



# Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

**T6 W5: 4th July 2025**

## Music takes Centre Stage



**A group of children had the chance to perform in front of the school this week and impressed the audience with their skill on a range of instruments.**

Everyone who receives expert tuition in or out of school was asked if they would like the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and they jumped at the chance.

There were performances on the guitar, violin, cello, flute, keyboard, piano and drums from children from Y2 to Y6. The children demonstrated how purposeful practice allied to expert tuition and personal effort provides them with the opportunity to step up on stage in front of 400 people and perform.

Music lead, Steph Phillips, is always keen to encourage more children to take up learning an instrument. Lessons typically start in Y3. Please speak to Steph if your child is interested in learning an instrument.



Next week our music performances continue. On Monday the school choir are joining their Leaf counterparts at the Bristol Beacon on the theme of Our Wonderful World.

Over the next two weeks, KS2 have the chance to demonstrate their recorder skills with two concerts. They have been learning how to play all year as part of the Music curriculum. Year 3 and 4 are performing to the school on Tuesday and then Year 5 and 6 the following Monday.

## A week of visits

**It has been another busy week at Blackhorse with 3 classes taking part in a visit and one author visit for Year 5 and 6.**

On Tuesday, Cherry class visited Grimsbury Farm to learn more about the animals they have been studying in class. They had the chance to compare the Guinea pigs at the farm with the two that Mrs Barker had brought in from home.



On the same day Reception took part in their first school visit. They went to Redwood Outdoor Centre near Gloucester. They had the chance to explore the forest by taking part in a story map

quest linked to Jack and the Beanstalk. They also took part in a scavenger hunt and made stick men.

On Thursday year 1 visited Blaise Castle museum to take part in a toy workshop to enhance their understanding of the toys of the past. They really enjoyed the chance to play with the different toys.



This morning, author Charlotte Philby, visited Year 5 and 6 to talk about the inspiration behind



her writing. Her grandfather was Kim Philby, the most infamous double agent in recent history. He has inspired her to write *The Secret Lives of Women Spies*. This book contains a host of extraordinary tales involving female spies.

## Diary Dates:

**Mon 7th July: Leaf Bristol Beacon Concert**  
**Weds 9th July: EYFS Intake 2025 visit to classroom**  
**Thurs 10th July: Y3 trip to Westonbirt Arboretum**  
**Fri 11th July: 9:15 Rec and KS1 Achievement Assembly**  
**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**

## Attendance this week

**Reception are our attendance champions this week with attendance of 98.3% Year 5 also exceed our target with attendance of 97.1%.**

For the second week running Cherry class have attendance of 100%. Rowan, Oak, Beech, Lime, Yew, and Ash all exceeded our target.

## Summer fair in the sunshine (at last)



**The Summer fair is currently in full swing and the community has come together to have fun and raise**

**funds for the school.** Thank you to Liz, Tiesha and the rest of the PTA committee along with the volunteers who have put so much thought, time and effort into putting on this fantastic event.

## Notices

- **Clubs end next Friday 11th July.** Aside from the after school clubs that are parent paid and booked via external providers all clubs will end next week.
- **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.

## 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	All of Cherry & Laiken
Reception	Erin & Mia R
Year 1	Story & Maiya
Year 2	Finley & Milo
Year 3	Esme & Cinar
Year 4	Charlie & Armand
Year 5	Jacob C & Melodie
Year 6	Yahya & Finley H

## This week's Champion



**Pride is our focus this week and Finley in Year 6 has been chosen as our Champion.**

Mr Denton writes 'The whole Year 6 team is delighted that Finley has become a Black-horse Champion. Throughout the year, he has demonstrated so many of the skills and attitudes that makes a champion learner, bravery, pride, respect and success. However, most importantly, he does it all with a smile on his face and a brilliant, positive attitude. Well done, Fin - you are such a role model across the school.'

## Ham Farm Festival

**Han Farm Festival takes place again this year from 25th to 27th July. It is a charity, and is run on a voluntary basis by Blackhorse parents and professional musicians Emily and Francisco Correa.**

There are a series of Daytime events planned including Rock and Pop School, Junk Drumming Workshops and an Autism Friendly Workshop.

Evenings offer two concerts of contrasting styles all selected for their creativity and collaborative approach to music making. There is also the chance to enjoy a picnic in the setting before and between concerts,.