



Blackgates Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL

JUNE EDITION

Friday 27 June 2025

Principal's Message



We have had a lovely week once more. Year 4 visited Scarborough where they carried out surveys, ate fish and chips on the beach and then spent money in the arcades. They had a great day and the weather was kind to us. Many children received reward ice creams for good attendance and excellent behaviour this week. Along with Nursery, 2 year olds and Reception who had a seaside experience here at school this week. Thank you for your ongoing support
Mrs Julie Coulson
Principal

Notices

Do not push the gate



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.

Important Dates:

Training days:

Monday 2 September
Friday 8 November
Friday 23 May
Monday 21 July
Tuesday 22 July
Extra day Friday 18 July

Dates for your Diary

Sports day

Wednesday 9 July (Little Ducklings and Nursery morning classes) 9.30am - 10.30am
Wednesday 9 July (Little Ducklings and Nursery afternoon classes) 1pm - 2pm

Amended date from 27 June- 11 July Year 6 Reward trip.

Early Years stay and play

Monday 14 July
11 - 11.40am & 2.30 - 3.20pm

Summer Term

Seaside trips

Reception - Hornsea - 4 June
Year 2 - Filey - 11 June
Year 1 - Hornsea - 18 June
Year 4 - Scarborough - 25 June
Year 5 - Bridlington - 2 July
Year 6 - Flamborough - 9 July
Year 3 - Whitby - 16 July



Ducklings

We have had such a busy week this week. We were very lucky on Monday and were treated to an Ice Cream from a visiting Ice Cream van. On Wednesday it was our Seaside day and we had lots of fun making sandcastles and splashing in our paddling pool. Thursday was a day of Maths, we sang lots of counting songs and played with jigsaws.



Nursery

We've had a very exciting week this week with our visit from the ice cream van and our Nursery Beach Day! The children had so much fun building sandcastles, paddling in the pools, playing hook a duck and going on a donkey ride. (With our hobby horses!) There were so many smiling faces all round!



Robins



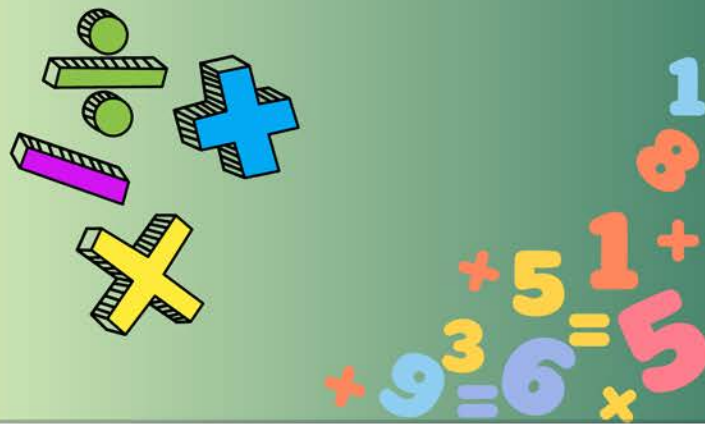
A massive thankyou to all the families who were able to attend our stay and play this week! The children thoroughly enjoyed showing off their classroom and all the maths based learning it has to offer.



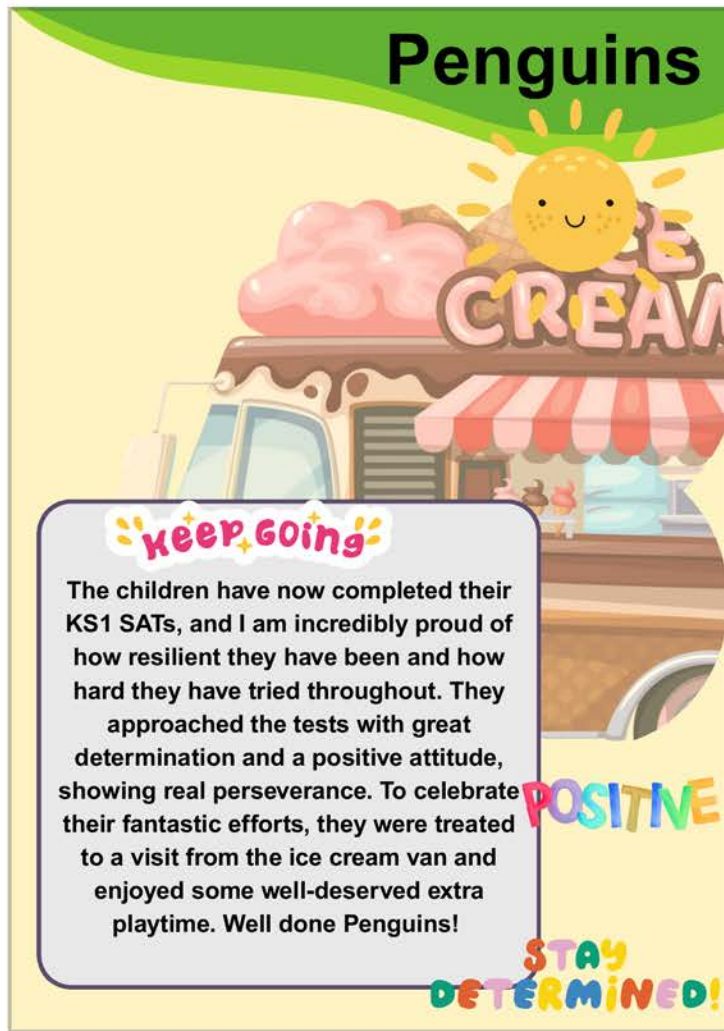
MATH

Well done Year 1 for being very resilient this week and working very hard in Maths papers. You have all done very well showing me everything that you have learnt in year 1!

Resilience



Penguins



Keep Going

The children have now completed their KS1 SATs, and I am incredibly proud of how resilient they have been and how hard they have tried throughout. They approached the tests with great determination and a positive attitude, showing real perseverance. To celebrate their fantastic efforts, they were treated to a visit from the ice cream van and enjoyed some well-deserved extra playtime. Well done Penguins!

POSITIVE

STAY
DETERMINED!

Nightingales



Nightingales had so much fun on our Joy and Discovery day! Our highlights were taking part in an archeological dig to find clues about holidays in Victorian times, making clocks out of paper plates and reading the Egyptian mystery story 'The Pharoah's Fate'.

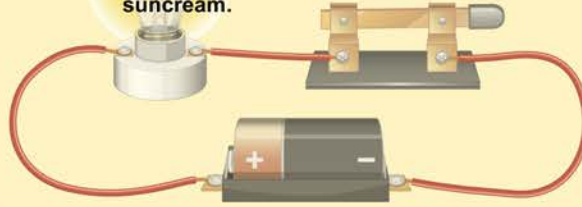


Ravens



On Friday, the children took part in a joy and discovery day. We have had so much fun building circuits, investigated fingerprints and completing a treasure hunt outside and learning all about Pointilism art. We enjoyed a pizza picnic and enjoyed the sunshine.

What a fabulous Friday. Next Wednesday is our trip to Scarborough. With the lovely weather we have been having, please ensure the children have suitable clothing, including a sunhat, and suncream.



Falcons

On Wednesday 2nd July, we will be taking the children in Year 5 on a geography visit to Bridlington seaside. As part of our topic, the children will be conducting questionnaires to local fish merchants to investigate trade in the Bridlington area. Children must wear school uniform and ensure they have suitable footwear and a warm (preferably waterproof) coat. If the weather is warm, please ensure they have sun cream applied before the trip and bring some with them.

We would also recommend they bring a hat. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them in a suitable bag that they are able carry with them, and they can bring some spending money, but we ask that it is no more than £5 to buy sweets or an ice cream.



Hawks

We've had a great week so far, a reminder, for those who are attending Woodkirk next year, next Thursday (Thursday 3rd July), all Year 6s are to attend Woodkirk for their transition day:

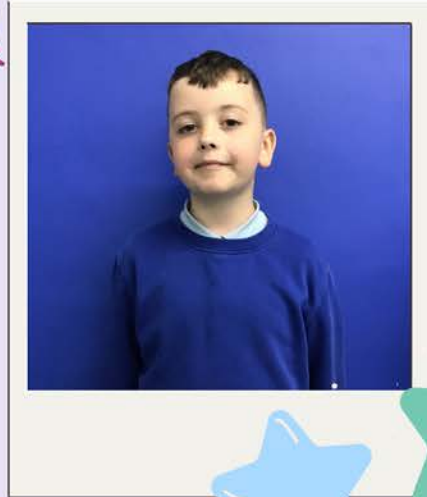
-  Students should wear their usual primary school uniform with trainers for comfort.
-  Mobile phones are not allowed on the day.
-  Arrival time is 9:00am at the front yard, where key staff will be ready to greet students.
- Students will be dismissed at 2:15pm.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for arranging transport to and from school - (do not come to Blackgates first).
- A school lunch will be provided, but students are welcome to bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

Any questions, please ask.



Headteacher Star of the week

Week ending 27.6.25



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Congratulations to all of our Stars



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13 June 2025

Dear parents/carers

We are writing to inform you that Blackgates Primary Academy will be closed for an additional staff INSET day on Friday 18 July 2025. We are truly sorry for the short notice but due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to give prior warning.

School will be closed to all pupils on this day to allow building alterations to take place in preparation for September so that children benefit from more effective learning environments.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Your sincerely

Julie Coulson

Principal

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Dear Families,

To help make friendships and make connections we have created an area in the classroom to display family photographs.

It would be marvellous if you could either upload to tapestry or bring in some photos of your children's loved ones.

These photos will remain on display in our class throughout the year.

We are excited to see the pictures your children choose to share.

Thankyou for your support!

Amy Gray

Reception teacher/EYFS lead
Blackgates Primary Academy







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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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*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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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

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Enter your password

Log in

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Need help using Arbor?

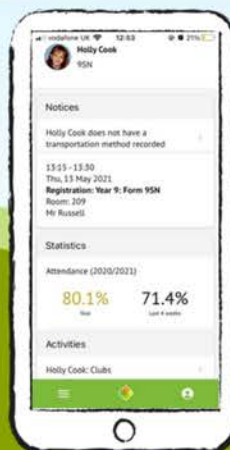
Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or

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

