



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T4 Wk3: 13th March 2026

Leaf Literature Festival

We have two guest writers, Esme and Wilf in Year 6, contributing to the newsletter this week to share some of the highlights of the Leaf Literature Festival that has taken place over the last fortnight.

The Joy of Reading

Pen Pal letters are when classes from different schools send a letter that they have made to another school with a story and a book recommendation. We were asked to write to children at Two Mile Hill Primary in Kingswood. Sebby (a Year 5) told us, "My favourite book is Bunny V. Monkey because it's funny and I like comics. My favourite character is Pig because he's silly and he finds a lot of dangerous things and then just walks off."



Story partnerships paired children in different classes to come up with a story. The children in Year 5 were paired with the children in year 2. Year 5 created a story based on a plan that the Y2 children made. There is a [video on Instagram](#) of a story planned by Flossy and written by Oliver. In Y1 and Y4.

Author Visits

We have had multiple authors visit us during the festival such as Matt Oldfield and Ewa Jozefkowicz. Jeffrey Borakye and Rashmi Sirdeshpanda were two of the authors who presented virtually. They shared with us their journeys to become an author and gave us some tips on how to be successful writers. Each class has been lucky enough to receive some books from the four visiting authors.

Performance Poetry



Each class has had the chance to learn and perform a poem. They have been recorded and shared on our [Instagram feed](#) or on the [school website](#).

Overall, it has been a fun and amazing journey through literature. Thanks to Laura Jenkins, Ann Baker and Helen Bruten for their help in organising the events at Blackhorse.



Comic Relief Red Nose Day



Next Friday 20th March, we are asking the children to take things a little less seriously and for everybody to take themselves funny for the day.

This could include simply donning a pair of scarlet socks or wearing a red tee shirt and red nose. Maybe a crimson cape, red trainers or raspberry beret would fit the bill. Those who are feeling brave could really go for it, the sillier the better, no idea is too weird or wonderful.

Through simple acts of silliness, we can change some serious stuff for the better.

We will be hosting our very own joke competition in assembly next Friday. Each class will hold a vote for their favourite joke to be put forward. The winning entries will be performed in assembly and published in the newsletter next week.

A QR code will be shared next Friday to gather donations for Comic Relief.

Term 4 Diary Dates:

Fri 13th Mar: Parents Evening Sign-up opens at 6pm

Fri 20th Mar: Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Mon 23rd Mar: Parent's Evening

Weds 25th Mar: Parent's Evening

Thurs 26th Mar: Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly

Mon 30th Mar: Year 3 Roman Baths visit

Mon 30th Mar: Musical Theatre: Wizard of Oz

Tues 31st Apr: Musical Theatre: Wizard of Oz

Weds 1st Apr: Y1 at Leaf KS1 Music Festival

Weds 1st Apr: PTA KS1 Easter Craft Event

Thurs 2nd Apr: KS2 Achievement Assembly

Thurs 2nd Apr: Last day of Term 4

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 respect. This week our Champions are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Isla & Jonnie
Reception	Marley & Niko
Year 1	Ben & Flossy
Year 2	Lotta & Reggie
Year 3	Evie W & Elliot G
Year 4	Avi & Evie
Year 5	Anaiya & Sandy
Year 6	Ruby & Eloise

Attendance Champions

Year 4 and Year 2 are our attendance champions this week with attendance of 98%. Year 5 are next with 97.6%. Well done to these year groups.

Elder are our class champions with a very impressive 99.2%. Maple come second with 98.8% followed by Poplar with 98.5%.

This week's Champion...

Respect is our focus this week and Ruby in Willow has been chosen as our Champion.



Miss Jenkins writes 'Ruby is someone whose kindness and genuine positivity lights up our classroom every day. She is more than deserving of this accolade and Willow Class are so happy that she is being recognised today. Ruby comes into school every day with a desire to improve: she seeks support with her writing, puts her hand up in class and takes on peer critique. Because of this brilliant attitude, she just keeps getting better and better. We are so proud of you, Ruby!

Online Safety

Many of our children tell us they have access to mobile phones and tablets at home and other devices that allow children to access the Internet. For parents the speed and multitude of apps available to children can be confusing.

The Government provide support for parents to keep their children safe online. [The guidance outlines](#) resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to get support and advice

[The National Cyber Security Centre](#) also offer guidance on social media and how to use it safely.

Most social media accounts require users to be at least 13 years old. However, it is easy to sign-up with a false date of birth. For expert advice about how to keep children safe online you can refer to [the NSPCC](#).

Wizard of Oz tickets available

We are excited to inform you that tickets for Musical Theatre's production of The Wizard of Oz are now available to purchase on Arbor under School Shop.

The performances will take place on Monday 30th March at 4pm. And on Tuesday 31st March at 2pm and 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.