

**BLACKHORSE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



CHAMPION LEARNERS

Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T4 Wk1: 27th February 2026

Leaf Literature Festival Incoming



The Leaf Literature Festival launches on Monday as all schools in the Trust come together to celebrate everything

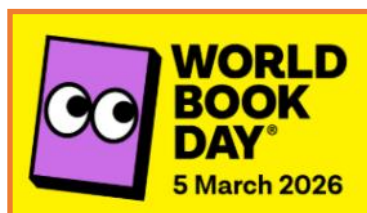
that is great about books and reading.

A full programme of events have been planned to provide opportunities for everyone to take part in. Deliberately designed to coincide with World Book Day on Thursday 5th March the aim is to promote a love of reading and children's literature.

There are a host of author visits due to take place both here at Blackhorse and at Emersons Green library. Headline authors of the Festival Rashmi Sirdeshpande and Jeffrey Boakye will be joining all Trust schools online simultaneously to talk about their books and the craft of writing.

We have been paired with Two Mile Hill Primary to write and receive pen pal letters based around our favourite books and stories and what it is like to learn at our school. Two poems have been selected for each year group to learn and perform. The finished videos will be shared on our website and Instagram.

On Thursday 5th March the school will once again be transformed into a world of stories as the children and staff come dressed as their favourite character. At 2:30pm everyone in school and across the Trust will stop what they are doing and read for thirty minutes. Our amazing Reading team will be visiting every class to provide them with a copy of one of this year's [£1 book choices](#) for World Book Day. They will also read them an extract and provide them with their own £1 voucher to bring home. It promises to be another fantastic fortnight.



Big Walk and Wheel

Spring almost showed its face this week with two dry, warm days and provided a glimpse of what it is in store following a damp winter.



This and the lighter mornings and evenings, prompted us to look forward to later this term when we would like to encourage everyone to get into the habit of making an active journey to and from school. Once again we have signed up to take part in the Big Walk and Wheel. The Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. We are giving advance notice to give you the chance to get your bikes and scooters ready for the journey.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, scooting or cycling to school. There are daily prizes to be won.

It takes place from March 16th until March 27th. On Thursday 19th March we will be holding a Walk and Wheel breakfast. Anyone who has scooted or cycled on that day or walked all the way from home will be entitled to a choice from the table. On Friday 27th March to round off the fortnight we will be holding a Bling your Bike competition where children are invited to decorate their scooters and bikes (in a safe and roadworthy way) and bring them to school. Prizes will be available for the most imaginative creations.

Term 4 Diary Dates:

- Mon 2nd Mar: Leaf Literature Festival begins
- 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 Assenbly
- Thurs 2nd Apr: Last day of Term 4

Attendance Champions

The first week of Term 4 has seen the lowest attendance across the school since the start of the year. We are aware that there are more cases of illness including chicken pox than usual. Reception have managed the highest attendance with 96.7% closely followed by Y1 and Y4 with 96.4% Cherry have once again hit the maximum with 100% attendance this week. Oak, Cedar, Poplar and Ash all exceeded our 97% target.

Sports Day and Family Picnic

We would like to give you advance notice of our annual Sports Day and family picnic.



This year it will take place on **Friday 17th May.**

Reception and KS1 will take part in the morning and KS2 will take part in the afternoon. From 12noon until 1pm the community is invited to come together for a family picnic on the field.

The PTA will o be running their popular breakfast bacon roll and hot drink service once again.

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	Maria & Rudy
Reception	Owen & George
Year 1	Teddy & Brienna
Year 2	Primrose & Bertie
Year 3	Jasper & Orlo
Year 4	Eva & Sara
Year 5	Millie & Beau
Year 6	Melodie & Jasmine

This week's Champion...

Success is our focus this week and Millie in Poplar has been chosen as our Champion.



Miss Mellish writes 'Millie is my champion this week because she is constantly aiming higher and has a real thirst for knowledge. Her success, particularly in reading and enquiry this week, is due to her own personal effort in challenging herself to read more complicated texts and then sharing this enthusiasm with others. I can always rely on Millie to be doing the right thing and inspiring others to do the same!'

Term Dates 2026/2027

Without wishing to wish our time away as we start Term 4, we have added next year's term dates and INSET days to [the school website](#).

We know many of you find this information useful when scheduling childcare commitments, work and holidays when the children are not in school.