



Blackrod Primary School Newsletter June 2026



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An update from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting and productive term. I hope you all had a restful break and that the children return refreshed and ready to learn.

At the end of last term, we were delighted to welcome our new families to the Reception intake meeting. It was wonderful to meet you and begin building strong partnerships as your children prepare to join our school community. We look forward to seeing you again soon and supporting your children as they begin this important journey.

I would also like to thank our Year 6 parents and carers who attended the Manor Adventure holiday meeting. We hope you found the session useful and that it provided helpful

information about the upcoming trip. If you do have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school.

We were incredibly proud of our cross country team, who demonstrated fantastic determination and resilience by competing in torrential rain at the recent cluster competition. You represented our school brilliantly, well done to you all.

Congratulations once again to our Blackrod Honours Award winners. We are very proud of your achievements, and a special newsletter celebrating your success will be shared very soon.

As we begin this new term, please continue to refer to the uniform policy when purchasing items or deciding what children wear to school. The uniform policy has not changed and we expect all families to continue upholding these standards, as agreed when accepting a place at our school.

Please also look out for upcoming newsletters, where we will continue to share and celebrate the many events and activities taking place across school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, we look forward to a successful term ahead.

Well Done to Year 6

We could not be prouder of our incredible Year 6 children following their SATs week. They have worked tirelessly in the lead-up to these assessments, showing dedication, resilience and a real commitment to doing their very best.

Throughout the week, they have approached each day with smiles on their faces, supporting one another and demonstrating the Blackrod Way in everything they do. Their positive attitudes, determination and teamwork have truly shone - they deserve every success.

On Friday, it was wonderful to see them celebrate in style at their disco with DJ Danny! Watching them relax, laugh and enjoy time with their friends was a real joy.

Well done, Year 6 – you have been amazing and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you!

Please check parent pay accounts to:

Clear lunch and All Stars balances

Pay for upcoming educational visits

Book morning snack with Bolton School Meals service for Summer term 2

Small People, Big Rights!

*We often talk about the responsibilities our children have, but what about their rights? This week, we are diving into **Article 1** of the UNCRC. This foundational rule establishes that every person under 18 is a 'child' with a specific set of universal rights that no one can take away. It's the 'safety net' that allows our students to grow up feeling secure, heard, and valued.*

***Article 1: How is it upheld at Blackrod?** You might think of 'rights' as something for grown-ups, but the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child starts at the very beginning. **Article 1** defines every student in our school as a child deserving of specific, protected rights until their 18th birthday. It is the foundation of everything we do at Blackrod Primary School—ensuring that from Reception to Year 6, your child is treated with the dignity, care, and respect they deserve.*

find out more at: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/>

Celebration Assembly

We are incredibly proud to celebrate this week's award winners across school!

A huge congratulations to our Head Teacher Award recipients and our Blackrod Values Award winners, who have truly embodied our values and shown fantastic commitment to their learning and our school community.

Well done also to our OPAL Play Leader of the Week and OPAL Award winner, who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, kindness and creativity during playtimes.

And a special mention to our OPAL Golden Welly Classes 'Mahlangu and Milhazes' – thank you for making the most of our outdoor spaces and showing such enthusiasm, teamwork and respect.

We are so proud of you all, keep shining and setting such a wonderful example!





Key Stage Updates

EYFS

This week, the children have been developing their understanding of items from the past and how they have changed into the things we use today. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and growing awareness of how life has evolved over time.

During our additional Forest School sessions, the children have also been practising writing phrases and simple sentences using the phonics sounds they have been learning in class. They have shown great enthusiasm for applying their phonics skills in an outdoor setting.

In maths, we have been revisiting 2D shapes and exploring how these shapes change when they are rotated. The children have enjoyed recognising that even when shapes turn, their properties remain the same.

Important Notices

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure that if your child comes to school wearing shorts, they also have a spare pair of trousers in their bag for Forest School sessions.

We also kindly ask that you continue to practise your child's phonics using their reading books and sheets at home. Please encourage them to access Oxford Owl to complete their home tasks and remember to record any practice in their diary.

Thank you for your continued support.

KS1

We have had a fantastic few weeks in class and the children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects. In Maths, we have been learning about fractions, exploring how we can recognise and find halves and quarters. The children have shown great enthusiasm and are becoming more confident in sharing and grouping. In History, we have been learning about monarchs, developing an understanding of what a king or queen is and how their role has changed over time. In Science, we have been exploring different habitats, learning about where animals and plants live and what they need to survive. The children have really enjoyed discussing a variety of environments and In English, the children have been completing their final pieces of writing for their current book. They have worked extremely hard to apply everything they have learned, and we are very proud of their progress and effort. We also had two wonderful class assemblies. Gauguin Class and Milhazes Class did a fantastic job, showing confidence, teamwork, and creativity—well done to all involved!

Important notices

- Please could all children bring in a cereal box for our upcoming DT Ferris wheel project.*
- Gauguin's Forest School session will be rearranged to **Wednesday 10th June** due to the Y2 class trip to Blackpool Zoo.*

LKS2

LKS2 have had a very busy and exciting start to the summer term!

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their recent space mission to Jodrell Bank. During their visit, they learned all about the Lovell Telescope, carried out their own research, and explored the immersive Space Dome. As a special experience just for Blackrod Primary, the children even had an exclusive audience with Professor Tim O'Brien, Director and Professor of Astrophysics. He spoke to them about sundials and answered their many thoughtful questions.

Once they returned safely to Blackrod, the excitement continued with their 'Mission to Mars' school sleepover. The children took part in a range of fantastic activities including stargazing,

identifying constellations, building their own space rovers and completing space-themed challenges—all creating lasting memories.

Year 4 have also had a brilliant start to the term, taking part in their Bikeability training. They refreshed their knowledge of the basics of cycling and developed important life skills, focusing on braking, pedalling, maintaining control, gliding and becoming more aware of their surroundings. Well done, Year 4!

Important Information for Year 4

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC):

*Year 4 pupils will take part in the statutory MTC between **Monday 8th June and Friday 12th June.***

*Further information, along with useful resources and practice links (including access to TTRS), can be found on our website: **Children > Key Stage Pages > Lower Key Stage 2***

UKS2

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils this week. They have shown a fantastic attitude and great determination throughout their SATs, approaching each day with resilience, confidence and positivity. They should all feel very proud of their efforts.

To celebrate the end of SATs, we were delighted to welcome DJ Danny for a special celebration event. The children had a brilliant time enjoying the music and celebrating together. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout, with lots of prizes won; a well-deserved treat after all their hard work!

Year 5 have also been working incredibly hard this week. They have spent their mornings learning with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Spilsbury, consistently demonstrating our Blackrod Values. Alongside this, they have continued to build on their geography learning, developing their understanding of maps and how to use them effectively.

A reminder that Mahlangu Class have swimming on Monday. Please ensure all swimming kits are in school. Mrs Mead will be taking the children for this session.

Well done to all of our UKS2 pupils for another brilliant week of learning—we are very proud of you all.

Forest School Dates



****CHANGE OF DATE - GAUGUIN CLASS WILL HAVE FOREST SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE IN THE MORNING****

Class	Dates
DaVinci	Wednesday 22 nd April 2026
Kahlo	Wednesday 6 th May 2026
Picasso	Thursday 7 th May 2026
Van Gogh	Wednesday 20 th May 2026
Milhazes	Wednesday 10 th June 2026
Ringgold	Wednesday 17 th June 2026
Mahlangu	Wednesday 24 th June 2026
Gauguin	Wednesday 1 st July 2026
Mackintosh - am	Wednesday 8th July 2026
Lowry - pm	

Summer Term Key Dates



Sports Day - Monday 22nd June 2026 (Afternoon session)

Arts Week - Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July (Inclusive)

Summer Fair/Blackrod Scarecrow Festival - Saturday 27th June

*Transition week (Children will visit their new classes) - Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July
(inclusive)*

*Parents Eve - Session 1 Tuesday 23rd June and Session 2 Wednesday 1st July (Booking system
will open after half term on parent app)*

Y6 Events:

Y6 Leavers Festival - Friday 3rd July (evening)

Y6 Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach - Wednesday 24th June

Y6 Residential to Manor Adventure - Friday 12th June - Monday 15th June

Statutory Assessments

Y6 Writing Assessments to be completed by mid June

KS1 Phonics Screen (Y1) - Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June (Inclusive)

KS2 Multiplication Check (Y4) - Monday 8th June - Friday 12th June (Inclusive)

Date for the Diary



School reopens on Monday 8th June

Class Assemblies 2025 - 2026 (Start at 9.10am)

Ringgold - 25th June 2026

Picasso - 3rd July 2026

Year 6 Leavers assembly - Wednesday 22nd July at 9am
