



Blackrod Primary School Newsletter

18th September 2026

Please follow us on instagram and facebook to see great stories about school, play, Holiday club, All stars and reminders about events.

Picasso Class 2026



Our new Picasso children have had a fantastic start to their journey at Blackrod Primary School. I had the pleasure of spending the morning with them today and it has been wonderful to see how quickly they have settled into school life, embracing new experiences and enjoying their time in the classroom.

Each child has been paired with a buddy from Upper Key Stage 2, who has provided invaluable support during these first few weeks. From helping with transitions and lunchtimes to introducing new friends and encouraging play, our buddies have demonstrated kindness, responsibility and care, helping our youngest children feel happy, safe and included.

We are incredibly proud of how well our Picasso children have settled and look forward to watching them grow, learn and thrive as part of the Blackrod family.

Celebrating our achievements

Congratulations to all of our recent award winners!

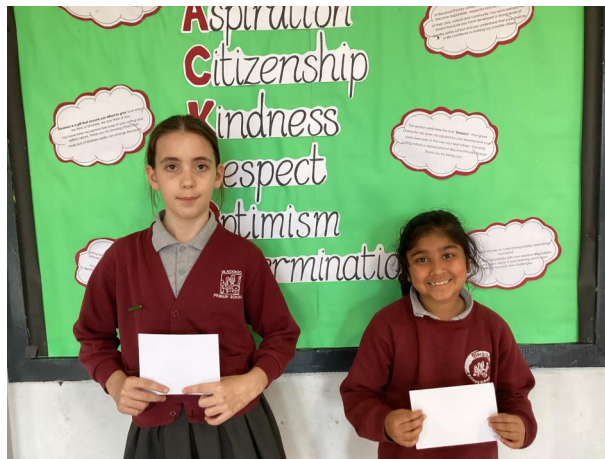
*This week, we were delighted to celebrate our **OPAL Award winners, Headteacher's Award winners for Reading and Mathematics, and our Blackrod Values Award winners for Bravery and Learning.** These awards recognise children who consistently demonstrate our school values and a commitment to their learning and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.*

I also had the pleasure of welcoming a group of children to my office who have been working exceptionally hard to develop their sketching skills in Art. They proudly shared their artwork and demonstrated fantastic progress, creativity and attention to detail. Their work was truly amazing and it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and dedication to improving their artistic talents.

Well done to all of our award winners and budding artists for representing Blackrod Primary School so brilliantly.







OPAL PLAY

at Blackrod Primary School

CAN YOU HELP ENHANCE OUR PLAY?

Children spend **20%** of the school day playing!

Your donated resources help us create imaginative, creative and adventurous play opportunities for everyone.

THANK YOU for helping us play!

LOOSE PARTS

- Old keyboards
- Computer mice
- Tyres, large and small
- Drainpipes/ storm drain pipes
- Sand toys
- Water toys

NATURAL MATERIALS for the MUD KITCHEN

- Conkers
- Acorn wood slices
- Pine cones
- Leaves, bark, sticks & other natural treasures!

WHIMSICAL GARDEN AREA

- Garden ornaments
- Plants
- Stones
- Pebbles
- Gnomes

LARGE CONSTRUCTION PARTS

- Pallets
- Any off cuts of artificial grass
- Planks, tubes, crates, reels, large boxes & more!

SMALL WORLD PLAY TOYS

- Farm animals
- Zoo animals
- Cars, diggers & tractors
- Characters & figures
- Trains
- Play mats

Look what we can create!

Loose parts become amazing inventions!

We turn treasures into adventures!

Every donation helps our imagination grow!

THANK YOU!

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

TOGETHER
WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE



Join us for a
cuppa, cake and a chat!

Help us raise money for
Macmillan Cancer Support
while enjoying tea, coffee
and delicious cakes.



**BLACKROD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**FRIDAY
25TH SEPTEMBER**



9:30am – 11:00am

Everyone Welcome!

WHAT'S ON?



Delicious cakes
and sweet treats



Tea, coffee and
refreshments



A chance to catch up
with friends and families



Raising money for
Macmillan Cancer Support

CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED!

We would love your support!



Please send cake donations
into school by
Thursday 24th September



Home-baked cakes are
warmly welcomed



Please include a full
ingredients list with all
homemade items



STRICTLY NO NUTS
due to allergies



EVERY CUPPA
AND EVERY SLICE
MAKES A DIFFERENCE



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

TOGETHER, WE CAN SUPPORT PEOPLE LIVING WITH CANCER.

We are delighted to announce that our Macmillan Community Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 25th September 2026. Everyone is welcome to join us, including parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school.

*To help make this event a success, we would be very grateful for donations of cakes. If you are able to donate a homemade cake, please ensure it is accompanied by a clearly labelled list of ingredients. As we are a **nut-free school**, we kindly ask that no homemade or shop-bought cakes containing nuts of any kind are brought into school.*

Children will have the opportunity to enjoy a cake during the school day for a donation of 50p. Any donations should be sent into school in a clearly labelled envelope.

Please note that children will not attend the Community Coffee Morning itself and will remain in class as normal. A selection of cakes will be delivered to classrooms for the children to enjoy with their friends during the school day.

Thank you for your support. Every donation helps Macmillan continue to provide vital support to people living with cancer and their families.

Snacks, Allergies and Benedict's Law



*As part of our commitment to keeping all children safe and healthy, and in line with the implementation of **Benedict's Law**, we would like to remind families of the importance of complying with our **Healthy Schools Snack Policy**. Benedict's Law has been introduced to strengthen allergy safety in schools following the tragic death of five-year-old Benedict Blythe after an anaphylactic reaction at school. The legislation highlights the vital role schools and families play in protecting children with allergies.*

For some children, exposure to an allergen can result in anaphylaxis, a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that requires immediate medical treatment. Even seemingly small amounts of certain foods can trigger a serious reaction.

As in previous years, we are unable to distribute homemade cakes, sweets or other homemade treats for birthdays and celebrations. Any food items brought into school for sharing must be shop-bought, remain in their original packaging, and have a clearly visible ingredients list so that we can safely manage allergies and dietary requirements.

Please also ensure that any snacks sent into school comply with our Healthy Schools Snack Policy. Snack items that do not meet the requirements of the policy will be returned home. These measures help us promote healthy eating habits and create a safe environment for all children, particularly those with food allergies and medical conditions.

In addition, if your child has medication that is kept in school, such as an inhaler or EpiPen, please ensure that we are provided with in-date medication at all times.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, healthy and inclusive environment for all children.

Free School Meals Eligibility Check

We kindly ask all families to complete a Free School Meals eligibility check if you think you may qualify.

Even if your child does not take a school meal, being eligible for Free School Meals can provide valuable additional funding for the school, helping us to offer extra support and opportunities for children.

At Blackrod Primary School, as part of our offer, we currently use some of this funding to support children eligible for targeted free school meals, with the cost of educational visits and other wider opportunities.

The letter detailing the information you need to provide is in parent app - content-letters home. The FSM Eligibility check link is [Free School Meals Checker - Check Eligibility Online / LGfL FSM](#)

If you think your family may be eligible, please take a few moments to complete the check. Your support could make a real difference to both your child and the wider school community.
Thank you.

Information

Communications sent this week

Autumn term calendar of events

Extra Curricular Clubs

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Y6 Manor Adventure

Y2&3 - Educational visit to the Mosque

Community activities and information and family support

Please take a moment to explore the section below, where you'll find signposting to local family events, guidance and support for parents, and helpful information on how you can support both yourself and your children.



Apply for a primary school place

Everything you need to know
about school admissions

Do you know that in Bolton...

...some of the more popular
schools will receive more
applications each year than
there are available places.

Applications for faith schools or

[www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/
apply-online-school-place](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/apply-online-school-place)

A young boy with curly hair, wearing a light blue school shirt and a dark tie, is sitting at a desk. He is holding a green pencil and looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred classroom setting with a globe and some plants on a shelf.

Apply for a secondary school place

Everything you need to know
about school admissions

**Do you know that in
Bolton...**

some cases, more than three times.

[www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/
apply-online-school-place](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/apply-online-school-place)

THE MAYOR OF BLACKROD'S
OKTOBERFEST
 FUNDRAISING EVENT

FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2026
 7PM – MIDNIGHT
 HAIGH BARN, HAIGH, WN2 1LQ

Bratwurst included in the price!

MUSIC BY THE FABULOUS
JÄGER MAESTROS OOMPAH BAND

WONDERFUL GERMANIC FOOD INCLUDED

TICKETS
 £45pp per seat [front row table]
 £35pp per seat [general table]*
 *reduced to £30 for 8 or more tickets

IN SUPPORT OF:

CATERING BY: RK CATERING

DESIGN: 

MORE INFO:


TICKETS: 07701 000 084

**Enriching Minds,
 Developing Character**

Whole School Open Morning

Saturday 10 October 2026, 9.30am – 1.45pm





Our Whole School Open Morning will allow you to discover what makes an education at Bolton School so special.

Tour our 32 acre campus	Enjoy activities and entertainment
Talk with the Heads	Meet pupils and parents
Visit our state of the art facilities	Discuss the entry process



The best way to find out more about Bolton School is to visit us.

Register now: boltonschool.org



**WOODBIDGE
SEND SERVICE**

PARENT WORKSHOP

Autism Spectrum

Autism Spectrum This workshop will focus on supporting parents and families to better understand autism and develop an understanding of practical strategies for communication, managing ineffective behaviors and daily routines. Parents and families will have the opportunity to meet and share their thought and experiences.

Cost: £15 per family maximum 2 to attend
Date: Friday 23rd October 2026, 9.30-10.30

Woodbridge Training Hub
Waggon Road, Bolton
www.woodbridgesend.co.uk



Parent Workshop-Autism Spectrum

Friday 23rd October 2026

9.30-10.30

£15 for two family members

<https://www.woodbridgesend.co.uk/parents/workshops/>



**WOODBIDGE
SEND SERVICE**

PARENT WORKSHOP

Emotional Freedom Tapping (EFT)

Elevate your parenting toolkit with Carol Ann Weston, an Advanced EFT Practitioner, who teaches parents how to use evidence-based Tapping(EFT) themselves to regulate stress, model emotional resilience and create a calmer more connected home environment.

Cost: £15 per family
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Date: Friday 16th October 2026
9.30-10.30

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Date for the Diary



Monday 21st September Book Fair starts (see information shared this week)

Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee morning (Hosted by Year 6)

Thursday 1st October - Individual and sibling photographs (if you have younger siblings who do not attend school, you are welcome to bring the children in at 8.30am for sibling photographs. When both/all siblings are in school, the oldest child will collect their younger sibling/s and they will have both individual and sibling photographs taken)

Friday 2nd October - Local History Day (see information shared)

Monday 12th October - Picasso class 'Visit from the Fire Service', first Youth Council meeting and Lowry Forest School

Wednesday 14th October - New Intake Open day (10-11.30am and 1.30-2.30pm)

Thursday 15th October - Harvest Festival collection for local food banks and gifts for the Blackrod care homes (Any donations are greatly appreciated)

Friday 16th October - School closes for half term at 3.30pm (All stars open as usual)
