



Blackgates Primary Academy

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL

JUNE EDITION

Friday 20 June 2025

### Principal's Message



It has been a hot and sunny week once more. Our children have a lovely week especially today, when we held our day of 'Joy and Discovery'. To celebrate our fabulous Ofsted Report we decided to hold a learning day where children learnt through enjoyment. We used very little writing and technology. Children absolutely loved the scientific investigations, archeological digs, orienteering, treasure hunts, quizzes and much much more! They enjoyed a picnic of pizza, chips and ice lollies / ice cream. It was amazing to see the enjoyment on their faces - I will share some photographs here and on the website shortly.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Courtney on her new post of Head of school in another Leeds school. We will miss her but know she will make a wonderful headteacher!

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mrs Julie Coulson  
Principal

### Notices

#### Do not push the gate



#### Scooters & Bicycles

Please ensure all scooters and bikes are NOT ridden on school grounds and are stored **securely** in the bike shed. We cannot be held responsible for any that go missing. NO electric scooters are allowed on site at any time.

### Important Dates:

#### Training days:

Monday 2 September

Friday 8 November

Friday 23 May

Monday 21 July

Tuesday 22 July

Extra day Friday 18 July

#### Dates for your Diary

##### Sports day

Wednesday 9 July (Little Ducklings and Nursery morning classes) 9.30am - 10.30am  
Wednesday 9 July (Little Ducklings and Nursery afternoon classes) 1pm - 2pm

**Amended date** from 27 June- 11 July Year 6 Reward trip.

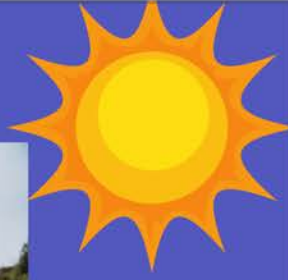
25 June - Early Years Seaside day  
Early Years stay and play  
Thursday 26 June &  
Monday 14 July  
11 - 11.40am & 2.30 - 3.20pm

#### Summer Term

##### Seaside trips

Reception - Hornsey - 4 June  
Year 2 - Filey - 11 June  
Year 1 - Hornsea - 18 June  
Year 4 - Scarborough - 25 June  
Year 5 - Bridlington - 2 July  
Year 6 - Flamborough - 9 July  
Year 3 - Whitby - 16 July

## Joy and Discovery Day







# Nursery



Nursery have had another lovely week this week developing and practising lots of gross motor skills such as hopping and skipping, pedalling on trikes and bikes, balancing on one foot and moving to music copying dance routines in preparation for our upcoming Sports Day! We're all very excited that we will be able to showcase our skills to our special grown ups soon!

Please look out for our EYFS seaside letter with information regarding what your child will need to bring on our Seaside Day!





# Robins



This week we have partitioning amounts using numbers up to ten. The children worked hard to partition using the STEM sentence ...is the part...is the part...is the whole.

I wonder if they can show you these new skills at home. Don't forget to upload photos to tapestry!



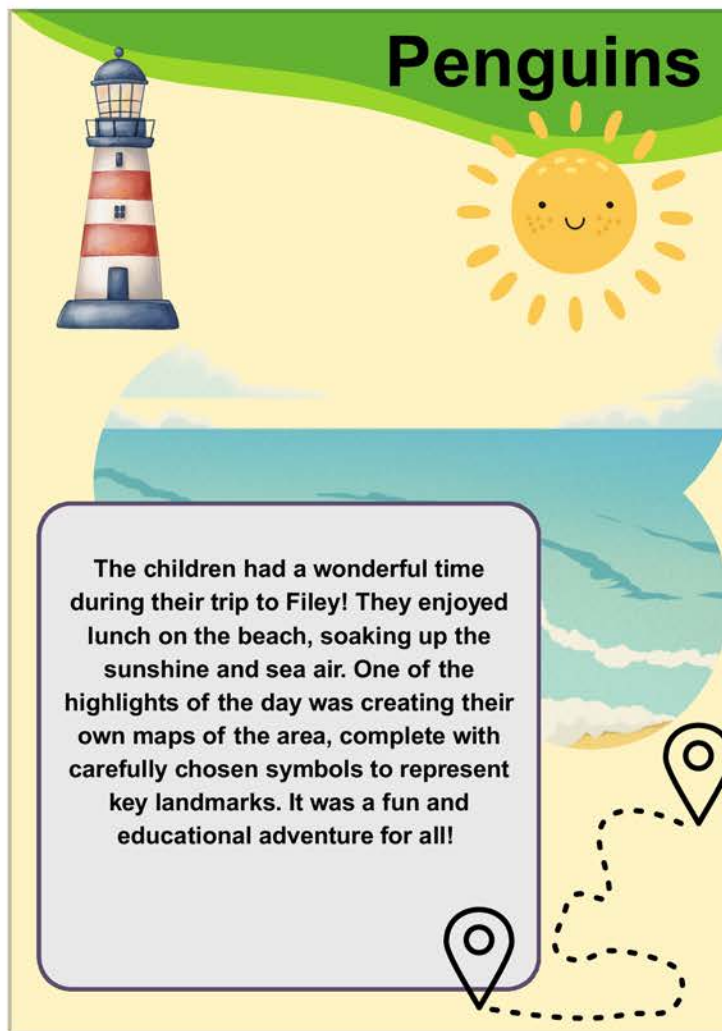
# BUILD SKILLS

# Doves

Year 1 had a fantastic trip this week to Hornsea. We all had a paddle in the sea, made sandcastles, beach art and enjoyed an Ice cream. The children all agreed that the sea was cold but soon forgot about the temperature as they jumped over the waves. Everyone had a fantastic time and made some lovely memories.

BEACH







# Nightingales



During science this week, we set up an experiment to see how friction affected the distance a toy car travelled down a ramp. The children were so shocked that the car wouldn't go down with bubble wrap on it! Most children were correct with their prediction of smooth wood being the surface that the car would travel the fastest down.

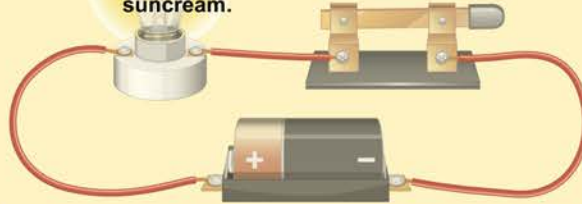


# Ravens



On Friday, the children took part in a joy and discovery day. We have had so much fun building circuits, investigated fingerprints and completing a treasure hunt outside and learning all about Pointilism art. We enjoyed a pizza picnic and enjoyed the sunshine.

What a fabulous Friday. Next Wednesday is our trip to Scarborough. With the lovely weather we have been having, please ensure the children have suitable clothing, including a sunhat, and suncream.



# Falcons

Year 5 began their assessments this week, and I am incredibly proud of how hard they have worked. Their focus, resilience, and determination have been wonderful to see.

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RESILIENT!**

We finished the week with our fantastic Joy and Discovery Day.

The children showed great creativity as they worked in teams to create fun and engaging adverts for everyday, boring items. They also enjoyed completing a challenging scavenger hunt, demonstrating excellent teamwork and problem-solving skills.

We rounded off the day with some beautiful artwork inspired by Charlie Mackesy, where the children reflected thoughtfully and expressed themselves through art.





# Hawks



What a week it's been! With the heatwave in full swing, we want to say a huge well done to all our Year 6 pupils for keeping cool, staying positive, and giving it their best. A special shout-out goes to everyone who took part in Sports Day—your energy, effort, and fantastic sportsmanship really stood out. You made us proud!

**Important Date Change:** Please note that there will now be a training day on Friday 18th July. As a result, our Graduation Assembly has been moved to Thursday 17th July at 10:00am. All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion as we celebrate our incredible Year 6 leavers.

Have a lovely weekend and stay cool!

Class of  
2025





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20 June 2025

Dear parents and carers

We are able to hold face to face meetings now, and we feel it is important for you to meet or speak to your child's new teacher so we would like to invite you to either a face to face meeting or have a telephone conversation with your child's new teacher/s. This will be held on Tuesday 15 July from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Please fill out the slip below and return to school. The new teachers are as follows:

Class now	Moving to Year group	Teacher
Robins	Year 1	Miss Ruse
Doves	Year 2	Miss Poskett
Penguins	Year 3	Miss Lunn
Nightingales	Year 4	Miss Gutteridge & Mrs Barrie
Ravens	Year 5	Miss Hession
Falcons	Year 6	Miss Pillinger

The children will have been told today who their new class teacher is to be and will have opportunities to meet them before the summer holidays.

Mrs Julie Coulson  
Principal





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13 June 2025

Dear parents/carers

We are writing to inform you that Blackgates Primary Academy will be closed for an additional staff INSET day on Friday 18 July 2025. We are truly sorry for the short notice but due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to give prior warning.

School will be closed to all pupils on this day to allow building alterations to take place in preparation for September so that children benefit from more effective learning environments.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Julie Coulson

Principal

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Dear Families,

To help make friendships and make connections we have created an area in the classroom to display family photographs.

It would be marvellous if you could either upload to tapestry or bring in some photos of your children's loved ones.

These photos will remain on display in our class throughout the year.

We are excited to see the pictures your children choose to share.

Thankyou for your support!

Amy Gray

Reception teacher/EYFS lead  
Blackgates Primary Academy







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Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised\* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at [www.coolmilk.com/register](https://www.coolmilk.com/register). Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late - our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at [www.coolmilk.com/parents](https://www.coolmilk.com/parents).

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](https://www.coolmilk.com/contact) or give us a call on the number listed below - we're here to help!

Kind regards,

**Cool Milk**

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\*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DfES via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Delta via the School Milk Scheme.

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#### school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

#### How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

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Enter your password

Log in

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#### Need help using Arbor?

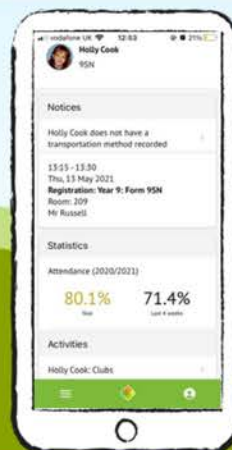
Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or

Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

#### Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to check the email address linked to your account.
2. Reset your password from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the password link will have expired - Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. Enter the birthday of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are Primary Guardians of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.







# Attendance Rewards

We had a fantastic week of attendance last week, with almost every class being at or above school target (96%). Unfortunately, this week we have had a lot of illness as a sickness bug is doing the rounds. Let's hope we can get back on track next week!

The Department for Education has released some new research about the link between attainment and attendance at the end of Key Stage 2. It identifies the following very important points:

- Pupils who attend school every day are almost twice as likely to achieve well than a child with attendance below 90%.
- A child with attendance below 90% means they are 25% less likely to achieve well at the end of Key Stage 2.
- Attendance of 90% or below means a child misses 4 or more weeks of school that year.

Every day really counts so please support us to ensure your child has attendance at 96% or above.

## Absences



If you do need to take your child out of school for any reason please can you either show proof of a medical appointment to reception or for a longer absence please fill out a leave of absence form so that we know where they are. It is our legal responsibility to follow up on absences and if we know in advance it saves us from having to contact you.





## BLACKGATES PRIMARY ACADEMY

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

Holiday	The Academy Closes	The Academy Opens
Summer		Monday 1 September 2025*
Autumn mid term	Friday 24 October 2025	Monday 3 November 2025
Christmas	Friday 19 December 2025	Monday 5 January 2026
Spring mid term	Friday 13 February 2026	Monday 23 February 2026
Easter break	Thursday 2 April 2026	Monday 20 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	Friday 1 May 2026	Tuesday 5 May 2026
Summer mid term	Thursday 21 May 2026*	Monday 1 June 2026
Summer break	Wednesday 22 July 2026*	

#### Training Days

- 1 Monday 1 September
- 2 TBC
- 3 Friday 22 May
- 4 Monday 20 July\*
- 5 Tuesday 21 July\*