



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T3 Wk6: 13th February 2026

Another great week at Blackhorse



We have enjoyed another great week at Blackhorse with a fantastic flamenco concert. two author visits and Y2 visiting the SS Great Britain.

On Tuesday, Year 3 and 4 took a short stroll to the Resound Centre to enjoy a world class flamenco concert by Lourdes Fernandez and her group Flamenco Raices. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience something new up close and in person.

Also on Tuesday Year 5 and 6 joined their friends at Emersons Green to hear Holly Webb, author of 178 children's books, discuss her latest *The Girl's Guide to Spying*. Today Zoe Arena visited Reception and KS1 to talk about her latest book, *Mandy is still a banana*.

On Thursday Y2 enjoyed a visit to the SS Great Britain to enhance their learning of Brunel's achievements and to answer their enquiry question; 'What did Brunel do for Great Britain?' They enjoyed exploring the sights, sounds and smells of the ship.



Inclusion Partnership Guide agreed



Our thanks to the parents, carers and governors who have been attending our inclusion working group meetings over the last couple of terms.

As a result of this groups input, we have created a guide to support parents, especially those of children with barriers to learning, understanding how the school and families can work together to support children.

The guide explains who to contact about your child's needs; how we will foster a culture of open, respectful dialogue; and what are reasonable expectations for support and communication.

[You can read the guide on our website HERE.](#)

The inclusion working group will meet next on 25th March between 9-10am, where we will be discussing how to best support good attendance, and how to reduce separation anxiety for children with additional needs.

All parents are welcome to come along and contribute to discussions, so please join us if you would like to learn more about this area.

Term 4 Diary Dates:

Mon 23rd Feb: INSET Day

Tues 24th Feb: Term 4 begins

Mon 2nd Mar: Leaf Literature Festival begins

Mon 9th Mar: PTA Champion Bar Sale

Thurs 12th Mar: PTA Mother's Day Wrap

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

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 bravery. This week our Champions are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Aubrey & James
Reception	Rudi & Jaxton
Year 1	Mia P & Natalia
Year 2	Hazel & Raff
Year 3	Rosa & Caspar
Year 4	Sophie & Alex
Year 5	Jaxson & Ethan N
Year 6	Mimi T & Harry W

Attendance Champions

Reception are our attendance champions this week with very impressive attendance of 98%. Year 1 and Year 4 are joint second with 97.4%.

When broken down by class Ash achieved a magnificent 99.6% this week closely followed by Birch with 99.3% Oak are in third with 98.7% Four other classes,; poplar, Elder, Beech and Maple all exceeded our target of 97%.

As we approach the half way stage of the year our attendance as a school sits at 96.1%. This is above last year's figure and the national average but still below our target of 97%. We thank you for your continued efforts in supporting our efforts for attendance.

Elm are our attendance champions so far this year with 97.4% closely followed by Maple with 97.3% Polar also come in above our target with 97.2%. All three classes have earned an extra playtime in term 4.

79 children across the school have managed to attend school every session of the year. A huge well done to these children.

This week's Champion...

Bravery is our focus this week and Alex in Oak has been chosen as our Champion.



Miss Cross writes "Alex is such an amazing example of a Blackhorse Champion! He comes into school every day with an amazing attitude for learning and pours so much personal effort into his work. He is also always showing the value of bravery by offering thoughtful answers and asking how he might improve his work. He really makes the most of lesson time and this is reflective in his books. Alex, we are so proud of you!

Notices

- At 3pm the amount raised for the Grand Appeal following our non-uniform day was a very impressive **£413** Thank you for your generosity.
- From next term there will only be one pasta option available each day. Mon, Weds and Fri will be tomato pasta. Tues and Thurs will be cheese pasta.