



# Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

## T4 Wk2: 6th March 2026

### World Book Day 2026 A fantastic celebration of children's books



World Book Day saw Blackhorse transformed with the children and staff coming to school in a myriad of costumes to celebrate the world of children's stories. The costumes on show were amazing and there was a lovely atmosphere throughout the day.

Our Mission Masters spoke to a range of children about their world book day costumes. They asked them what they liked about their chosen character and the book it had come from.

Emily in Chestnut had chosen to come as Veruca Salt as she is so funny and she likes squirrels like me.

Isla in Elm chose to come as Hermione from Harry Potter because "The book is adventurous, scary and fun. I like Hermione Granger because she's smart and has a cat"

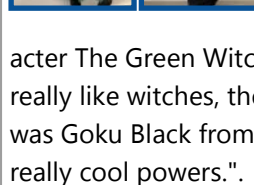
Mrs Lloyd spent the day scaring children as she went about the day dressed as a very convincing Miss Trunchbull. We can assure you that no children were spun around or put into chokey. Mrs Lloyd told the children "I like this book because it proves you can be anyone you want to be. I think Miss Trunchbull is the opposite to me."

Elliot in Elm came as Dogman because "Dogman is very kind and nice, he's also funny."



Jude in Elder chose Paddington due to the fact "Paddington has a sandwich in his hat and it makes me laugh."

Mia\_Doris in Poplar came as Lottie Brooks from Lottie Brooks' Essential Guide to Life. She said "I like the character as she is funny."



Chloe came as her favourite character The Green Witch and told the Mission Masters "I really like witches, they are interesting." Atlas in Maple was Goku Black from Dragonball Super because "He has really cool powers."

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a roaring success. We hope you enjoy your World Book Day book and spending the £1 voucher.

### Holiday Activities and Food Programme

The **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme** is running again during the Easter holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 but will vary by provider. Each child can receive up to **4 days support over the Easter holidays**.

The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals. Children receiving universal free school meals, automatically offered in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 without needing to apply, do not qualify for funded HAF places unless they have completed a successful application..** Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at [www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

We are currently setting our budget for next year and like all sectors we are facing increasing costs that make it increasingly difficult to offer the large range of services and opportunities that we are proud of. Children in receipt of benefits related free school meals bring extra funding into



### Term 4 Diary Dates:

- Mon 9th Mar: PTA Champion Bar Sale**
- Thurs 12th Mar: PTA Mother's Day Wrap**
- 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**

### HAF Programme cont...

school that we use to support the children. Your child is also entitled to support with uniform, after school clubs and school visits.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

### Correction: Sports Day and Family Picnic Date

This year it will take place on **Friday 15th May**.

## 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 success. This week our Champions are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Ted & Mason
Reception	Kenny & Arlo
Year 1	Athena & Zara
Year 2	Story & Maxwell
Year 3	Milo & Essie
Year 4	Betsy & Lexi
Year 5	Albert & Luca
Year 6	Florence R & Tabby

### This week's Champion...

**Pride is our focus this week and Milo in Elm has been chosen as our Champion.**



Miss Bettany writes, 'Milo is a brilliant role-model for everyone and a true Blackhorse Champion! He is always extremely polite and respectful to everyone at all times and his kindness has not gone unnoticed in Elm Class. Milo is the first person to make sure that everyone is included in games, and he often puts other people first in the classroom by sharing resources or helping them with their learning. He shows pride and success through trying his best in all areas of his learning and makes sure that his presentation is always excellent. Thank you, Milo, for being a champion every single day!'

### Attendance Champions

Y4 are our attendance champions this week with impressive attendance of 98.3%. Y2 are second with a fantastic 97.6% followed by Y1 and Y5 with 97%. For the second week running Cherry managed a magnificent 100%. Elder, Rowan, Maple