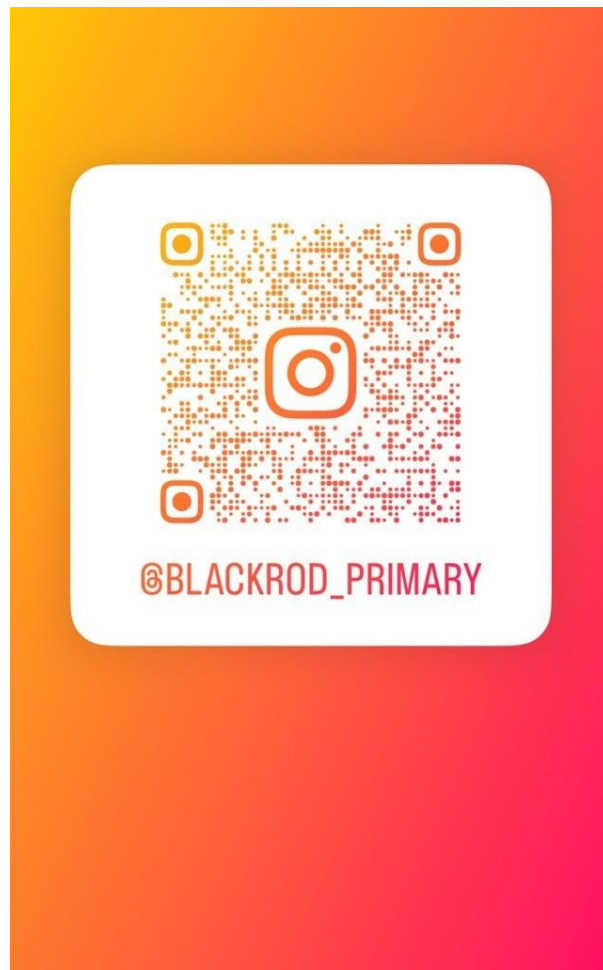




Blackrod Primary School Newsletter  
30th January 2026



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*Thank you to all our families for your continued support and for attending our recent Parent/Teacher Information Meetings. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging with your child's learning and celebrating their progress with us.*

*A huge well done to Van Gogh Class for their exceptional showcase assembly. The children impressed us all with their fantastic knowledge about space, astronauts, and the first moon landings. Their confidence, creativity and teamwork shone throughout - well done, Van Gogh!*

*Our Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic cultural trip to Liverpool, which included a visit to the World Museum followed by an unforgettable experience at the theatre to watch Mary Poppins. A big thank you to Mrs Holland for coordinating such a memorable day, and to all staff who supported the trip and ensured the children had a wonderful experience from start to finish.*

*UKS2 also enjoyed a fascinating Historical Workshop all about The Tudors. This enriching opportunity was fully funded by a very generous donation from our PTFA, meaning there was*

*no additional cost to families. We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support in providing valuable learning experiences for our pupils.*

***Information included in this weeks newsletter:***

***Key Updates***

*Key Stage Updates*

*Dates for the diary*

*Community Events - Author Dan Worsley*

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**Key Updates**

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***Key Reminders***

***🌐World Thinking Day – Monday 23rd February 🌐***

*To celebrate World Thinking Day, we invite all children who are part of any uniformed organisation—Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, or others—to proudly wear their uniform to school on Monday 23rd February.*

*This is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their experiences, talk about the groups they belong to, and celebrate the skills, friendships, and adventures they enjoy through these associations.*

*We look forward to celebrating together! 🤍🤍🤍🤍*

***Online Safety – Parental Support***

*We would like to remind our families of the importance of closely monitoring your child's screen time, as well as their access to online games, platforms, social media and chats.*

*We are seeing an increase in online-related concerns coming into school, which can be upsetting for children and can have a significant impact on learning while staff address or investigate these issues.*

*As a school, we do not have control over children's online use at home or access to devices. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that children are kept safe while using the devices provided for them. Please be extra vigilant with your child's online activity.*

*Our Blackrod Primary Online Safety Hub offers a wealth of advice and support. The articles and research featured there are created by experts in the field of online use and safeguarding, ensuring parents and carers have access to high-quality, up-to-date guidance to help navigate this area confidently. [Online Safety Hub - Blackrod Primary School](#)*

*If you need any further support in ensuring the safeguarding of your child online, please contact school. We can signpost you to a range of high-quality resources that can help you navigate online safety with confidence.*

*The safeguarding of all children is of the utmost importance and we thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to keep every child safe.*

### ***Snack Policy***

*Please ensure all families follow our school snack policy. Any snack items that are not in line with the policy will be returned home. Children will not be permitted to eat these snacks in school; however, they will be offered a piece of fruit or vegetable from the universal EYFS/KS1 fruit scheme.*

*Thank you for helping us promote healthy eating across school.*

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## EYFS Key Stage Update



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*We have had a wonderful week full of adventure! In Literacy we have been learning all about Sir David Attenborough. We have been writing CVC words and captions about all the animals he has seen, we also became explorers and used binoculars to find animals in their "habitats".*

*In maths we have been focusing on length and height we have been ordering objects from shortest to longest. In our R.E. project we have been discussing and understanding "Why God is important to Christians" we listened to the creation story from the Bible. Important notices: Stay and Play sessions are next week please arrive at the front entrance for 2:15 on the date you booked via Google Forms. Forest School items must be in school for children to access the forest school weekly. Please return forest school items as soon as possible.*

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## Key Stage One Update



*Key Stage 1 have had a wonderfully productive week, filled with hands-on learning and lots of enthusiasm. In maths, Year 1 have been strengthening their confidence with addition and subtraction within 20. They have been using number lines, practical equipment and mental strategies to solve problems, and many children are beginning to explain their thinking more clearly. Year 2 have been working on money, learning to recognise different coins and notes, add up values accurately and tackle multi-step word problems. They have shown great perseverance when checking their answers and choosing the most efficient methods. In art, the children have been exploring the work of Jasper Johns, focusing on his bold use of primary colours and repeated patterns. They experimented with colour mixing, layering and texture, and particularly enjoyed using Lego bricks to print and build a range of shapes. This has helped them think creatively about how everyday objects can be used to make art. In computing, we have been learning about photo stories. The children have been practising how to take clear, purposeful photographs and then edit them using tools such as crop, resize and filters. They loved experimenting with different effects and seeing how small changes can completely transform an image. Their growing independence and confidence with digital tools has been brilliant to see.*

*A huge well done to Van Gogh for their fantastic class assembly. The children spoke clearly, performed with confidence and shared their learning beautifully. It was a joy to watch and we are all incredibly proud of them. Photographs to follow next week.*

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## Lower Key Stage Two Update



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*Year 4 very much enjoyed their trip to the World museum and theatre. Mary Poppins was Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! Photographs to follow next week.*

*In Art, we have been using charcoal to create stone age images, just like those depicted on ancient cave walls. We have been learning about the prehistoric village - Skara Brea. It is amazing to think this fascinating village has been uncovered and can now help us to learn about life in the past.*

*In Science, we have been building circuits with a range of components such as lamps and buzzers. We have also been investigating conductors and insulators and the importance of electrical safety.*

*We continue to work on multiplication and division facts including the 4 and 8 x table in Year 3. Year 4 are working towards knowing all multiplication facts and are making fantastic progress!*

**Reminders:**

*Kahlo Class Assembly : Thursday 5th February at 9am. (Please bring your costume Mon/Tues next week for a dress rehearsal.)*

*Forest School: Lowry-Wednesday 4th February, Da Vinci-Wednesday 11th February, Kahlo-Wednesday 25th February*

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## Upper Key Stage Two Update



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*We have had another very busy and exciting week in UKS2, with plenty of memorable learning experiences for the children. The highlight of the week was our amazing Tudor workshop, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Pupils were fully immersed in Tudor life as they took part in archery lessons, re-enacted the Battle of Bosworth and explored a range of*

*Tudor artefacts and costumes. They also enjoyed an archaeological 'dig' and learned about Tudor money, gaining a real sense of what life was like during this fascinating period of history. The children approached the day with enthusiasm and curiosity and we truly had a great time. In science, we have started our new unit on forces. Thank you to the PTFA for generously funding the day.*

*The children have begun exploring key ideas such as gravity and air resistance, using practical activities and discussion to develop their understanding of how forces affect movement in everyday life. This unit will continue to build scientific vocabulary and encourage careful observation and questioning. We have also begun a new unit in our wider curriculum, thinking deeply about Hinduism and the concept of Brahman. Pupils have shown thoughtfulness and respect as they explore what Brahman means within Hindu belief and how it helps people understand the nature of God and the world around them. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning.*

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## **Date for the Diary**



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***Please refer to the Spring Term calendar for all upcoming dates including Forest School sessions and Class Assemblies***

*Monday 2nd February: Sports Hall Athletics Competition, Governors Meeting 2pm and EYFS Stay and Play session 2.15pm-3.15pm*

*Tuesday 3rd February: EYFS Stay and Play session 2.15pm-3.15pm*

*Wednesday 4th February: Lowry Forest School, LKS2 Sports Hall Athletics Competition and CSSC Governors Meeting*

*Thursday 5th February: Kahlo Class Assembly at 9am and EYFS Stay and Play session 2.15pm-3.15pm*

*Friday 6th February: Young Voices Concert*

*Monday 9th February: Right Respecting Schools Workshops*

*Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day and Balance Bikes competition*

*Wednesday 11th February: Da Vinci Forest School*

*Thursday 12th February: RFS Governors Meeting*

*Friday 13th February: School closes for half term at 3.30pm. All Stars remains open as normal*

*Monday 23rd February: School reopens and World Thinking Day 2026 'Friendship'*

*Wednesday 25th February: Primary Dance Competition and Kahlo Forest School*

*Thursday 26th February: Hockey Competition*

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