



Blackgates Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL

JUNE EDITION

Friday 13 June 2025

Principal's Message



It has been a week when our Ofsted report has been finalised and published. We are so pleased to be assessed as a good school in all areas. Please read our report as we are all very proud of the progress and journey we have made. We will continue to work hard to improve as always.

Our children were pleased to have the news about the report communicated to them. They are all looking forward to next Friday's Joy and Discovery Day. Where all learning is aimed to be taught with little use of technology or written work

Thank you for your ongoing support
Mrs Julie Coulson Principal

Important Dates:

Training days:

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

Dates for your Diary

Sports day

Thursday 19 June (Year 3 and Year 4 classes)

9.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 19 June (Year 5 and Year 6 classes)

10.30am - 11.30am

Thursday 19 June (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes) 1.30pm - 2.30pm

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 20 June to 27 June-

Year 6 Reward trip.

25 June - Early Years Seaside day

Early Years stay and play

Thursday 26 June &

Monday 14 July

11 - 11.40am & 2.30 - 3.20pm

Summer Term

Seaside trips

Reception - Hornsey - 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

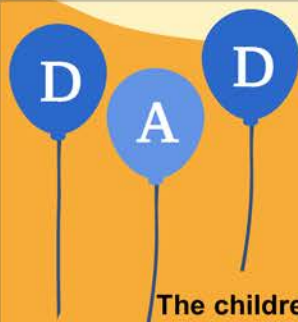
Do not push



Notices

Pedestrian Gate

Our Pedestrian gate opens automatically, please do not push it as this leads to it breaking. The costs to repair are very high and this money would be much better spent on the children.



Ducklings

The children have been getting creative this week by making trophies and medals for a special person for Father's day at the weekend. We have been using lots of materials for the medal to make them perfect. Thank you to parents that came to stay and play the children love you coming along. We also been getting very messy in Oobleck.



Nursery

It's been a busy week in Cygnets! The children have had lots of fun playing mathematical games involving subsidizing one, two, and three spots by 'quick looking' and using their 'fast eyes'. They enjoyed identifying spot patterns and representing the number with their fingers, listening to a drum and then holding up the matching number of spots, and listening to pebbles drop in a tin and saying how many there were.

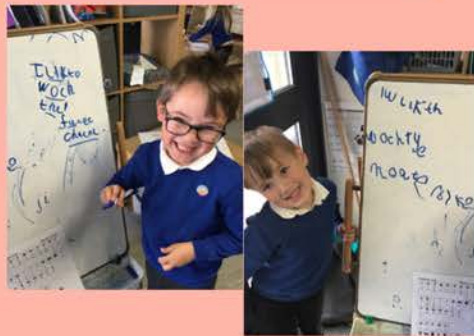
The children have also really enjoyed making special rosette badges for their special grown ups and were excited to take them home as soon as they were dry!



Robins

INDEPENDENT

We have had an explosion of independent writing in Robins this week. It is marvellous to see all the hard work in phonics really come to life during independent learning times. Well done Robins!



Doves

Year 1 are really looking forward to their trip next week. Please remember to send your child with a water bottle, sun hat, rain coat, their lunch and wearing their PE shorts, a change of clothes in case they get wet and a towel. If you would like us to apply suncream during the day please let Mrs Lunn know





Nightingales



In writing, we have started our sentence stacking around an explanation text about how a robot dog works. The children have really enjoyed themselves so far and are always so enthusiastic to share their sentences with everyone. In maths, we have been focussing on time. This is a topic the children have found quite tricky so would be beneficial to discuss telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks.



Ravens



This week we have continued to write about "The Creature" in a newspaper style. The children have worked hard on their speech and can use inverted commas. They have now included a witness account of the creature and have thought about how people would have felt witnessing a sad event. It has been assessment week as well and the children really impressed us with their resilience during the reading test. Next week, we will complete the maths tests and we know the children are going to do really well.



Falcons

This week, we began our new PSHE topic on online safety. The children shared some fantastic ideas about how to stay safe online and it was great to see how much they already knew! Over the coming weeks, we will continue to build on this knowledge with a focus on image sharing and the importance of making safe and respectful choices online.

ONLINE



We are also continuing to encourage a love of reading in year 5 and would really appreciate your support at home. Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes per week and sign their reading record. This doesn't have to be their AR book - it can be any text they enjoy such as comics, poetry or non-fiction books.



Hawks

What a fantastic week it has been for Year 6! Your dedication and enthusiasm during rehearsals for the school play have been truly impressive—it's shaping up to be a wonderful performance. Keep up the great work, and remember to have fun along the way!

A quick final reminder: if you haven't already, please send in your baby photos to info@blackgates.leodis.org.uk for the yearbook. We'd love to include everyone in this special memory!

**SCHOOL
PLAY**

Headteacher Star of the week



Week ending 13.6.25



Stars of the week

Week ending 13.6.25



Stars of the week

Week ending 13.6.25



Congratulations to all of our Stars



Blackgates
Primary Academy
a member of Leeds Academies Trust

Principal: Mrs J Coulson

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

Email: info@blackgates.academy | Phone: 0113 887 8815 | Website: www.blackgates.academy
Location: Smithy Lane, Tingley, Wakefield WF3 1QQ

Leeds Academies Trust. An exempt charity. Registered in England & Wales number 07720181
Registered Office: c/o Blackgates Primary Academy, Smithy Lane, Tingley, Wakefield WF3 1QQ







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

Cool Milk at School Ltd | Cool Milk House | Kingsley Park | Kingsley Road | Lincoln | LN6 3TA | ☎ 0800 321 3248 | 🌐 www.coolmilk.com



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?

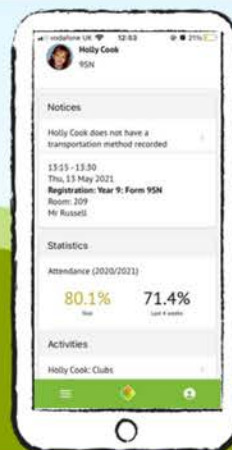
Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or

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.





Attendance Rewards

We had a fantastic week of attendance last week, with almost every class being at or above school target (96%). Unfortunately, this week we have had a lot of illness as a sickness bug is doing the rounds. Let's hope we can get back on track next week!

The Department for Education has released some new research about the link between attainment and attendance at the end of Key Stage 2. It identifies the following very important points:

- Pupils who attend school every day are almost twice as likely to achieve well than a child with attendance below 90%.
- A child with attendance below 90% means they are 25% less likely to achieve well at the end of Key Stage 2.
- Attendance of 90% or below means a child misses 4 or more weeks of school that year.

Every day really counts so please support us to ensure your child has attendance at 96% or above.

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 2024-25

Summer		Monday 2 September 2024*
Autumn mid term	Friday 25 October 2024	Monday 4 November 2024
Christmas	Friday 20 December 2024	Monday 6 January 2025
Spring mid term	Friday 14 February 2025	Monday 24 February 2025
Easter break	Friday 4 April 2025	Tuesday 22 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	Friday 2 May 2025	Tuesday 6 May 2025 Monday
Summer mid term	Friday 23 May 2025*	2 June 2025
Summer break	Tuesday 22 July 2025*	

Training

1 Monday 2

September

2 Friday 8 November

3 Friday 23 May

4 Monday 21 July*

July*