



Blakesley Hall Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to the February newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening in school and things to look out for next month.

Upcoming Dates

- **Tuesday 3rd March:** Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting (am)
- **Friday 6th March:** World Book Day
- **Tuesday 17th March:** Year 4 MTC Parent Information Meeting (am)
- **Monday 23rd March:** Teacher training Day
- **Friday 27th March:** Last day of term
- **Monday 13th April-** Back to school



Attendance Update

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a huge focus for us at school. We are working hard with the local authority to improve our attendance and punctuality in school. Our whole school attendance is currently 91.6%, this is better than this time last year but it is still below national expectations.

Persistent absence

We still have over 100 pupils in school who are persistently absent, this means that their attendance is 90% or below. They have already missed at least 12 days this school year. We are organising parent meetings to discuss this and to share our concerns and need for improvement.

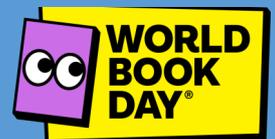
Appointments

Where possible please ensure that appointments are made outside of the school day. Routine dental checkups can be made for during the holidays and any optician appointments can be made during holidays or at weekends. Children should not be leaving school early unless it is unavoidable. Any medical appointments that must be attended should not take the whole day, please make sure children are back in school following their appointment.

Thank you so much to all our families who are working with us to improve attendance.

World Book Day

This year we are asking children to come in their COMFY clothes and bring in their favourite book. If they have a cosy blanket/pillow to bring in they are also welcome to do so.



School Values

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This month's value is **honesty**.

- Be Honest - We tell the truth in a kind way.
- We think carefully about what we are going to say
- We know it is safe to tell the truth
- We take responsibility for making mistakes
- We consider other peoples point of view
- We treat each other with fairness
- We talk through our feelings and emotions with a trusted person
- We consider another person's feelings when being honest



Fundraising / Charity News

NSPCC- Number Day

Our school was delighted to take part in Number Day 2026, supporting the important work of the NSPCC. This year, every year group in school was given a special focus number, which inspired a fantastic range of creative artwork and mathematical thinking.

Classrooms were buzzing with excitement as children explored their numbers through patterns, shapes, collage, painting, and imaginative displays. From bold numerical designs to detailed mathematical art, the creativity on show was truly impressive.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of our pupils, staff, families, and wider school community, we are proud to announce that we raised **£200** for the NSPCC. This contribution will help support the charity's vital work protecting children and providing essential support services.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, donated, and helped make Number Day 2026 such a fun and meaningful event for the whole school.



Place2Be Mental Health Charity



Year 4's charity this year is **Place2Be**. They help schools understand and identify mental health problems, enable children and young people to focus on learning and give them tools to cope with challenges throughout their lives.

Before the holiday the staff and children came to school in an outfit which made them feel most comfortable and confident.

Celebrating our Learning

Young Voices 2026

Our Blakesley Hall Choir took part in the 2026 Young Voices concert in February, along side 6000 other children.

They had been practising 14 songs over the last 5 months, including the Wicked medley, a sea shanty medley, Disco Fever, The Power in Me and many more.

The choir had a great time and sounded incredible. We are all so proud of them here at Blakesley.

They also took part in a world record - breaking World Wide Sing-along to the Wicked Medley. Choirs from around the world including Great Britain, France, Canada, USA and Kenya, all sang together at the same time, led by Emma Kingston who plays Elphaba in the West End production of Wicked. What an opportunity!

Well done choir!



Year 5 National Space Centre Trip

On Wednesday 25th February, our Year 5 pupils blasted off for an incredible day at the National Space Centre in Leicester. It was an amazing opportunity to explore the cosmos and discover fascinating facts about our Solar System and the wider Universe.



A major highlight was visiting the iconic Rocket Tower, where we saw real-life rockets and even had the rare chance to see (and touch) an actual piece of the Moon!

The absolute 'star' of the show, however, was our immersive experience in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, where we reclined in our seats. We felt as though we were truly floating through the stars, gaining a unique perspective on the extraordinary challenges and wonders that astronauts face every day. It was a truly unforgettable mission.



Did you know?

- The Sun's outer surface is 6,000 degrees hot
- The hottest stars are blue and the coolest ones are red.

Celebrating our Learning

Shakespeare themed Dance Workshop

Our Year 6 pupils had an absolutely fantastic time taking part in a lively Shakespeare-themed dance workshop! A professional dance instructor visited the school and brought the world of Shakespeare to life through storytelling, expressive movement, and energetic choreography.

The children jumped straight into the action, learning how to embody characters and scenes through dance and their enthusiasm filled the room. It was a wonderful blend of creativity, teamwork, and laughter—an experience the pupils won't forget!



Year 1 Chinese New Year Assembly

A shout out to the Year 1 children who worked extremely hard and showed amazing confidence when performing for their assembly to celebrate Chinese New Year! Well done Year 1



Safeguarding & Wellbeing

Well-Being Ambassadors

Last half term, the wellbeing ambassadors were busy working with Reception and Year 1 pupils. They visited each of the classes in these year groups to talk about feelings. The children shared different feeling words, what happens to make them feel like that and things that they can do to manage those uncomfortable feelings.



Safer Internet Day

Just before half term, we marked Safer Internet Day as a whole school. Throughout the week, every class held a parent and pupil E-Safety workshop, giving families the opportunity to learn together about staying safe online.

In addition, Compass delivered a Social Media assembly for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, and we also hosted a parent workshop focused on supporting families to keep children safe online at home.

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us and supported this important aspect of our children's learning.



Supporting Children's Mental Health

February 9th saw the start of children's mental health week. To support with this, Compass Mental Health Service came into school to deliver an assembly to Year 5 and 6 pupils around social media and mental health.



Safeguarding- Trusted Adults

Before half term, all children took part in an activity to understand who is a trusted adult.

We asked the children what trust meant, what qualities a trusted adult should have, are all adults trustworthy and helped them to identify 5 adults in their own lives who they could trust when they need help, support or someone to talk to.

Take some time to ask your child who was on their high five list and why.

My Trusted Adults

Trusted adults are people that you trust and who you can tell anything to. This might be a family member, a teacher or another adult that you know. Whenever you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, you can talk to these people straight away. Remember the High Five – 5 people you have as a trusted adult.