



Blackgates Primary Academy

# NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL

JULY EDITION

Friday 11 July 2025

### Principal's Message



It's been another warm week, getting warmer on Friday!  
Year 6 have had a busy week, performing their end of year play which was hilarious. We really do have some talented actors. They have also visited Flamborough as part of their geography curriculum and most pupils earned a reward trip to Lazer tag and bowling.  
Next week will see our children moving up to their new classrooms to meet their teachers and new staff.

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

Early Years stay and play  
Monday 14 July-Cancelled due to transition days  
Monday 14 & Tues 15 transition days  
Tuesday 15 July 3.30-4.30 Meet the teacher  
Thursday 17 July 10am Year 6 Graduation

Friday 18 Extra training day no children in school

Summer Term  
Seaside trips

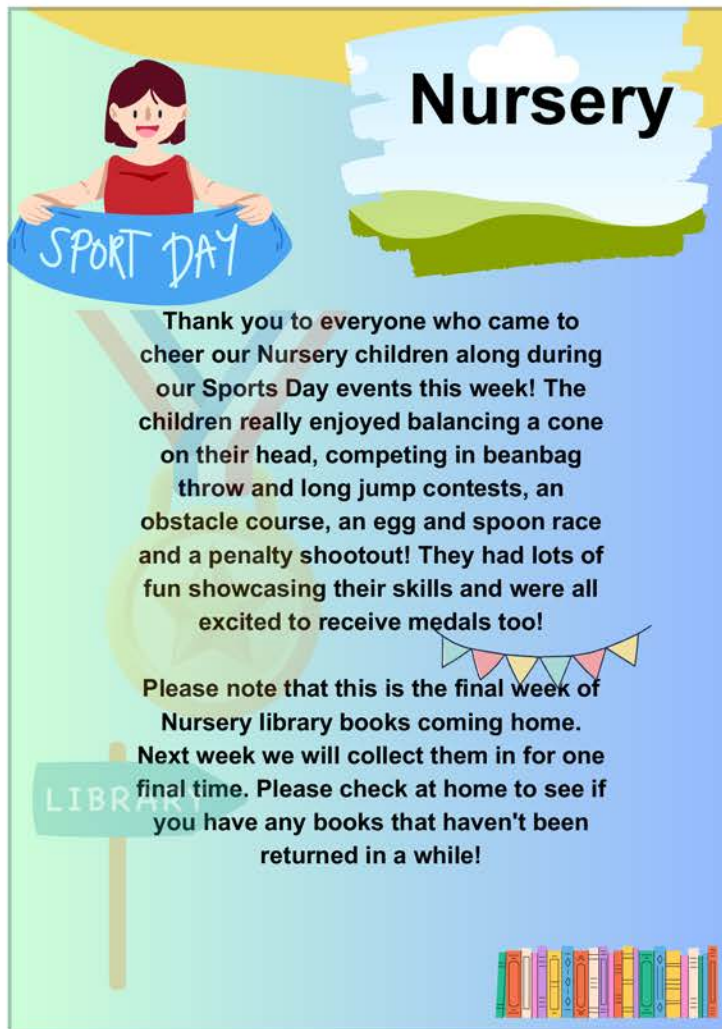
Year 3 - Whitby - 16 July

# Ducklings



Sports day was such a good day, the children loved doing sports day from kicking a ball to see who could jump the longest. Thank you to our lovely parents who came and watch and even joined in to support their children. The children are so proud with their medals.





# Robins



This week we have been learning all about maps. We have talked about why we would need maps- the children had some excellent ideas! We then looked at a map and planned our route from school to our house, the children loved seeing their house on google maps! We have then seen lots of maps being drawn in provision. Well done Robins!



# Doves



Year 1 have enjoyed our PSHE lesson, where we learnt about different kinds of families and what makes our families special. They loved drawing a family portrait and talking about their family with others. Doves class have been very excited this week, as they received a postcard from our class lion (teddy), who is at the seaside! They have loved finding out all about what he has been up to.



# Penguins



Starting next week, children will begin bringing home their project work and topic books so they can proudly share all the fantastic learning they've done this year. These are wonderful keepsakes, and we hope you enjoy revisiting their classroom adventures together. To help carry everything safely, we kindly ask that each child brings a carrier bag with them. On Monday and Tuesday, children will be spending time with their new class teacher as part of our transition days. This is a lovely opportunity for them to get to know their new environment, build confidence, and feel excited about the year ahead.





# Nightingales

## TRIP

Just a few reminders for our trip next week. If the weather continues to be hot, please ensure that the children bring their sun hats and are covered in sun cream. They will need to bring some spending money for the ice cream and toilets, about £5 in coins in a name wallet will be fine. Please also be aware that we are due back about 4:30 on Wednesday.



# Ravens



This week in Ravens we have been so busy. We had a DT day on Tuesday and designed and made our lighthouses out of mod-roc. They look incredible and now just need a circuit adding to make them light up.



In maths we have wowed our teachers with our excellent ability to convert between tenths as decimals and fractions. We have been able to use stem sentences really effectively to explain our reasoning. It is so wonderful to see how proud the children are of themselves when they feel confident. They are definitely showing me they are ready for Year 5!

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# Falcons



What a fantastic day we had on Tuesday at the MFL event! The children had an action-packed time enjoying a range of activities, including an inflatable obstacle course, inflatable axe throwing, basketball and darts as well as a scavenger hunt and a very exciting nerf war! We also go to sample some delicious international food such as churros, bratwurst and bruschetta. It was a brilliant way to celebrate languages and cultures from around the world while having lots of fun.



**LANGUAGE  
DAY**



# Rewards

## Hawks

It's been a fantastic week, full of laughter, memories, and well-earned rewards. The children had a brilliant time on their seaside trip to Flamborough and enjoyed their special reward trip today. We're so proud of their achievements and spirit as we approach the end of term.

A quick reminder: Next Thursday 17th, we'll be celebrating with the Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 10:00am in the school hall. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us and stay afterwards for some food and drinks. Later that day, the much-anticipated Leavers' Disco will be held from 5:00-7:00pm - a wonderful send-off for a very special group. Let the countdown begin!



# Stars of the week

Week ending 11.07.25



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Congratulations to all of our Stars



**Blackgates**  
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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.

Yours 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.

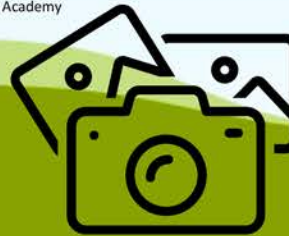
These photos will remain on display in our class throughout the year.

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](https://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.coolmilk.com/parents).

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](https://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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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

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Enter your password

Log in

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#### Need help using Arbor?

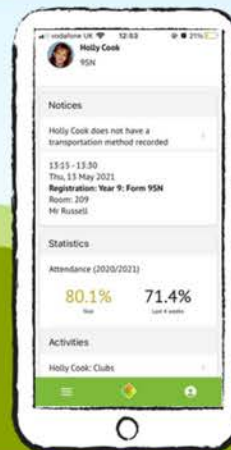
Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or

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\***