



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T3 Wk5: 6th February 2026

Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day



Next week we will be taking part in a range of activities and lessons centred around Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. These are annual events that help provide a focus for the work we carry out all year on

making children feel emotionally safe and responsible users of the internet.

The theme for Children's Mental Health week this year is 'This is my Place' and aims to support the systems around the children to help them feel they belong. Belonging is about feeling included and not being left out, it's about feeling safe and feeling like you fit in and are comfortable.

The Mission Masters have been working together to help us mark the week. They suggested a non-uniform day to enable the children to share their uniqueness. They have also been busy planning a special extended playtime on Friday morning. The breaktime will include a range of activities both inside and outside to enable the children to come together and do something they enjoy. This will include colouring, yoga, origami and a penalty shoot out. The Mission Masters are also hoping to provide something more permanent to promote children's mental health throughout the year. They are considering installing a friendship bench in the playground. They are currently looking into how they can raise funds to put it in place.

Part of our mission to build champions is centred around belonging and providing a range of

opportunities for children to discover and develop a passion. This could be academic, sporting, musical or creative. Our enrichment and extra curricular club offer is built with this in mind and was recognised by Ofsted as a real strength of the school..

Safer Internet Day

The theme this year is Smart tech, safe choices—exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. Everyone is talking about AI, and with many children hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. Top tips:

Understand what AI is and how it can be used.

Artificial intelligence technology is used by lots of people every day. AI suggests videos on streaming apps like Disney+ and Netflix, gives directions on map apps, can help translate different languages and can even create music and poems. Talk to your friends and family to see what they know about AI and where they have used it.

Remember that AI is technology and isn't perfect. Even though it might seem like it knows everything, AI can still get things wrong. If you are using AI to get information or help with something, it is important to think carefully about what it tells you and remember that it should never replace support from people you know and trust. If you are ever unsure about something AI has told you, check with other sources, this could include looking on websites you trust or talking to an adult.

Term 3 Diary Dates:

Fri 6th Feb: Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly 9:15
Mon 9th Feb: Rec weight, height and vision screening
Tues 10th Feb: Flamenco Music Concert at Resound
Weds 11th Feb: Y5/6 Author Visit
Thurs 12th Feb: Y2 trip to SS Great Britain
Fri 13th Feb:
Fri 13th Feb: KS2 Achievement Assembly 9:15
Fri 13th Feb: Last day of Term 3
Mon 23rd Feb: INSET Day
Tues 24th Feb: Term 4 begins
Mon 2nd Mar: Leaf Literature Festival begins

PTA Update

The PTA recently held a meeting to plan the remaining events of the year. These are a great way to bring the community together and raise much needed funds for the school.

Fri 6th March: PTA BBQ Quiz

Thurs 12th March Someone Special in your Life wrap:
(Mother's Day)

Weds 1st Apr: KS1 Easter Craft Event

Fri 15th May: Sports Day & Family Picnic

Thurs 21st May: PTA Disco

Thurs 18th June: Someone Special in your Life wrap:
(Father's Day)

Leaf Literature Festival

The competition winners have been announced for the Leaf Literature Festival competitions. The bookmark competition had over 60 entries and our EY/KS1 winner was Albie and our KS2 winner was Pia.

The writing competition has winners in each year group.

Rec- Zayd Y1—Elisa Y2—Eloise Y3—Elliot Y4—Lily Y5—
Esme and Y6 Daisy-Mae.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter.
Good luck to our winners in the Leaf judging.

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	Llewellyn & Henry
Reception	Nolan & Maisy
Year 1	Lake & Corrine
Year 2	Ezra & Roxanne
Year 3	Dottie & Edith
Year 4	Corey & Lilly
Year 5	Sebby & Esme
Year 6	Josh P & Callum

This week's Champion...



Respect is our focus this week and Roxanne in Elder has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Waddicor writes 'Roxanne is a brilliant Blackhorse Champion! She is kind and respectful to everyone in school, and she always makes sure that everyone is included when playing games or working in a team. In lessons, she is always ready to learn and she makes the most of every learning opportunity. Roxanne, we are so proud of you!'

Attendance Champions

Year 2 are our attendance champions this week with attendance of 97.6%. For the second week in a row Reception are second with 96.3%.

Elder managed a very impressive 99.6% this week and top the chart. Elm were a close second with an equally impressive 99.2%. Yew were in third with 98.8% Cherry and Ash also exceeded our target of 97%