



T6 W3: 20th June 2025

Thanks to our amazing staff



National Thank a Teacher Day took place on Wednesday 18th June and I wanted to use this as a way of saying thank you to all of our amazing staff who work so hard every day to make our school the very best it can be.

This busy summer term demonstrates how our mission of Building Champion Learners is evident all across the school. Since the return to school at the start of June Y1 have completed their Phonics Screening Check and Y4 have taken part in the Multiplication check.

On Monday the Year 4 team and English Lead, Laura Jenkins, had the chance to share the Year 4 writing books of the children in Y4 with moderators from The Leaf Trust. They were very impressed with the standard of writing across the year group and commented on the high quality work. They were also full of praise for the strong subject knowledge demonstrated by the team.

Yesterday the Year 2 team took the children to compete in the MAD Olympiad and kept the children motivated and engaged and ready to show their best selves when competing in the hot sunshine. Meg Mellish, our PE lead, was there all day supporting the Y2 team before the KS2 team arrived in the afternoon with Olivia Finn to compete in their events.

Alongside this, staff have also organised a special concert for Y1 from professional musicians, Emily Andrews and Francisco Correa, which focussed on the birds found in the local area and their different calls. The children loved it. Year 5 and Year 6 have also had the chance to take part in cycle training.

Each member of staff, from teachers to teaching assistants, office and premises, kitchen and lunchtime all play a huge role in making Blackhorse the wonderful place to learn and grow that it is. We thank them all.

Staffing Changes

There are several changes in personnel planned for the next academic year and this week we have been busy interviewing teachers to join the team.



We will be saying farewell to several members of the team at the end of term. Julia Grant, who has been with us since 2000, has taken the decision to retire. Anna Phillips has been appointed as the Deputy Head at Staple Hill Primary and Maisie Stack has been offered a one year secondment at Sea Mills Primary school to teach in Y6 and lead maths across the school. We are proud that Anna and Maisie, who both joined as Early Career Teachers at the start of their careers have secured promotions.

Rhianna Doulton has secured a new position at St Peter's C of E and Jeorgia Scott has a job at Christ Church Primary in Hanham. We will celebrate all of these staff and their contribution in a future edition.

This week we interviewed 10 teachers and have made two high quality appointments. Regan Cross has been appointed to teach in KS2. She is currently completing her studies at UWE.



Charlotte Vickers-Graham has been ap-



pointed to teach in KS1. She is currently finishing her studies at the University of Durham. We will be announcing the classes and teachers later in the term.

Diary Dates:

Mon 23rd June: Quadkids Final
Tues 1st July: Rec trip to Redwood Learning Centre
Tues 1st July: Cherry trip to Grimsbury Farm
Weds 2nd July: EYFS Intake 2025 visit to classroom
Thurs 3rd July: Y1 trip to Blaise castle Museum
Fri 4th July: PTA Summer Fair 330pm to 7pm
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: 9:15 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

This week's Champion



Bravery is our focus this week and Ada in year 2 has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Doulton writes 'Ada was really brave at MAD Olympiad, joining in with the relay race.

We are really proud of how you are growing in confidence and giving everything a go. Well done Ada for being a Brave Bear!

A Warm day at MAD Olympiad



Our Year 2 children and KS2 athletic squad braved the heat yesterday and competed against 12 other local schools at the MAD Olympiad.

Our relay team came second in a very close contest with Mangotsfield pipping us on the line. There were Golds for Cai in 150m, Rowan in Shot Putt and Charlie P in Long jump, silver for Anaiya in the 75m, and bronzes for Finley P and Harri in the 150m. Our Y6 team were runners up in the Y6 event. Well done to everyone

This week's Champions!

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

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Llewelyn & Lili
Reception	Ashleigh & Jack
Year 1	Alys & Raff
Year 2	Ada & Toby
Year 3	Harlow & Nico
Year 4	Hassan & Ayah
Year 5	Cai & Esme
Year 6	Shannon & Leo

Last week's Champions...



We didn't report our Champion last week as it was Sports Day.

Benji in Year 4 was selected. Miss Urry writes Benji is a true Black-horse Champion and role model.

Every day, no matter what, he comes to school with an excellent, cheerful attitude and puts massive personal effort into all tasks. He never, ever settles for less than his best. Benji seizes every extra opportunity on offer and has thrown himself into both Track Team and choir. As well as all of this excellence, Benji is an incredibly kind, thoughtful and supportive friend and he is liked and respected by all his peers. We will miss him very much next year and we all think that his new school will be very lucky to have him!

Attendance this week

I am pleased to say that Year 6 are our attendance Champions this week with attendance of 97.2%. Reception were next with 96.3%

Beech, Cherry and Yew all had attendance of more than 98%. Throughout the week.