

Our Value Word this month is **Humility** - the quality of being humble.

Dates For Your Diary

SCHOOL COUNCIL



On Thursday 13th July, School Council will be selling Ice cream, Ice lollies and other goodies to both Parents and Children after School. All Money raised will be donated to our School Fund.

We have invested a lot of money this year in books, so that all our pupils can enjoy reading a wide range of books. As we approach the end of term, can you please have a good look at home to check for any books that need returning to school.

Thank You for your support.

Book Return

DATES	YEAR/CLASS	EVENT
Monday 3rd - Onwards	All	Sports Week
Tuesday 4th July	1DJ & 1G	Visit to Blakesley Museum
Wednesday 12th July	Year 6	Leavers play (evening performance)
Thursday 13th July	Year 6	Leavers Play (evening performance)
Thursday 13th July	Year 3	Anglo Saxon Experience Day
Thursday 13th July	All	Guitar Concert
Friday 14th July	Year 4	Anglo Saxon Experience Day
Friday 14th July	1M	Visit to Blakesley Museum
Tuesday 18th July	Year 2	AFA Parent - Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th July	Year 4	Visit to the Eco Park
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6	Graduation Ceremony
Thursday 20th July	Year 6	Visit to Blakesley Museum & Bowling Trip
Thursday 20th July	Rec, Year 1, 2	9am - Attendance & Progress Assemblies
Thursday 20 July	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	10.30am - Attendance & Progress Assemblies
Friday 21st July	All	Children break up for the Summer break - Last day of school.
Wednesday 6th September	All	Children return to school



Encourage your children to come to school ready for learning.

Blakesley logo backpacks **£10** ~ get them in time for the start of the new term as part of their new uniform. We will be selling smaller backpacks for children in Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 from the new term for £9.



Year 5 have been learning outside the last week in the hot summer weather! They've enjoyed planning their Mayan myth narratives in the summer heat! They kept cool in the shade and had their water bottles to hand.

Sports Week will be on week commencing Monday 3rd July. All children must bring in a water bottle, appropriate sports foot wear (not fashion trainers) and we encourage everybody to wear their house colours from head to toe! Face paint, flags and banners are also welcome. All parents and families welcome to come and join us at the fields behind the school.



Monday 3rd July (9.50am—12pm) Year 3 | **Tuesday 4th July (9.50am—12pm)** Year 4

Wednesday 5th July (9.50am—12pm) Year 2 | **Thursday 6th July (9.50am—12pm)** Year 5

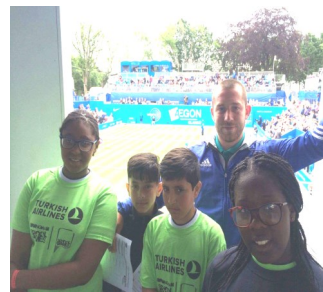
Friday 7th July (9.50am—12pm) Year 6 | **Tuesday 11th July (9.15am—11am)** Year 1

CADBURY (BLUE) - Cadbury was established in Birmingham, in 1824, by John Cadbury who sold tea, coffee and drinking chocolate. Cadbury developed the business with his brother Benjamin, followed by his sons Richard and George. George developed the Bournville estate, a model village designed to give the company's workers improved living conditions. Dairy Milk chocolate, introduced in 1905, used a higher proportion of milk within the recipe compared with rival products. By 1914, the chocolate was the company's best-selling product.

SMALLBROOK (YELLOW) - The Smalbroke family (also spelled Smallbrook) was a powerful landed gentry family between the early 15th and early 19th centuries, owning large areas of land in Birmingham. The family are first recorded in Birmingham in 1425, when William Smalbrook is recorded as a trustee of charitable property at Yardley. In 1590, Richard Smallbrook built Blakesley Hall on farmland he owned in Yardley, which is indicated by his initials inscribed above the doorway. The family farmed at the hall and had other buildings in the surrounding area which were lost over time.

CHAMBERLAIN (RED) - Joseph Chamberlain (8 July 1836 – 2 July 1914) was a British politician and statesman, who first made his career in Birmingham, first as a manufacturer of screws and then as a notable Mayor of the city. He was a radical Liberal Party member - a Jeremy Corbyn of today! As a self-made businessman, he had never attended university and had contempt for the aristocracy. He entered the House of Commons at 39 years of age, relatively late in life compared to politicians from more privileged backgrounds.

TOLKIEN (GREEN) - JRR is best known as the author of The Hobbit and its sequel The Lord of The Rings. In 1896 Tolkien's family moved back to Birmingham and it is widely believed that areas in Birmingham provided inspiration for some of the settings in his work. Sarehole Mill is now a Museum managed by Birmingham Museums & Art Gallery and is open in the summer to the public. It has become a place of pilgrimage to the many Tolkien fans who come to Birmingham for the Middle-earth weekend every May, dressed as Gandalf and other characters from the books.



It has been a very busy and successful month for Sport at Blakesley, and it will continue to be right until the end of term!

On Tuesday 6th June, our Y3/4 Athletics Team came second in the School Games Summer Athletics Competition and were awarded silver medals. On Friday 23rd June, the Y6 Tennis Team competed in the Birmingham School Games Finals at Cannon Hill Park. There was tough competition from different parts of the city, but Yemima, Sharnte, Narcis and Ibraheem did us proud! After their matches, they gained free access to the Aegon Classis and were lucky enough to see the museum and watch some professional tennis!

Good luck to the Cricket Team and Y3/4 Tennis Team in the Birmingham School Games Finals at King Edwards Secondary School on the 14th July!



We have bought buckets, spades, paddling pools and we are in the process of ordering a whole heap of sand, ice lollies and a little something more...

Our D.I.Y beach day will take place on a day during the last week of term for the best attenders only (97 %+).

This last half term is essential for you to get the best possible attendance for this academic year.

All you have to do is be here, all day, every day, the Blakesley way!