



Friday 19 June 2026



Principal's Message

This week has become lovely and warm and children are enjoying playing in our fabulous outdoor spaces.

Year 1 visited Hornsea this week and enjoyed paddling and building sand sculptures.

The children have been told who their new teacher/s will be in September and a letter has gone out to invite you to speak to them.

Mrs Wallis has been offered a one year secondment at East Ardsley Primary from September. We are pleased she will be widening her experience - but of course we will miss her.

Mrs Barrie will also be leaving to work in a SEND provision in September. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

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 4 - Wednesday 24 June - Scarborough.

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.

EY & Y1 Stay and Play

Summer

Thursday 25 June - Writing

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

This week, the children have continued to enjoy our seaside area, they have shown great enthusiasm as they explored the “ocean” using blue spaghetti. It has been lovely to see their imaginative play develop as they engaged with the resources and shared ideas with their peers.

We enjoyed our Invention Stay and Play session. The children had a fantastic time making their own boats and testing whether they floated, demonstrating curiosity, creativity and early problem-solving skills.

In phonics, we have introduced the new sound ‘ck’.

The children have been practising recognising listening to the sound in words. We have also thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Commotion in the Ocean', which has supported our seaside theme and sparked lots of discussion and excitement.

We have also enjoyed exploring numbers and practised to count beyond 5, the children were very confident, especially when joining in with counting games, number songs, or when sharing out resources during group activities.”



Robins

This week's Stay and Play session was all about inventions, imagination, and hands-on creativity. Our young inventors—and their grown-ups—rolled up their sleeves and explored what it means to design, build, test, and tinker.

What We Explored

Children were encouraged to think like real inventors by asking big questions such as:

- What can you build
- Can you invent a game
- How does your creation work

Together, families experimented with different materials—boxes, tubes, tape, string, blocks, and loose parts—to bring their ideas to life.



Doves

Next
Trip

Doves had a wonderful trip to Hornsea this week (apologies for last week's newsletter which incorrectly mentioned Filey!). The children were extremely sensible as we walked down to the seafront, showing great awareness and care. They thoroughly enjoyed taking turns to paddle in the sea, with lots of smiles and excitement all around. We then relaxed together with a lovely picnic in the sunshine before getting creative and making beautiful art collages using the natural materials we found along the beach. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all!



Penguins

Year 2 have started their end of year tests and I've been incredibly impressed with their resilience and determination to do well. It's been fantastic to see their improvements and the pride on their faces. Well done Penguins!

In PE, we've been practising for sports day. The children have been working in teams to improve their speed for the egg and spoon race and the obstacle course.



Nightingales

Year 3 have had a great week. They have worked really hard at the assessments and have really tried their best to show off everything they have learnt in year 3 so far. Year 3 have enjoyed the History topic, comparing holidays now to holidays of the past. They have also shown some great thinking skills in our PSHE lessons, where they have thought of many ways to reuse, reduce and recycle! Keep up the good work, year 3. Have a lovely weekend 😊

HISTORY



Ravens

Year 4 have been working hard in their geography lessons learning about tourism and its impact on seaside towns. As part of this topic, the children have been developing their enquiry skills by working collaboratively in groups to create questionnaires about tourism.

Next week, the children will be visiting Scarborough seafront, where they will have the exciting opportunity to put their learning into practice. During the visit, they will be asking members of the public to complete their questionnaires and gathering real-life data to support their studies.

To ensure that everyone is comfortable and prepared for the day, please make sure your child:

- Wears their full school uniform
- Has suitable footwear for walking
- Brings a coat, as weather conditions can change quickly by the coast
- Brings a drink in a clearly labelled bottle

We are looking forward to a fun and educational day and are excited for the children to experience first-hand how tourism affects a busy seaside town.

Thank you for your support!



Falcons

you can do
ANYTHING
you just have to be
DETERMINED

This week year 5 have worked with incredible resilience, determination and motivation when completing their assessments. I am so proud of their hard work, and their great effort has really paid off. Next week, the children are looking forward to attending the Woodkirk Summer concert. Please can children arrive at school for 8:30am so that we can arrive in time for the show.



Hawks



Well done to everyone for another fantastic week at school. Our school play is coming along really nicely, and the children are making excellent progress. Please can we encourage them to keep practising their lines and songs at home, as this will really help build their confidence. The songs are available on YouTube and Spotify to support with this. A key dates letter was sent out last week; if you need any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.





Blackgates
Primary Academy



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

Headteacher Stars of the week

Week ending 19.06.2026



Star of the week

Week ending 19.06.2026



Star of the week

Week ending 19.06.2026



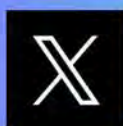
Congratulations to all of our Stars



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.



COULD YOU SPOT A LOAN SHARK?

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They can charge high interest and don't give paperwork

They may threaten or bully you or your family

If you need help, contact
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in confidence

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Dedicated support to families navigating the challenges of raising children and young people with diagnosed or emerging neurodiverse needs.

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

With a combined 20 years of teaching experience across a broad spectrum of needs, as well as extensive safeguarding and family support knowledge we bring both expertise and empathy to every interaction.

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

The sessions take place at:

Inner South Family Hub
Dewsbury Road Community Hub
190 Dewsbury Road
Leeds
LS11 6PF
AND
Outer South Family Hub
Marsh Street, Rothwell LS26 0AD

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





**Blackgates
Primary Academy**
an academy of Leeds Primary Trust

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/login.

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



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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***



Blackgates
Primary Academy

Leeds City Council
Leeds, West Yorkshire LS10 1BA

Principal: Mrs J Coulson

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 8 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.



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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

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W19 1RN, London, GB

Enter your (username)

Log in

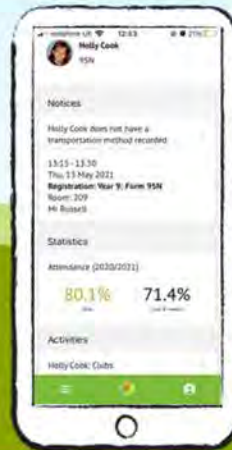
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Need help using Arbor?

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 directly.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian's 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.

