



Friday 5 June 2026

Principal's Message

It has been lovely to see everyone returning to school after half term. This week was our first seaside visit - Robins went to Hornsea and had a wet and windy day on the beach. They made sandcastles, paddled in the sea, flew a kite (or saw Mr White battling the wind!), ate an ice cream and had a lovely day despite the weather! Next week Year 2 will be visiting Filey as part of the curriculum. All classes will visit a seaside except for our youngest children who have a seaside day and ice cream van visit nursery (Wednesday 24 June). 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 2 - Wednesday 10 June - Filey
- Year 1 - Wednesday 17 June - Hornsea
- Year 4 - Wednesday 24 June - Scarborough
- Year 5 - Wednesday 1 July - Bridlington
- Year 6 - Wednesday 8 July - Flamborough

Friday 3 July & Monday 6 July EYFS Sports day.

Friday 10 July rest of school Sports day.

EY & Y1 Stay and Play

Summer

- Monday 8 June - Fathers Day
- Wednesday 17 June - Inventions
- Thursday 25 June - Writing
- Monday 13 July - Teddy Bears Picnic

Please remember to fill out the sunscreen form you have been sent via email

Notices



Please be mindful and respectful when parking on the school site. Ensure that vehicles are parked considerately and do not block other cars, access routes, or create congestion. Your cooperation helps to ensure the safety and convenience of all staff, visitors, and families. Thank you for your support.





BEACH

Nursery

This week in nursery, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the beach area within our provision. They have shown great imagination as they played, built, and investigated using the sand and resources available. They enjoyed the ocean themed tough tray and discussing the names of the sea creatures. In maths, the children have been developing their number skills by matching dot patterns. They demonstrated good counting and recognition and practised their subitising skills using the large dice.

In phonics, we have been focusing on the 'qu' sound. The children enjoyed saying the sound and looking at pictures beginning with the 'qu' sound. The children show great enthusiasm and participation during our phonics sessions.

It has been a wonderful week of learning about the seaside, and the children have really enjoyed exploring the new activities.



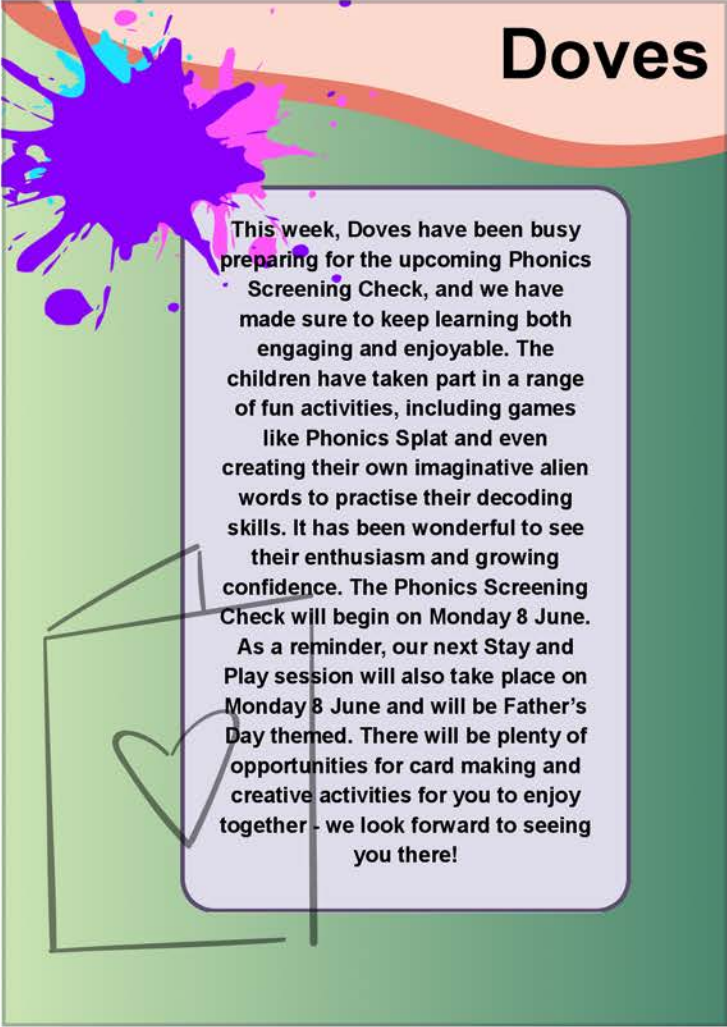
BEACH

Robins

The children had a wonderful time on our class trip to Hornsea Beach, even though the rain made the day a little soggy. Their enthusiasm never dipped as we flew a colourful kite along the windy shore, enjoyed our packed lunch together, and even managed a paddle in the sea. A highlight for many was ending the day with a well-earned ice cream, which brought plenty of smiles despite the drizzle.



Doves



This week, Doves have been busy preparing for the upcoming Phonics Screening Check, and we have made sure to keep learning both engaging and enjoyable. The children have taken part in a range of fun activities, including games like Phonics Splat and even creating their own imaginative alien words to practise their decoding skills. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence. The Phonics Screening Check will begin on Monday 8 June. As a reminder, our next Stay and Play session will also take place on Monday 8 June and will be Father's Day themed. There will be plenty of opportunities for card making and creative activities for you to enjoy together - we look forward to seeing you there!

Penguins



It's been fantastic having Penguins back after their holidays. In maths, we've started our statistics unit, where we look at drawing and interpreting pictograms, block diagrams and tally charts. The children have really enjoyed this topic so far. In writing, we have looked at features of a diary entry around a trip to the seaside. The children will then have a go at writing some sentences.

Our Filey trip is next Wednesday. Please can you ensure your child is at school for 8:40 so we can depart at 9am. Pick up time is 4:30. Your child should wear PE kit rather than school uniform (this is easier to paddle and play on the beach) with either a coat, sunhat and sun cream already applied depending on the weather. Any questions please ask

TRIP

Nightingales



Year 3 have had a great first week back to school. The class are enjoying the new writing unit of work, where we have been learning about the features of a setting description. They have been great at identifying the grammar and punctuation features, not only in the setting descriptions given in the lesson but also in their reading books.

In PSHE this week, we have been learning about water safety given the weather is getting much warmer and that we have waters close to school. The children have engaged very well in discussion about the topic, have learned how to keep themselves and others safe near water. I am very impressed with the children's mature and sensible questions and answers around this topic.

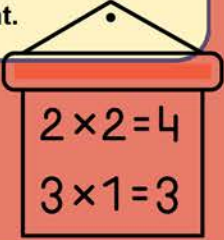


Ravens



Welcome back after a lovely half term Year 4. It has been lovely to see the children back in school and they all seem to have enjoyed their break in the sunshine. This week we took part in an art lesson where the children learned how to create patterns called 'Zentangle'. This required them to be careful and patient with their work and they enjoyed developing a new skill they hadn't tried before.

We would also like to remind you that the MTC will take place on Tuesday 9th June so please continue your children to be playing on TTRS daily to help support them with this assessment.


$$2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$3 \times 1 = 3$$

Falcons



This week we have written up our persuasive adverts based on our technological device designed in art. The children produced some fantastic pieces of writing, using persuasive techniques effectively and demonstrating a strong understanding of how language can influence a reader. We also enjoyed reading 'The Highwayman' as part of guided reading and look forward to using this classic poem to inspire our next writing unit.





Hawks

I hope everyone has had an amazing half term and enjoyed the sun.

As we move into the final weeks of the school year, we are looking forward to several exciting events for Year 6. A letter will be sent out in the next few weeks with key dates and further details. However, if you need the information sooner, please see below:

Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 End of Year Play, starting at 5.00pm and finishing at 6.15pm

Thursday 16th July – End of Year Disco, 5.00pm to 6.15pm

Friday 17th July – Year 6 Graduation, starting at 10.00am

We would also like to send a kind reminder to anyone who has not yet sent in a photograph of their child as a baby or when they first started school. These will be used in the Year 6 leavers' book and would be greatly appreciated. Please send these in as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to celebrating this special time with the children.





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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

Star of the week

Week ending 05.06.2026



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CONGRATS



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.



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- Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia
- Dysregulation
- Food/Eating
- Home Support Ideas
- Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)
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- Sensory Needs
- Sleep

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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

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





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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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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***



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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 4 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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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'
 - Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
4. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
5. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday



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.

