



Blackrod Primary School Newsletter

9th October 2026

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

Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th October - Picasso class 'Visit from the Fire Service', first Youth Council meeting, Y5 trip to RBHS to watch Sister Act and Lowry Forest School

POSTPONED**Wednesday 14th October - New Intake Open day**

New date Wednesday 4th November 2026 (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)

Monday 2nd November - School reopens for autumn term 2 and Gauguin Forest School

Mrs Holland and Milhazes class

Today, Mrs Holland begins an exciting new chapter as she starts her maternity leave in preparation for the arrival of her baby.

Mrs Holland has been a valued member of our Blackrod family, and while we will miss her greatly, we are delighted for her as she begins this special journey. On behalf of everyone at Blackrod Primary School, we send our love and very best wishes to Mrs Holland and her family. We cannot wait to hear the wonderful news of Baby Holland's arrival and look forward to meeting the newest member of the Blackrod family!

While Mrs Holland is away, Mr Hardcastle will be teaching the Milhazes class alongside Mrs Wilson, who will continue supporting the children as usual.

Good luck, Mrs Holland. Enjoy every precious moment and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.

*A huge thank you to all of our families who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we have raised an incredible **£1,415 in Scholastic Rewards** for our school. These rewards will be used to purchase new books and resources to further enrich our children's learning and love of reading. We are very grateful for your continued support*

Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to our recent Headteachers and Blackrod Values award winners!







Local History Day - On Friday, we travelled back in time to explore the Victorian era and discover more about our local history. Everyone fully embraced the day, arriving in fantastic costumes and enthusiastically taking part in a range of immersive experiences.

EYFS and KS1 stepped back into a Victorian classroom with Miss Banks and her fantastic History Alive workshop. Meanwhile, LKS2 worked alongside the Lowry Theatre Visual Arts Team to create some amazing pieces of artwork inspired by our local heritage. UKS2 also travelled back in time, experiencing life in a Victorian classroom through an engaging workshop led by the History Workshops team.

These memorable experiences combined to create a truly unforgettable day, bringing history to life for our children in exciting and meaningful ways. A huge thank you to Mrs Burt for coordinating the event and arranging for these experts to visit our school.

We would also like to remind families that there are still a significant number of outstanding payments on ParentPay for this event. We kindly ask that these are settled as soon as possible. Experiences such as these enrich our curriculum and help bring learning to life, but

they can only continue with the support of our families. Thank you for your continued support.

Look out for our upcoming class newsletters, where we will be sharing photographs and highlights from this fantastic day of learning. We can't wait to showcase the wonderful experiences and memories created during our Victorian Day!

Macmillan Coffee and Cake event - A huge thank you to all the members of our school community who supported our Macmillan Coffee and Cake event, hosted by Year 6.

The children did a fantastic job helping to organise and run the event, and we are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment. Thanks to your generosity and support, we are delighted to announce that we raised an amazing £550 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you to everyone who donated, attended, baked and helped make the event such a success. Together, we have made a real difference!



FOREST SCHOOL AT BLACKROD

Arms and
legs to be
covered at
all times

Wellies
& 2 pairs of
socks

Waterproof
suit or jacket &
trousers

Old clothes
which keep
us warm and
dry

A warm coat
Hat and
gloves

PTFA Events



Please find below the upcoming PTFA events.

Halloween Disco's (tickets will be available to buy on parent pay)

Monday 2nd November: EYFS 5pm-6pm and LKS2 6.15pm-7.15pm

Wednesday 4th November: KS1 5pm-6pm and UKS2 6.15-7.15pm

Selection Box Bingo - Monday 14th December

Christmas Markets - Friday 4th December

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.

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.

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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/>
