



Blackgates Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL

JULY EDITION

Friday 17 July 2026

Principal's Message



It has been a busy final week before summer holidays. Year 6 have performed their school play for families and pupils, they had a leaving disco on Thursday evening and their graduation this morning. There has been a lot of laughter and tears shared this week. It has been lovely to see these children mature and grow in so many ways. We are all very proud.

Year 3 visited Whitby on Wednesday and had an amazing time.

We have appointed a new assistant principal Mrs Bedford and have recruited additional new teaching assistants. We are all excited to welcome more staff to our friendly team.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer and that the weather is kind to us all.

Mrs Julie Coulson

Important Dates:

Training days: 2025/2026

Monday 20 July

Tuesday 21 July

Training days: 2026/2027

Tuesday 1 September

Friday 20 November

Monday 19 July

Tuesday 20 July

Wednesday 21 July

Dates for your Diary

Trips/Events

Return to school Wednesday 2 September

Notices

Reminder: Please do not ride bikes on school grounds, this is hazardous to others.





Nursery

As we come to the end of wonderful year in Nursery, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very special goodbye to all of our children who will be moving on to Reception in September. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved during their time with us. From taking their first steps towards independence, making friendships, developing their communication skills and growing in confidence, each child has made fantastic progress. We know they are ready for their next adventure, and we wish them every success and happiness as they begin Reception. We will miss their smiles, laughter and unique personalities, but we look forward to hearing about all the amazing things they will go on to achieve.

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To the children who will be returning to Nursery next term, we are excited to welcome you back after the summer holidays. We look forward to seeing how much you have grown and watching you continue to develop new skills, confidence and independence. There will be lots of exciting learning opportunities, new experiences and fun activities waiting for you when you return.

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you have a wonderful, restful summer break and we look forward to seeing our returning children in September and hearing about the new adventures of those moving on to Reception

Robins

**Our Teddy Bears picnic was
a massive success!**

**Thankyou to all the adults
who were able to attend. We
had a lovely afternoon of
sunshine and snacks
together.**



THANK
YOU!

Doves

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I just wanted to say how incredibly proud I am of each and every one of you Doves.

We have had a fantastic year together filled with lots of learning, new experiences, and achievements. You have all worked so hard and shown such determination, kindness, and enthusiasm throughout the year. Most importantly, we have shared so many laughs, happy memories, and lots of fun along the way!

We finished our final week with a little celebration in class on Friday morning before one last transition session with Miss Poskett. It was a lovely way to end such a successful year together.

Thank you for making this year so special. It has been a real pleasure to teach you all and watch you grow in confidence and independence.

Have the very best summer break. Enjoy spending time with your family and friends, making memories, and relaxing after all your hard work. I am sure I will see many of you around school next year!

Take care and have a wonderful summer
Miss Ruse

Here comes
the
End



Penguins

What a fantastic year we've had in Year 2.

We've enjoyed our topics - the Victorians, Stone Age, Seaside, Mary Seale and Florence Nightingale and Great Wall of China.

It's been fantastic to watch the children's curiosity, creativity and imagination come to

life. Our trips to Ambler's Mill, The Deep and Filey were enjoyed by everyone. I will miss them greatly and wish them the best of luck in Year 3!



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Nightingales

Year 3 had a great time yesterday at Whitby. We had lots of fun down on the beach, building Whitby Abbey out of sand! We enjoyed sketching the Whitby harbour and thinking what would not have been there in the Victorian times. One of our favourite things was tasting the delicious ice cream!



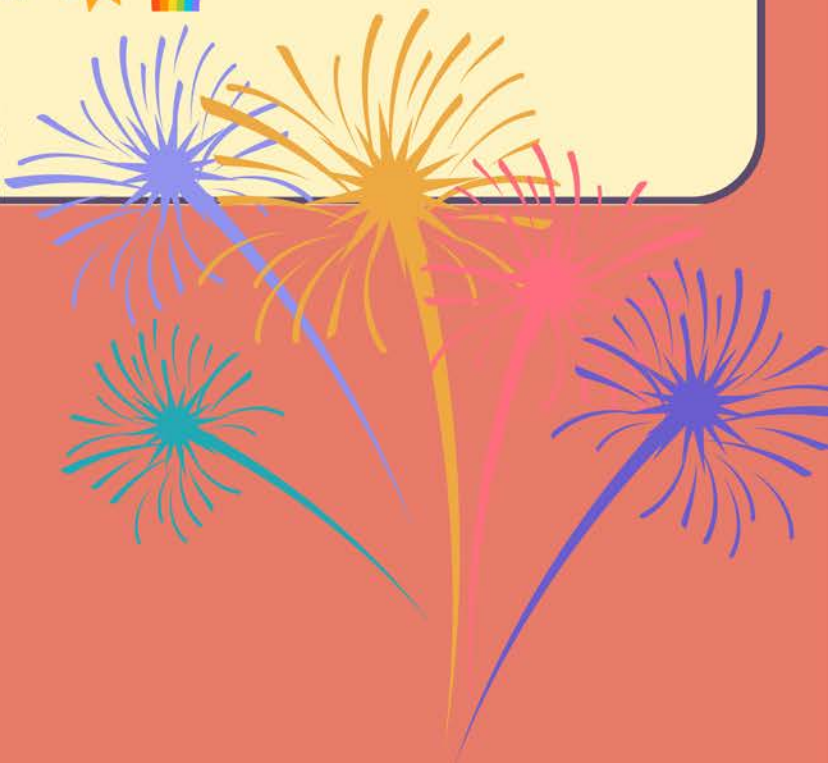
Ravens

A huge thank you to everyone in Year 4 for all your hard work and effort this year. We are so proud of everything you have achieved!

We hope you all have a lovely, relaxing summer break and make lots of wonderful memories. Enjoy your summer holidays, and we look forward to welcoming you back, refreshed and ready for Year 5 in September!

Have a fantastic summer and see you soon! 🌞 🌈

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Falcons

What a wonderful year it has been! I am so proud of each and every one of you. You have all worked incredibly hard and shown such determination, resilience and motivation throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow in confidence, develop new skills and achieve so much.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer break filled with fun, laughter, friends and family. Enjoy every moment, make lots of happy memories, and take some time to relax and recharge.

I can't wait to see you all again in September, ready to take on Year 6 and smash another amazing year together!

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Hawks

I can't believe I am writing the final newsletter of the year for this wonderful group of Year 6 children. I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this year and of the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown, particularly during their SATs and in all aspects of school life.

This week has been a busy but very exciting one. I hope you all agree that the children were absolutely fantastic in their school performance on Wednesday. They showed such confidence, courage and talent, and it was a pleasure to see them shine on stage. On Thursday, the children enjoyed a wonderful Leavers' Disco, and it was lovely to see everyone come together to celebrate their time at primary school and make some special final memories with their friends. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and families for your support throughout the year. It has been an amazing year, and I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of your children's journey. I wish each and every one of them the very best of luck as they move on to high school. I know they will continue to achieve great things and make us all proud.

From Mrs Wallis

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100% Attendance Reward

It was a wonderful experience to visit Rassam's ice cream parlour and have our deserts and mocktails delivered by a robot!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



You have a legal responsibility to ensure your child attends school every day and on time, unless there is an exceptional circumstance.

Target for ALL children



ALL ABSENCES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE 8.40 a.m. PLEASE CALL FROM 7.30 a.m.

Telephone 0113 8878155

You will be asked to provide a reason for absence and say when you expect your child to return. Telephone

Attendance Matters

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which Zone are you in?

Stars of the week

Week ending 17.07.2026

***Great
Job!***



Stars of the week

Week ending 17.07.2026

***Great
Job!***



Stars of the week

Week ending 17.07.2026



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Congratulations to all of our Stars



BreezeTM **Healthy Holiday** **FUN DAY**



Arts, Crafts, Sports & Fun Inflatables

**FREE Fun Day for families with children
eligible for income related free school
meals**



Healthy
Holidays
Fund

Leeds
Community
Foundation



Leeds
CITY COUNCIL



Department
for Education

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EVENING



Our new website is now live please take a look at

www.blackgates.org.uk

We are also on Social media please search for us and give us a follow and like.



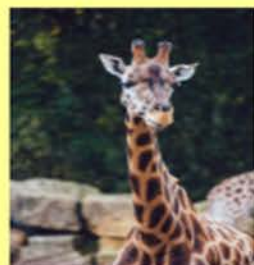
Save Money on Family Days Out This Summer!

The Government's **Great British Summer Savings Scheme** is helping make days out, experiences and treats throughout the summer more affordable. The scheme, which includes a temporary VAT reduction from 20% to 5% on eligible activities, is already up and running and will continue until **1 September 2026**



Where can we save?

Cinema tickets
Theatre shows
Zoos and wildlife parks
Museums and heritage attractions
Theme parks and adventure attractions



Children's meals at participating restaurants and cafés

FREE local bus travel throughout August for children aged 5 – 15 in England

How can I find the offers?

The scheme is available across the UK, so whether you're staying at home and looking for affordable things to do with the family or heading off on a UK holiday and want to find attractions and venues offering savings, the handy search tool can help you discover offers wherever your summer takes you. Simply enter your postcode or holiday destination to find participating attractions, restaurants and entertainment venues nearby



www.summersavings.gov.uk

Less to pay, more summer to enjoy!



COULD YOU SPOT A LOAN SHARK?

A loan shark may pretend to be a friend but can become aggressive if you miss payments

They can charge high interest and don't give paperwork

They may threaten or bully you or your family

If you need help, contact
Stop Loan Sharks
in confidence

0300 555 2222
stoploansharks.co.uk



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#SLSEngland #StopLoanSharksEngland

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Principal: Mrs J Coulson

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. 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 5th 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.

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

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

☎: 0800 321 3248

💻: www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.



BLACKGATES PRIMARY ACADEMY

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27

Holiday	The Academy Closes	The Academy Opens
Summer		Tuesday 1 September 2026
Autumn mid term	Friday 23 October 2026	Monday 2 November 2026
Christmas	Friday 18 December 2026	Monday 4 January 2027
Spring mid term	Friday 12 February 2027	Monday 22 February 2027
Easter break	Thursday 25 March 2027	Monday 12 April 2027
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2027	Tuesday 4 May 2027
Summer mid term	Friday 28 May 2027	Monday 7 June 2027
Summer break	Wednesday 21 July 2027	

Training Days

Tuesday 1 September

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We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our

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

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

Need help using Arbor?

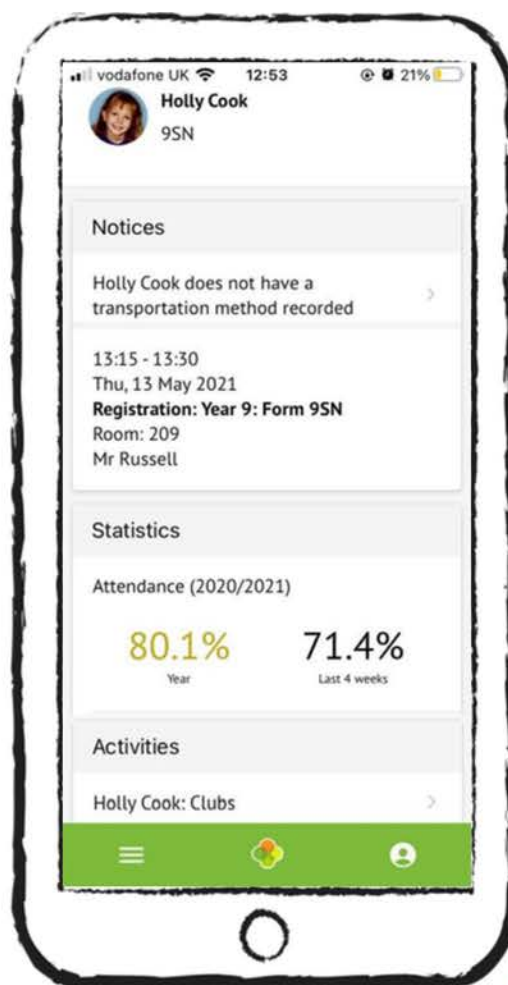
Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or

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.



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.

