



T6 W6: 11th July 2025

Farewell and Good Luck

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to some of our support staff who between them have made a huge contribution to the lives of many children at Blackhorse.



Abbie Parsons has been with us since November 2023 working as a SEN teaching assistant in Reception and Year 1 supporting children with their learning. She has also been a Lunchbreak Supervisor with Y3. She has developed great relationships with the children who look to

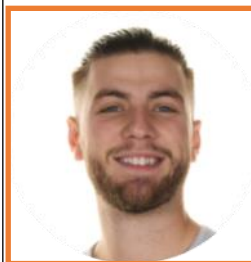
her for support when they are feeling worried or sad. Abbie is looking for a role closer to home.

Jacob Williams works with children in Resource Base and has recently been one of the team delivering Playrangers after school club. He joined the school in February 2022 and in that time has been a much respected member of the Resource Base team. His calm demeanour and patience will be missed. Jacob is pursuing a career that matches the experience gained at Blackhorse with his other passion of music, in a role supporting young adults and teenagers in music mentoring.



Karen Lloyd has been at Blackhorse since September 2019. She has been a lunchbreak Supervisor most recently in Sycamore, worked at After School Club and worked as a SEN teaching assistant supporting small groups and individuals. Karen can always be relied upon to be

smiling and has loved working at Blackhorse. She is moving to a new challenge at Red Bus nursery.



Jay Davies has been with us since November 2015 and we are very proud of the way he has grown and developed in that time. He started out supporting children in Reception and KS1 on a one to one basis.

He quickly developed a positive rapport with the children and they responded very positively to his energy and enthusiasm. He undertook a Teaching Assistant apprenticeship with us and developed his skills further. Most recently, he has been working within our Resource Base. He has also been a valuable part of our Playranger team and most recently as a Lunchbreak Supervisor in Y1. During his time with us Jay has developed strong relationships with adults and children alike and he will be much missed. Jay is moving onto to a mentoring: a role that suits the skills he has developed in his 10 + years with us.

We have several vacancies at Blackhorse and are keen to hear from parents who fill they have the requisite skills. See our [website](#) for further details on how to apply.

End of Year results to be proud of.

We are feeling very proud of the children and all the adults in school who have worked so hard throughout the year. End of year statutory assessments have been completed and the results are in. You will find out how your child achieved in the end of year report which is coming home on Tuesday 15th.

EYFS Good level of development: 78%

Y1 Phonics Screening Check: 86%

Y4 Multiplication Check 25/25: 65%

Y6 Reading: 80% EXS 37% GDS Writing 78% EXS 10% GDS

Maths 85% EXS 36% GDS Combined 73% EXS 5% GDS

Diary Dates:

Tues 15th July: Shuffle Up morning

Weds 16th July: Y6 trip to Houses of Parliament

Thurs 17th July: 2:45 KS2 Achievement Assembly

Thurs 17th July: Y6 Leavers' Party

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

Attendance this week

Year 6 are our attendance champions this week with attendance of 97.7%.

Oak class had very impressive attendance of 99.2% this week. Yew and Rowan also had attendance above 98% this week.

Price Increases for next year

As a school we are facing rising costs linked to inflation and an increase in Employer's NI contributions.

Therefore we are increasing the price of school lunches and wraparound care from September. We believe this still offers great value for money.

The price of a school lunch will increase to £2.65.

Breakfast club will cost £4.25 per sessions

After School Club will cost £9.50 per session.

Do remember that tax free childcare can be used to pay for Breakfast Club and After School Club.

Notices

- **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.
- **Dinner Debts:** Please can you ensure any outstanding balances on Arbor are cleared before the end of term. Thank you.
- **Donations Wanted:** We are in the process of developing a room in our resource Base to enable the children to receive ELSA support. We are looking for donations of buttons, hand puppets and cushions.

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	Mason & Rudy
Reception	Raven & Albie
Year 1	Thea H & Dexter
Year 2	David & Maya
Year 3	Everyone in Y3
Year 4	Valentino & Ethan W
Year 5	Blake & Florence
Year 6	Izzy & Isla

This week's Champion



Success is our focus this week and Maya in Year 2 has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Waddicor writes 'Maya brings so much positive energy to our classroom! She's always smiling and she's a role model of being ready to learn and being respectful to everyone. She works incredibly hard and never backs down from a challenge. We are so proud of Maya!' Maya joins our [Hall of Champions](#).

Shuffle Up Morning

On Tuesday 15th July the children will meet their class teacher for next year.

We will come together in the hall for a short assembly before the children move to their new class with their new teacher from 9:25am until 10:30am. They will take part in a variety of activities designed to help them feel at home in their new classroom and for them to get to know a little more about their teacher.

On Wednesday, Reception had the opportunity to meet their new teacher in their new classroom. They will have another opportunity to visit their new classroom on Tuesday..