



Blackgates Primary Academy

SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER EDITION

Friday 11 September 2026

Principal's Message



It's been another lovely week albeit rather cool at times.

Our pupils have had their first full week in school and are settling in to their new routines.

The older children have begun a new fluency reading method which we trialled last year - it gave great results so we are widening out to older pupils. Please remember mobile phone use within school grounds is not allowed by pupils for safeguarding reasons.

Mrs Julie Coulson

Important Dates:

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

Year 5 residential to Green Moon 17 - 18 September.

17 September Flourishing Families starts for Y3 & 4 children & parents.

Thursday 1 October Y4 Yorkshire Treatment Works.

Monday 5 October Year 6 Bikeability.

Monday 19 October Individual & Sibling school photos



Notices

Reminder: Please remember to send your child to school in a coat, the weather is very changeable and they do need to wear one to go out to play.



Stay and Plays 2026

Autumn

Tuesday 13 October Getting to know you.

Thursday 22 October Pumpkin Decorating.

Monday 9 November Reading/Phonics.

Monday 7 December Christmas Crafts.

Ducklings



**MAKE
NEW
FRIENDS**

This week Little Ducklings has been filled with warmth, curiosity, and new beginnings as we welcomed our newest starters into the provision; the children have settled in beautifully, growing more confident each day as they explore their environment, build trust with staff, and begin forming those first special friendships. Our returning Ducklings have shown lovely kindness, helping their new friends feel safe and supported as they learn about our routines. We've enjoyed a balance of calm moments, playful discovery, and lots of smiles. Thank you to all our families for your continued support. We are excited for a fantastic year ahead filled with fun, friendship and learning!



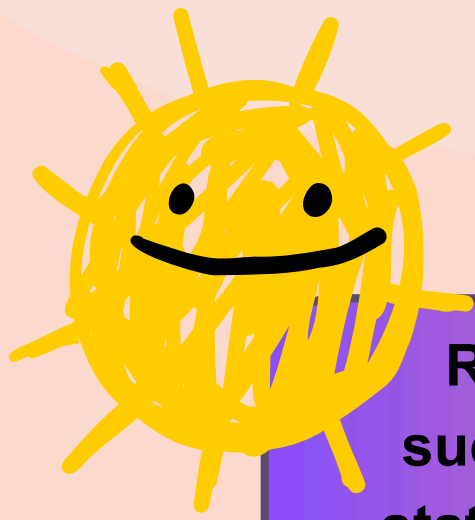
Nursery

A warm welcome to all our new starters this week. We are delighted to have you join our nursery family!

The children have enjoyed singing their favourite nursery rhymes at carpet time, helping to develop their counting skills. We have also been busy getting creative with craft activities and having lots of fun outdoors, building our gross motor skills through running, climbing, and active play.

We are proud of how well everyone has settled in and look forward to another fun-filled week of learning.





Robins

Reception children have successfully completed the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment, which has provided a valuable starting point for understanding each child's early learning and development. The assessments were carried out in a relaxed, supportive environment and enabled staff to gain insight into children's communication, language, literacy and mathematical skills as they began their school journey. The children approached the activities with enthusiasm and confidence, demonstrating resilience, curiosity and a positive attitude towards learning.



Doves



This week in PSHE we have been learning all about the different zones of regulation and which emotions are associated with each colour. The children have been thinking carefully throughout the day about how they are feeling and putting their photograph onto the colour that represents this. They were also really good at thinking about how they could make themselves feel happy (green) again too! Well done everyone!



Penguins



Year 2 have started their new topic on the Victorians. We have begun by writing a setting description together about a Victorian street. Next we will be describing a Victorian market using the 5 senses. I have already been so impressed with the children's imagination and vocabulary choices. In our History lessons, we will be looking at the chronology of the Victorian era and making a human timeline!

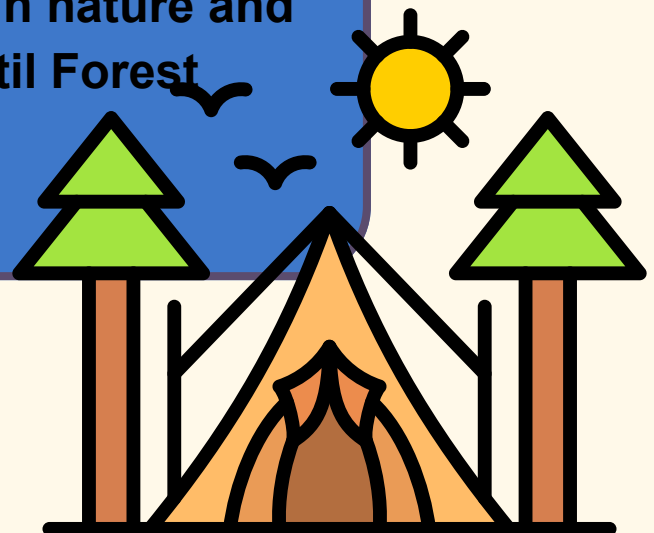
In maths we have been looking at place value, specifically recognising tens and ones and partitioning numbers. The children have shown a good understanding of number and have tried really hard this week.



Nightingales



Year 3 have had such an exciting week. Wednesday was a super day. Not only did they have Ace club in the morning but they started Forest Schools with Mrs Secker in the afternoon. The class changed into the puddlesuits and wellies sensibly and walked over to the wooded and grassy area behind yellow playground, where they first were asked to roll a log stump which would be their seat. Once sat on their logs, they sat in a circle and listened to Miss Secker explain the Forest School rules. The children got to carry put a range of activities, such as, put up and lie in hammocks, climb trees, play in the mud kitchen and make apple pie, make a rope swing or simply collect outdoor resources of their choice. The children LOVED being in nature and are counting down the days until Forest Schools again! 😊



Ravens

This week, Ravens enjoyed a special treat after winning the attendance award! They were given the opportunity to spin the wheel and were delighted to win extra playtime. The children spent this time on the big field, making the most of the last of the sunshine while enjoying games and activities with their friends.

PE days have now been confirmed and Ravens will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name to help prevent any items from being misplaced.

We have also begun our new writing unit this week.

Our first piece of writing will be a narrative text inspired by the beautiful picture book Float by Daniel Miyares. The children have already enjoyed exploring the story and we are looking forward to seeing their creativity and ideas develop throughout the unit.



Falcons

We have had a full-on week in Falcons this week, with the children showing fantastic determination and commitment to their learning. They are already demonstrating an amazing knowledge of place value and numbers up to one million in maths. In English, we have continued our narrative writing based on Kensuke's Kingdom. The children have chosen some fantastic descriptive vocabulary to help set the scene and have begun to understand how to use relative clauses to add detail to their writing. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed their science lessons this week, where we have been learning about how solutions are made and exploring the process of dissolving. They worked incredibly hard when making their predictions and explaining their scientific thinking.

Well done, Falcons, on another fantastic week!

Reminder that swimming starts on Monday, so please ensure that the children bring their kit with them on Monday.

We have had to change the timetable going forward for this year, so PE is now on a Tuesday. Please ensure that the children are in their PE kit on Tuesdays.



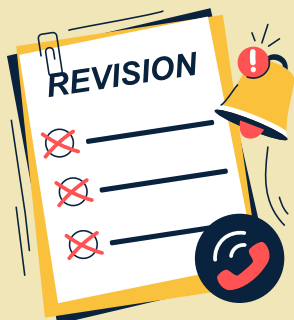
Hawks

Another fantastic week in Year 6! I continue to be impressed by the children's positive attitude towards their learning. They are working hard, always trying their best, and it has been lovely to see this effort extend to home through reading and homework completion. I was also very impressed with the children's handball skills in PE. The children recapped passing skills, including the bounce pass and chest pass, and developed their dribbling skills while starting to think about the double dribble rule.

Homework:

- Maths Revision Booklet: Page 2**
- Reading Revision Booklet: Page 7**

Please ensure that your child's reading record is in school every day.



Stars of the week

Week ending 11.09.2026

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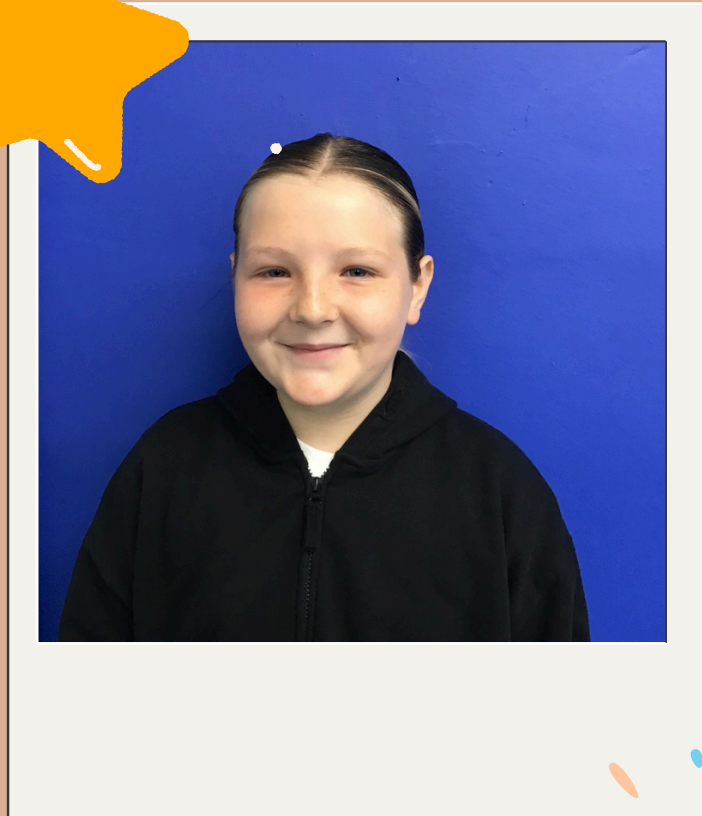
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Congratulations to all of our Stars

Dear colleague,

You are invited to join Team Leodis as we take on the Morley 10K for a third year. It's a great event and we hope Leodis will be out in force!

This year, the event, which takes place on Sunday 4th October, is raising money for five different local causes: Morley Run Club, M.I.N.T., Morley Grief Club, St. Gemma's Hospice and Newlands Food Bank. Leodis Academies Trust will also be fundraising for The Smallest Things, which is a premature baby charity - the Leodis fundraising page can be found [here](#).

We intend that the event will be a great way to bring colleagues from across the Trust together, make a big contribution to a community event and to help raise money for the nominated causes.

This event offers something for everybody; whether you frequently enter running events and would like to test yourself on a new route or set a personal best, a social runner entering an official event for the first time, somebody who doesn't run but is interested in getting a little fitter and would like a target to work towards or somebody who has no particular desire to start running but enjoys working towards a goal with others, you will not be alone.

There are two ways you can take part - as an individual completing the full 10K route or with a partner in the 2x5K relay. The entry fee will be paid for you.

Once you have entered, you will receive an email so please forward this to h.wilson@leodis.org.uk, and arrangements will be made to refund this to you.

Run as an individual entrant

[Details here.](#)

This event is £21 to enter (£19 if you are affiliated with a running club).

Pair up with a Leodis colleague for the relay

[Details here.](#)

This event is £30 (total) to enter (£28 if you are affiliated with a running club).

Points to note:

If you have entered, or want to take part in the relay but don't currently have a partner, please complete the Form [here](#). For those without a partner, we will aim to pair you with somebody else in the same position.

If you have run for Team Leodis previously, you may still have a race t-shirt to wear, and you can wear this again. If you don't have one or you need a replacement, this will be provided - this can be indicated on the Form.

If you have a partner for the relay, only one of you needs to fill in the Form and this should be the person who paid the entry fee. The full fee will be returned to the one person who made the entry. If you are filling in the Form and your partner requires a Leodis running t-shirt, please have size/fit details to hand when you complete the Form.

There is an option to purchase a Morley 10K running t-shirt when you enter the event. This is not the Leodis t-shirt. You may choose to do this, of course, but you will not be refunded for this.

If you don't fancy taking part in the run, perhaps you could support from the sidelines. A cheer, a jelly baby, and a familiar face all help. Last year really was a great event with so much support from colleagues, members of the Leodis community (students, parents and governors) and the Woodkirk brass band, all in spite of extremely windy conditions. We look forward to the same again this year with hopefully slightly more clement weather.

If you have any questions, please get in touch and I hope you will be able to join us.

Tim Jones





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Looking for practical ways to support your child and strengthen family life? Join our six-week programme, where you'll explore helpful ideas, build confidence, and discover strategies that can make everyday family life that little bit easier.

Sessions are weekly on a Thursday from 9.30am, and you can join online from the comfort of your own home.

Programme themes

12th Nov – Chat

19th Nov – Love

26th Nov – Behave

3rd Dec – Care

10th Dec – Discover

17th Dec – Together

This is a fantastic opportunity, and we'd love for you to join us. To find out more or to enrol, please contact Helen Turpin, Leodis Support Services ,Family Support Worker on 0113 887 3609.



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The graphic features a central image of a smiling family (a man, a woman, and two children) huddled together. The text is arranged around this image in various colored boxes and speech bubbles. The top section is pink and red, the middle section is white with blue accents, and the bottom section is blue with white text.



Leeds Rhinos v Hull FC– Fri 11th September 2026 - £5 junior tickets!

The 2026 season has been a fantastic one so far for the Rhinos, with a top two finish in the league table almost secure! This would give us a home semi final in the playoffs, and a great chance to make the Grand Final at Old Trafford on the 3rd October.

To help the team achieve this we are offering juniors (children aged 16 & under) the opportunity to attend our final home match of the season against Hull FC on Fri 11th for just £5 in all standing areas of the stadium. To get this offer the junior ticket(s) must be bought with a paying adult. Up to two £5 junior tickets can be purchased per adult.

Our final home match of the regular season is always a special occasion with the annual players lap of appreciation taking place, alongside our farewell to our departing players. Depending on how this weekends match v Wigan goes we could also be lifting the league leaders shield!

To book your tickets follow the simple steps below.

- 1) Head to tickets.therhinos.co.uk
- 2) Enter promotional code **LR26SCHL** into the promotional code box at the top of the page and click 'Ok'.
- 3) You will be taken to the Exclusive Ticket Offer page, click 'BUY'
- 4) Select Leeds Rhinos v Hull FC on Friday 11th September 2026.
- 5) Select the stand you would like (click on any of the blue areas) and the types and number of tickets you would like (e.g. adults, juniors, etc). You can purchase up to two £5 juniors per adult.
- 6) You will need to select an adult ticket first and then click on the '+' button to add each additional ticket. The discounted junior ticket is the **'Junior 16 and under (Discounted) / Hull FC Schools Offer'**
- 7) Once your tickets are selected, click 'ADD TO BASKET'
- 8) Double check your order. If it's correct click 'BUY NOW'
- 9) Log into your Leeds Rhinos Account, if you haven't purchased through Leeds Rhinos before you can create a new account.
- 10) Complete your order.

Codes are valid until midnight the day before the match but we advise you to buy early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are subject to availability.

To book over the phone or for assistance call 0371 423 1315 (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm – excluding Bank Holidays) or email tickets@therhinos.co.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to AMT Headingley Stadium for what will be an unforgettable evening!

Ian Wilson
Schools & Engagement Lead

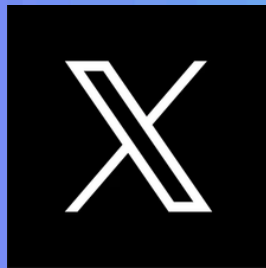




Our new website is now live please take a look at

www.blackgates.org.uk

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



COULD YOU SPOT A LOAN SHARK?

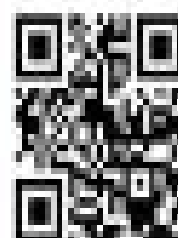
A loan shark may pretend to be a friend but can
become aggressive if you miss payments

They can charge high interest and don't give
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They may threaten or bully you or your family

If you need help, contact
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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

Friday 20 November

Monday 19 July

Tuesday 20 July

Wednesday 21 July



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?

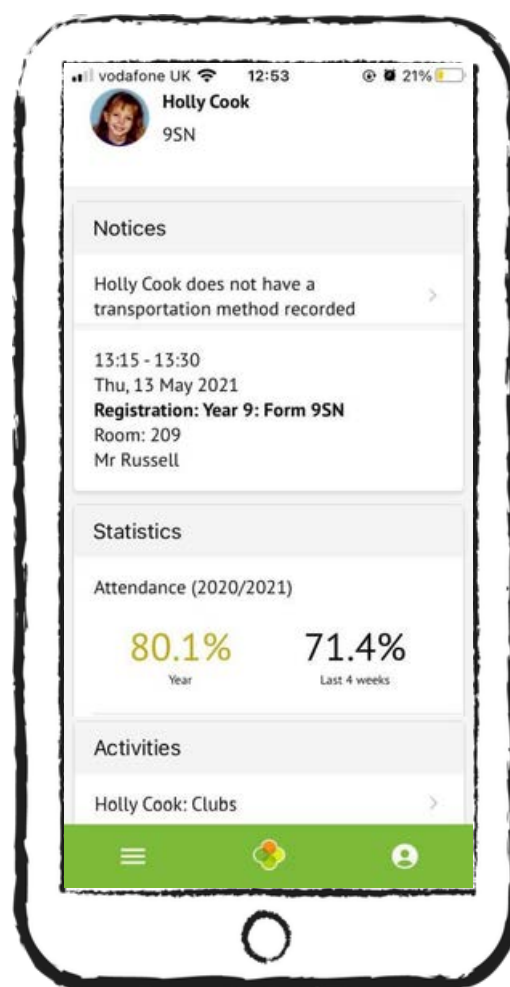
Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or

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.



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



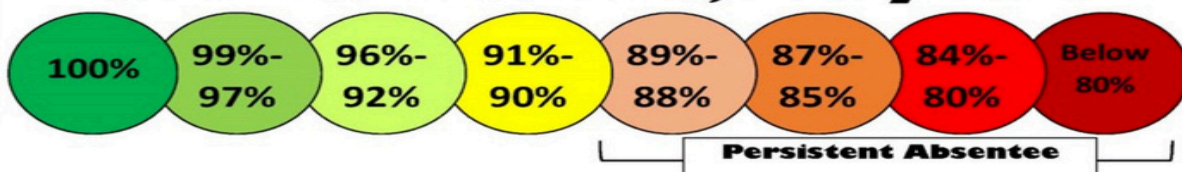
ALL ABSENCES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE 8.40 a.m. PLEASE CALL FROM 7.30 a.m.

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?

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.

