



Blackrod Primary School Newsletter 9th January 2026

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the staff team, we hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead.

Information included in this weeks newsletter:

Primary Maths Challenge

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Primary Mathematics Challenge

Recently some of our UKS2 mathematicians took part in the Mathematical Association's annual Primary Mathematics Challenge, a series of very tricky maths questions designed to make them reason, problem solve and think hard! They all did amazingly well and all earned a certificate from the Mathematical Association.

Our highest scorers in our school were

Jackson - Gold, Kaya - Silver and Reuben - Bronze

Well done to everyone who took part; we are all SO proud of you.

We hope to run the Junior Mathematics Challenge for LKS2 in the summer term.

Celebrating activities outside of school



Jax and Edie took on a swimming challenge to raise money for a young person undergoing treatment for leukaemia. Each swimmer completed an incredible 250 lengths, and together they raised £300!

This act of kindness and determination shows the power of thinking of others. A huge well done Jax and Edie – you've made a real difference and we are incredibly proud of you.



Out of 7,000 entries, Jack was one of just three winners in an incredible competition! After being shortlisted as one of 12 children for interviews about Blue Peter and Strictly Come Dancing, Jack impressed the judges and earned a VIP backstage experience at Strictly Come Dancing. This visit was shown on Blue Peter (12th December) which is available on BBC iplayer.

What an amazing achievement – we are so proud of you, Jack!

Fluent and DBS checked teacher

LCF
Le Club Français

FUN FRENCH CLUBS!

LEARN WHILE HAVING FUN & TRY THE CLUB WITH OUR TASTER SESSION!

world culture • crafts

games • songs • stories

AT BLACKROD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lunchtime French Clubs restarting:
Fun French Club on Fridays from 16th Jan, NOW OPEN TO Reception up to YEAR 6 with our age-related groups:
 Reception - Year 2: 11.50-12.20 beginning of lunch
 KS2 Years 3-6 12.20-12.50 after eating lunch

£4.70/session x 10 wks inc. taster, plus £13.95 membership pack fee, 10% Sibling discount and monthly DD/standing Order available to spread cost. Children can have a **no obligation taster** any time, by signing up at link below & paying **AFTER** the session, or email chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk for more info.

MEMBERSHIP WITH LE CLUB FRANCAIS/EL CLUB ESPANOL INCLUDES:

- FRENCH SONGBOOK + CD OR
- STICKER/ACTIVITY BOOK • STICKERS
- FOLDER + STICKER CARD • STREAMING MUSIC •
- ONLINE GAMEZONE + MORE!

SIGN UP & ONLY PAY AFTERWARDS IF CONTINUING. AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.BOLTONLANGUAGES.CO.UK/ENROL](https://www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol)

Extra Curricular Clubs - Booking System goes live at 9am on Saturday 10th January.

Clubs start on Monday 12th January and will run until Friday 13th February.

Extra-curricular activities contribute to a child's overall development. They provide opportunities beyond the standard curriculum for children to explore new interests, develop new skills and build confidence in a supportive environment. These clubs encourage creativity, teamwork and leadership while fostering social connections among peers with similar passions. By taking part in a club and sampling a new skill or experience, children may be inspired to pursue that interest outside of school, helping them discover lifelong hobbies or even future career paths. It is important to note that extra-curricular activities are not intended as childcare; their primary aim is to enrich learning and personal growth.

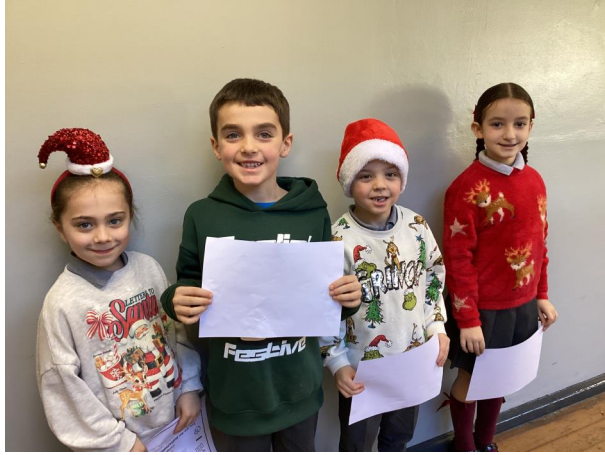
Additionally, they help children to cultivate a sense of belonging within the school community, enhancing both personal growth and well-being.

Celebrating Our Wonderful Award Winners



Congratulations to our most recent award winners! We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you.







PTFA



A huge thank you to everyone for your amazing support of our PTFA events throughout the autumn term!

Your involvement and generosity make such a difference to our school community, and we truly appreciate all that you do.

*The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27 January 2026 at 6.15pm** at the Ridgeway Arms.*

If you would like to be included on the PTFA mailing list for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, please email ptfa@blackrod.bolton.sch.uk¹

Valentines Disco Dates

Tuesday 10th February -

EYFS: 4.45 - 6.00pm

¹<mailto:ptfa@blackrod.bolton.sch.uk>

LKS2: 6.15 -7.30pm

Wednesday 11th February

KS1: 4.45 - 6.00pm

UKS2: 6.15 -7.30pm

Date for the Diary



Tuesday 6th January: Mad Science Club (6 weeks)

Monday 12th January: Extra Curricular clubs start (see details)

Tuesday 13th January: Y2 PE Assessment, Swimming Gala and Y1 Audiology checks with Healthy Families

Wednesday 14th January: Dog Mentor Training and Mahlangu Forest School session

*Tuesday 20th January: UKS2 Indoor Athletics Competition and Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
(Booking System open on Parent app)*

Wednesday 21st January: Ringgold Forest School and Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm (Booking System open on Parent app)

Thursday 22nd January: Young Voices National Sing-a-long event 3.00-4.30pm

Monday 26th January: EYFS Picasso Art Exhibition 3.35-4.15pm (Families will be greeted at the main entrance and directed to the Picasso classroom)

Wednesday 28th January: Y4 Liverpool Trip, Gymnastics Festival and Competition

Thursday 29th January: Van Gogh Class Assembly at 9am
