



Friday 26 June 2026



Principal's Message

The heatwave has meant we have relaxed school uniform this week, children have been given ice pops each day, on Wednesday the ice cream van came and everyone had a huge ice cream or lolly of their choice.

Where rooms which have been particularly hot we have moved children into cooler parts of the school and as we have air conditioning in a few rooms it has meant we have been able to keep children as cool as possible. They have only played outside in the morning before the heat has been too much. Bottles of cold water have been given out and children have been filling up their bottles at the water fountains freely.

Year 4 had a great time at Scarborough on Wednesday - they asked businesses questions on their surveys, played in the arcades and had fish and chips!

Thank you for your ongoing support
Mrs Julie Coulson

Important Dates:

Training days: 2025/2026

Monday 20 July
Tuesday 21 July

Dates for your Diary

Trips/Events

Seaside Trips

Year 5 - Wednesday 1 July - Bridlington.

Year 6- Wednesday 8 July - Flamborough.

Friday 3 July & Monday 6 July
Ducklings and Nursery Sports day.

Friday 10 July rest of school Sports day.

Tuesday 30 June at 3.30pm -Year 4 Residential Meeting -This Green Moon.

Thursday 2 July & Tuesday 7 July 3.30pm - Meet the teacher.

EY & Y1 Stay and Play Summer

Thursday 25 June - Writing (postponed till Thursday 2 July)

Monday 13 July - Teddy Bears Picnic



Notices Summer Fair!

We are hosting a Summer fair on 9 July 3.30-4.30pm and would love it if you could join us. There will be games, refreshments and lots of fun.



Nursery

Our Seaside Day was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all! The children had great fun taking part in a variety of seaside-themed activities, including a popular game of Hook-a-Duck, where they practised their coordination and turn-taking skills. To complete the seaside experience, the children were delighted to enjoy some enormous ice creams, which brought lots of smiles and excitement. It was wonderful to see everyone fully engaged, using their imaginations and creating happy memories with their friends.

We have been learning about the importance of staying safe in hot weather. The children have enjoyed cooling their feet in cold water, which provided lots of opportunities for sensory play, laughter and conversation. We have been reminding everyone to drink plenty of water and find shady spots to help keep cool. The children enjoyed being misted throughout the day with cool refreshing water.



Robins

The children in Reception were full of excitement when the ice cream van arrived. They lined up eagerly, choosing their favourite flavours and watching as their cones were carefully prepared. Every child enjoyed a delicious ice cream, and the playground was filled with happy faces and sticky smiles as they savoured their special treat.



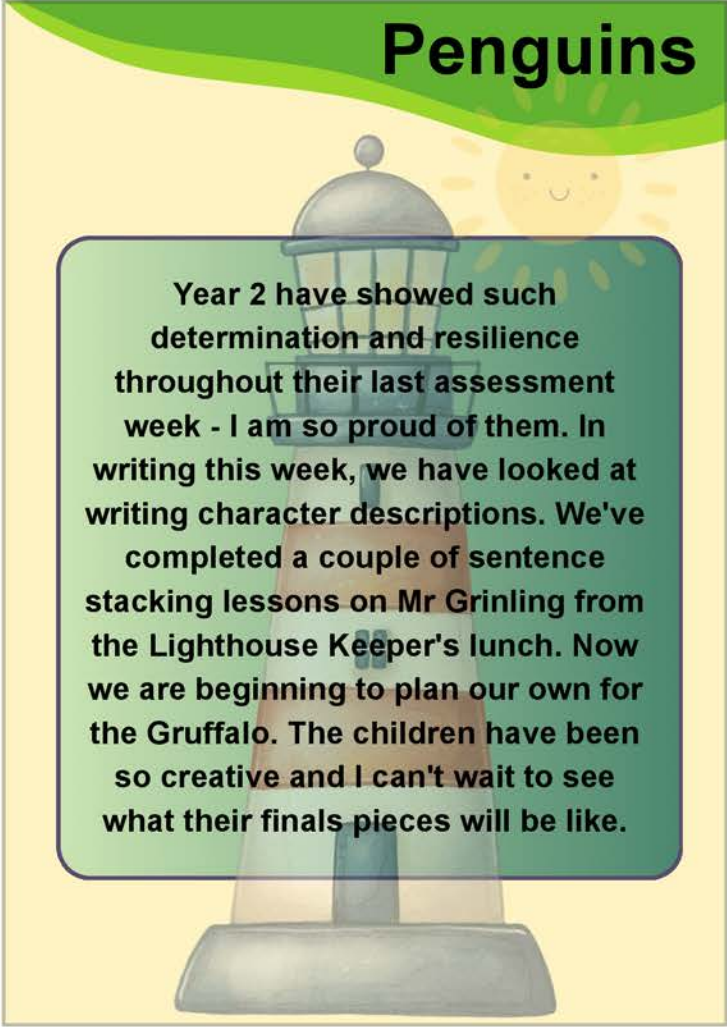
Doves



Doves have shown fantastic effort and determination as they completed their final Year 1 assessments - well done to every child! I am incredibly proud of how hard they all tried and the positive attitude they brought to the week. Despite the very hot weather, we made sure to keep cool and comfortable in class, and the children thoroughly enjoyed a special ice cream treat on Wednesday. There is also a real sense of excitement building as the children look forward to meeting their new teacher next week and beginning their transition - an exciting next step for everyone!

TEACHER

Penguins



Year 2 have showed such determination and resilience throughout their last assessment week - I am so proud of them. In writing this week, we have looked at writing character descriptions. We've completed a couple of sentence stacking lessons on Mr Grinling from the Lighthouse Keeper's lunch. Now we are beginning to plan our own for the Gruffalo. The children have been so creative and I can't wait to see what their finals pieces will be like.

Nightingales

Year 3 have had a fantastic week. Despite the hot weather, they have still put much effort into their learning and behaviour. I have been very impressed at their resilience. They have been very calm all week and haven't let the heat get to them! They loved the ice cream treat on Wednesday and have had fun 😊

On Monday, year 3 wrote some super setting descriptions, where they put in all of the year 3 spelling, grammar and punctuation features that they have learnt. It has been great to read them and see the progress they have made!



Ravens

This week, the children enjoyed a fantastic day trip to Scarborough. We were lucky to have beautiful weather, and the children successfully carried out their questionnaires along the seafront before enjoying a delicious fish and chips lunch. We are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the day, they were excellent role models, demonstrated outstanding behaviour, and had a wonderful time making special memories with their friends.



Falcons



Despite the heat, Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this week and should be very proud of themselves. To help us stay cool, we've enjoyed ice creams, ice pops and even a refreshing spray from the water mister! We also had a great time watching Woodkirk's Summer Concert and loved listening to the musical theatre performances, choirs and orchestra. Next week we're looking forward to our visit to Bridlington, where we'll be speaking to local businesses as part of our geography fieldwork to find out more about trade at the seaside.





Hawks

Year 6 have shown fantastic resilience this week in the extremely hot weather - a huge well done to everyone for keeping going with such a positive attitude. The children were also treated to a well-deserved ice cream from the ice cream van, which was a lovely way to cool down and lift spirits.

A big thank you to all of Year 6 for leading and organising last Friday's bun sale; it was a great success and raised a fantastic amount of money towards our upcoming activities. We would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs Ramzan, who kindly cooked for members of staff and helped to raise even more funds for Year 6 - we are very grateful for her support.



THANK YOU!



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Principal: Mrs J Coulson

Dear Parent and Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that the Blackgates Primary Academy Sports Day 2026 will be held:

Little Ducklings and Nursery:

Friday 3 July (Afternoon classes) **1pm –**

2pm Monday 6 July (Morning classes)

9.30am – 10.30am

Whole School:

Friday 10 July (Year 3 and Year 4 classes) **9.30am –**

10.30am

Friday 10 July (Year 5 and Year 6 classes) **10.30am –**

11.30am

Friday 10 July (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes)

1.30pm – 2.30pm

As we are unable to plan for all weather eventualities, could we please ask you to ensure that your child has sunscreen applied before they come to school and has a hat in case of hot weather. Your child should also have their water bottle with them. All pupils will be required to be in school P.E. kit, including trainers rather than pumps as the ground is uneven, but may wear their blue school jumper or coat if the weather is cold. Please

can we remind you that all hair must be tied back and earrings removed.

In the case of extreme weather, a decision will be made the morning of as to the postponement of the event.

I'm sure you will all appreciate that this is a difficult decision, however it is made with safeguarding as our main priority.

We hope to see you then for what should be another great event and I'm sure you will join us all in praying for good weather. The parking around Blackgates is limited so please can we appeal to parents to walk, if local, and car share with other families where possible if driving from out of area.

There will be a selection of refreshments available for parents to enjoy on the day, please note these will be cash only.

If you have any questions related to Sports Day, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will forward your queries onto the relevant person. I hope to see you all there supporting what will be a great day.

Yours
sincerely,
Miss Ruse
PE Subject
Leader



Ice Cream Friday!

WE WILL BE SELLING A RANGE OF
ICE CREAMS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL
OFFICE EVERY FRIDAY UP UNTIL
THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS TO RAISE
FUNDS FOR SCHOOL!



All £1 each
CASH ONLY

Summer Fair!

9TH JULY 3:30-4:30

- FACE PAINTING
- RING TOSS
- TIN CAN ALLEY
- HOOK A DUCK
- REFRESHMENTS
- AND MANY MORE!

CASH ONLY

POPCORN

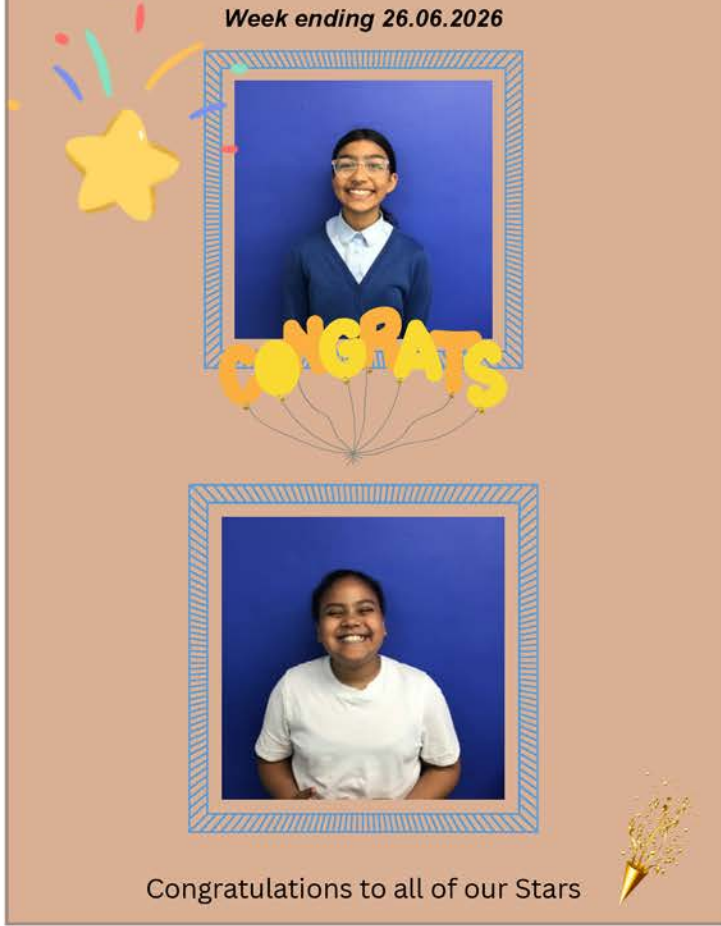
Star of the week

Week ending 26.06.2026



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Congratulations to all of our Stars



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.



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- ADHD
- Autism
- Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia
- Dysregulation
- Food/Eating
- Home Support Ideas
- Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)
- Reasonable Adjustments
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- School Advice - Secondary
- Sensory Needs
- Sleep

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Sarah Oxley SEND Coordinator (inner south hub) Kim Corson SEND Coordinator (outer south hub)

Upcoming dates:

- Wednesday 1st April (Dewsbury Road Hub)
- Wednesday 6th May (Dewsbury Road Hub)
- Wednesday 3rd June (Rothwell Hub)
- Wednesday 1st July (Rothwell Hub)

To book your place



Email:

Family.hubs@leeds.gov.uk

Please reference

'Inner and Outer South SEND family drop in'

in your email with your name and preferred date/s



Call:

0113 5350185

Family Hub central line

When you make a booking, you will be allocated a time slot between **10:00am-12pm**





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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. 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

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🌐: www.coolmilk.com



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

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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 Monday 1 December**
- 3 Friday 22 May**
- 4 Monday 20 July***
- 5 Tuesday 21 July***



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Dear Parent

Find below the term dates for the 2026/27 academic year for the Leodis Academies Trust schools.

	First day of the term	Last day of the term
Autumn Half Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Autumn Half Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring Half Term 1	Monday 4 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Spring Half Term 2	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Summer Half Term 1	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Summer Half Term 2	Monday 7 June 2027	Friday 16 July 2027

Please note:

- The August Bank Holiday falls on Monday 31 August 2026. This means the first day of the academic year is Tuesday 1 September 2026. All of the Leodis Academies Trust schools will use Tuesday 1 September as a staff training day, with the term for pupils and students starting from Wednesday 2 September.
- The dates of the two week Easter break are different to those being used by schools following the Leeds City Council term dates. Leodis Academies Trust usually follows the Leeds City Council term dates but for the 2026/27 academic year, it is believed that adopting the amended calendar will lead to better continuity and quality of education around the Easter weekend and two week holiday.
- Usual expectations regarding pupil and student attendance will be in place. Holidays may be granted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Principal of the school. If parents have already arranged holidays according to Leeds City Council's Easter break, they should contact the school with evidence of the date that the booking was made, which will precede the date of this letter, so that consideration can be given as to whether it will be granted as exceptional.
- Monday 19-21 July 2027 are staff training days and schools will be closed to pupils and students. Any additional training days that will take place throughout the year will be communicated in due course.



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'
 - Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
4. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
5. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday



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.

