harri can always be relied upon to be polite and respectful. His impeccable manners are noted by adults around the school. He is always enthusiastic about learning and keen to share what he has learned at home. He has made a great start to life in Year 4. Well done Harri.

## Attendance Champions this week:

Reception are our champions this week at 100% closely followed by Y1 with 98.6% Year 3 also hit our target with 97.1%.