



T6 W7: 18th July 2025

Goodbye and Thank You

Over the next few days we are bidding farewell to four of our teaching staff who have amassed 36 years service to the school between them, 25 of these by Julia Grant.



Julia Grant joined Blackhorse Primary in September 2000 when it was still on the Beaufort Road site making Julia our longest serving member of staff. The current children who know Mrs Grant, will find it hard to believe that Julia started at a time computers were in their infancy as a classroom tool.

In her long time with us Julia has taught across all year groups. Her length of service demonstrates a real commitment to Blackhorse and she has always been dedicated to providing every child in her class with care and expert tuition. Julia's longevity at the chalk face always reminds us that Blackhorse is the school that it is today because of professionals such as Julia who consistently strive to be their very best for the children. It is hard to quantify the number of children who Julia has impacted on in her time with us. Thank you for all you have done for Blackhorse Julia. We wish you all the very best in your retirement

Maisie Stack has taken the opportunity to join Sea Mills Primary school as their Y6 teacher and Maths lead for a year with an option to make it permanent next year, Sea Mills are joining the Leaf Trust in January 2026.



Maisie joined Blackhorse as a Newly Qualified Teacher in September 2019 and has taught across KS2 in her time with us. Not long into her career the pandemic struck and Maisie demonstrated her skills and dedication by offering innovative and imaginative home learning to the

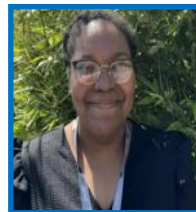
children in her class. Her technical know-how has been put to very effective use in the development of our Computing curriculum which Maisie also rolled out at Emersons Green. Before this Maisie was an excellent leader of PE and helped provide extensive opportunities to many children. Maisie is an excellent classroom teacher and always take a keen interest in the progress and wellbeing of children at Blackhorse even if they are not in her class. She will be much missed by children and adults alike.



Rhianna Doultton joined us in September last year having only been interviewed in August, possibly the quickest start in Blackhorse history. In her short time with us Rhianna has been the teacher of Chestnut class covering Anna Phillips secondment at Staple Hill.

She built very positive relations with the children quickly and have thoroughly enjoyed being in her class. We wish her the very best of luck in her new teaching role at St Peter's C of E in South Bristol.

Jeorgia Scott also joined us in September 2024 in Ash to cover Sarah O'Connor's maternity leave. This is Jeorgia's first teaching post and we have been very impressed with the way she has engaged



with the ECT program. The children in Ash are very fond of Jeorgia and her calm and measured approach. The children in Ash have enjoyed a happy and positive start to their school career thanks to Jeorgia. We wish her luck in her new role at Christchurch primary in Hanham.

We would also like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to Anna Phillips who secured the post of Deputy Head at Staple Hill Primary earlier this year. We are very proud of the part we played in Anna's development as a leader.

Diary Dates:

Mon 21st July: 2pm and 6pm Y6 Performance of Oliver

Tues 22nd July: 2:30 Y6 Leavers Service

Tues 22nd July: Last day of year

Monday 1st September: INSET Day: school closed to pupil

Tuesday 2nd September: First day of Term 1 2025.2026

Norbot Unveiled

Our very own Captain Champion Norbot was unveiled in assembly today,

He was designed by Harper in Elder. Kath Abbott spent many hours turning Harper's vision into reality. We think you will agree that he is a fitting Champion to represent our school at [the Mall in September](#).



This week's Champions!

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

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	James & Anthony
Reception	Leo & Zara
Year 1	Jaxon & Freddie
Year 2	Olivia & Roman J
Year 3	Betsy & Esme
Year 4	Pia & George
Year 5	Callum & Adelaide
Year 6	Everyone in Y6

Leaf Awards

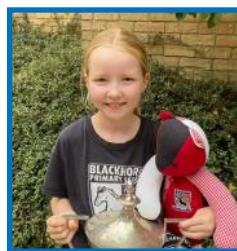
CEO of The Leaf Trust, Ross Newman, visited us today to present the Leaf Awards to our staff who were nominated by their colleagues.

Earlier this month at the Leaf concert Steph Phillips was presented with an award for her contribution to music across the Trust. Today Ann Baker received an award for her dedication to improving reading across the school.

Charlie Fido was presented with an award for going the extra mile in her role as an HLTA to support the staff and children in Y6 and beyond to achieve the ambitious targets they are set.



This week's Champion



Pride is our focus this week and Betsy in Year 3 has been chosen as our Champion. Miss Stack writes

'Betsy brings a great sense of humour to the classroom and always tries her best in everything she does. She takes great

pride in all her work making it a pleasure to read and is always striving to be the best she can. She is a great asset in Elm class and is always on hand to help out when she can making her a worthy Blackhorse champion. Betsy joins our [Hall of Champions](#).

Changes to Menu

Monday 21st July: Marinated chicken and rice or Macaroni Cheese.

Tuesday 22nd July: Year 6 final lunch chosen by them. Hot Dog or Cheese and Bean wrap.

On both days there will also be the usual jacket potato, pasta and wrap offer. Orders can be made via the Arbor App.

Medication: Can we remind you that all medication that is kept in the school office needs to be collected by the end of term on Tuesday 22nd July. Remember to return it to school in September.