



Blackgates Primary Academy

SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER EDITION

Friday 10 October 2025



Principal's Message

Today is World Mental Health Day. Here at Blackgates we are all thinking of our mental health and how we can feel happier. As you know we use zones of regulation to name our emotions and to track how we are feeling. We have a toolkit as we get older, of strategies to help us feel better if we are not already in the 'Green Zone.'

We decided wearing Yellow was not the best way to feel good, so every class has spun the wheel in celebration assembly and has a treat! Please note the Harvest begins at 2.30 with doors opening at 2.15.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Julie Coulson

Principal

Important Dates:

Training days: 2025/2026

Monday 1 December

Friday 22 May

Monday 20 July

Tuesday 21 July

Dates for your Diary

13 October - Harvest Festival 2.30pm

14 October - Parents Eve 3.30 - 7.00pm

15 October - Individual & Sibling photos

3 November - Flu vaccines

12 November - Year 6 & Reception Height,

Weight & Vision checks

10 November Odd Sock day

11 November Remembrance Assembly

14 November Children in need dress in spots or as you please.

EY & Y1 Stay and Play

Thursday 16 October - Getting to know you

Tuesday 21 October - Pumpkin Decorating

Monday 10 November - Reading/Phonics

Friday 5 December - Christmas crafts

Trips

Year 1 Woodland walk - 16 October

Robinwood Y6 trip - 26 - 28 November

Remaining payment now due

Notices



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.

Ducklings

This week, we have been using our rolling skills to make marks. Some children chose to put toy cars in paint to make lines. The children have loved this as they have picked their own paint and cars. We have also been singing 5 little Aliens and the children have enjoyed how interactive this is as we are using balloons and letting them go once an Alien flies away.





Nursery

This week the children have had a lovely time being mathematical thinkers, making comparisons between different collections and beginning to identify which collection has more/lots and which collection has fewer.

The children have also had lots of fun identifying fast, slow, loud and quiet sounds and have experimented creating these with beaters in our outdoor environment.

Robins

This week we are reading the book 'Pumpkin Soup' and decided to make our own.

The children were taught the 'bridge' method of chopping and how to cook safely, using good hygiene.

This was a very successful experience for the children, with all children joining in to make different parts of the soup.

Lots of children were a little nervous to taste something new but many were very pleasantly surprised.

It tasted delicious!

Doves

On Wednesday 15 October, Doves will be having a Design and Technology (DT) Day, where the children will be creating their very own autumn-themed baskets. These baskets will be used to collect seasonal items such as leaves, acorns, and pinecones during our autumn walk on Thursday. To help us build these baskets, we kindly ask for donations of suitable bases such as empty cereal boxes, plastic fruit cartons, or similar containers. If you have any spares at home, please send them into school by Tuesday. Thank you for your support!

Penguins

Year 2 have finished their first independent write (a narrative set in the Victorian Era). They have tried so hard and I am very proud of them. Our next writing unit is poetry. It's going to be about what they would do if they were in charge of the world. I can't wait to see what they produce next week.



Nightingales



Year 3 have worked very hard on their plans for their historical legends. They have ensured they included descriptive language and powerful vocabulary. I have been impressed with the children when reading out their sentences with brilliant expression. I look forward to reading your legends once they are written!



Ravens

In our Art lessons, the children have been learning about photography and how to take photos from different angles to create illusions. Check our photos to see what we have been up to!



Falcons

This week, year 5 enjoyed bringing their sculpture designs to life by carving them into bars of soap. They used a variety of clay tools to carve, etch, chisel and engrave their designs into the soap and were very proud of their finished pieces. Next week, we are looking forward to creating another sculpture out of a different material.

Hawks



Well done to Year 6 this week! It's been a busy and exciting few days, with all children taking part in their Bikeability sessions and successfully completing different levels - some even ventured out onto the road, practising manoeuvres and learning how to stay safe while cycling.

In French, the class has been working hard to learn how to talk about their pets, including how many they have, and have begun developing conversations with each other using their new vocabulary.



A quick reminder that next week, on Monday 13th, we will be holding our Harvest Festival assembly - everyone is looking forward to celebrating together!

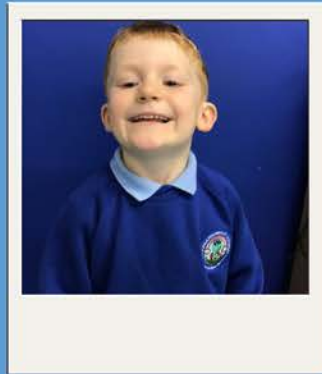
Stars of the week

Week ending 10.10.25



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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.



**Any queries need to be directed to the PTFA who will
be outside the main reception each day at the end of
school. Thank you**



HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP SHOP

Re-spook, re-scare, re-wear!!

If you have any gently used costumes to rehome, simply pop them in the box outside reception before 20th October

Everyone is welcome to find their "New To You" costume on Tuesday 21st October @ the top playground

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME





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**You are invited to
Blackgates Primary's
PTFA's**

HALLOWEEN PARTY



**Music & Games
Costume Competition
Arts & Crafts**



23RD OCTOBER

**EARLY YRS & KS1 4.30PM – 5.30PM
KS2 – 5.45PM – 6.45PM**



**£3 per ticket - can be purchased
from the PTFA from 3pm outside
the main Reception everyday.**





SEND PARENT CARER INFORMATION DROP IN

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 15th October	10.30 till 12.30	Olley Social Club, Hollin Gate, Olley, LS21 2DP

Services in attendance:

- Leeds Local Offer
- SENDIASS
- Carers Leeds
- Child Health and Disability Team (CHAD)
- Leeds Parent Carer Forum
- Speech and Language Therapy Service
- SEND Coordinators, Family Hubs

Workshop details

- Theme: SENSAP - what to expect from your casework officer
- Time: 11am till 12pm

Let us know if you will be attending the drop in

<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/InfoDropIn/>



If you would like more information about the drop in sessions email
LLO@leeds.gov.uk



**Blackgates
Primary Academy**
a member of Lincoln Academies 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/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 DfES via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Delta via the School Milk Scheme.

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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, GB

Enter your password

Log in

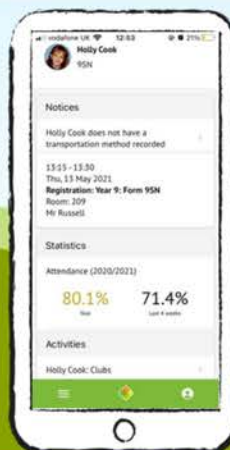
Forgotten password?

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.





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*