



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

Christian Value for Term : **UNDERSTANDING**

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the first of our fortnightly newsletters for Term 5. I hope parents have had the chance to see the class newsletters last week. These can also be found on the class pages of the school website.

This term, we are focusing on the Christian value of understanding. In the Bible, understanding is often linked with wisdom and compassion, encouraging us to listen, empathise, and support others. Proverbs 4:7 says, "Though it cost all you have, get understanding," reminding us how valuable it is.

In school, we will explore what it means to understand different perspectives, show kindness, and resolve conflicts peacefully. Our VE Day assembly on Thursday helped the children learn how understanding helps us build stronger relationships and live in harmony, reflecting Jesus' love for all.

## OFSTED

We are delighted that our recent Ofsted inspection has been completed, and we are eagerly awaiting the publication of the report. This milestone reflects the heart and spirit of our school community, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed. As we await the report, parents can view the excellent results of the Ofsted parent survey, which can be found at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/10686/15>. Together, we continue to make our school a place of learning, joy, and faith.

## SATS for Year 6

As our Year 6 children prepare for their SATs next week, we want to remind them that these tests are just one step in their learning journey. At Blackboys, our focus is on encouraging every child to "be the best they can be." This means working hard, showing resilience, and being proud of their efforts.

Year 6 have shown great dedication and determination so far. SATs are a chance to celebrate their learning and growth. Let's support them with positivity, rest, and encouragement as they give their best next week.

They will be taking their assessments in the school hall under exam conditions. We all wish them the best of luck. It is the ultimate in 'Living life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) after all! After SATS weeks, the year 6s turn their minds towards the rapidly approaching French Trip and our Term 6 school play.

## Year 1 and Year 5 2025/26

Before the May mid term break we shall be sending out letters to current Reception and Year 4 parents offering the opportunity for a telephone conversation to discuss Year 1 and Year 5 class placement. As parents/carers are aware, to have manageable class sizes, we need to share our Year 1 cohort between Class 1 and Class 2 and our Year 5 cohort between Class 4 and Class 5.

It is important for parents/carers to understand that children follow their year group curriculum regardless of what class they are placed in and that our expectation for them remains high. Our class teachers are skilled in adapting challenging work for mixed year groups and we have a bespoke curriculum to ensure no one repeats any subject content. Year groups join together each day for phonics in Key Stage 1 and spelling in Key Stage 2. There are other times year groups come together for subjects like Computing, RE and PSHE.

Please note that we do not create class groups based on pupil friendship groups (as all our children are friendly) or more importantly parents' social circles. We use a professional opinion of which classroom would suit a child best.

## Class Led Acts of Worship, Term 5

Class 3

Thursday 15th May, 9.05am, School Hall

Parents / carers are always very welcome to come along to any Thursday assembly, which take place in the School Hall from 9.05am. Just stay in the playground after drop off and we will invite you in.

## Parent/Carer/Staff Netball Club Tuesdays, School 6-7pm

Our popular Parent/Carer/Staff Netball Club is back once again, starting next Tuesday 13th May. Mrs Sullivan runs the club and new members are most welcome to join in! You are welcome to drop in regularly or as a one off. Come to the playground at 6pm!



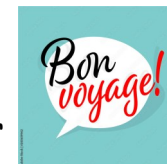
## Summer Uniform

Now that the weather has started to improve the children are welcome to start wearing their summer uniforms. Please remember to label all clothing your child brings to school as they are more likely to remove cardigans/jumpers in the warm weather. We encourage sun hats, but again please name them, even if just with a biro on the label. In terms of sun cream, please apply prior to school start.

During Terms 5 & 6 we expect the children to also be in summer PE kit (shorts and t shirt). We still have several children who haven't brought their PE kits back after the Easter holidays, so please ensure that your child has their kit and it has appropriate clothing in it.

## Year 6, French Trip, Wednesday 21st May

The much anticipated Year 6 French trip is fast approaching. Please can we remind Year 6 Parents/Carers to complete the consent forms sent home earlier this week to return them to the School Office as soon as possible.



## School Council, Term 5 Charity

The School Council this term has chosen to support Uckfield Guides appeal for a new roof for their Headquarters. With lots of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in our school it felt right to support this local cause. There will be a cake sale for this charity on Friday 16th May after school.

## Health Checks for Reception and Year 6

We sent our information via ParentMail this week regarding Reception and Year 6 health checks on June 10th. As this is an opt out scheme, we encourage all parents who would rather their child isn't health checked to follow instructions on the ParentMail please. Unless opt out has been triggered, all pupil in Reception and Year 6 will take part in the check.

## Moonster Phonics

Mrs Sullivan recently ran a well received session for parents/carers of children who will take the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check or the Year 2 re-sit. If you were not able to attend, all the information is available on our school website at <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/phonics-workshop/>

## Parking

Thank you to parents and carers for your renewed effort with considerate parking. I know residents appreciate your efforts and making use of the good weather to park and walk from the Blackboys Inn or Village Hall has alleviated pressure. Thank you.

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning 5th May

### Class 1

Edith C - for her great work in RE; lots of ideas about special places.  
Dixie C - for the amazing effort she is putting in to learning her high frequency words.  
Mila C - for her great work in Maths, making equal groups.

### Class 2

Emily B - for her amazing model of Big Ben out of Lego.  
Maddie L - for great colour mixing and creating letters with paint.  
Joshua I - for showing Mrs Sullivan how much of fractions he has remembered.

### Class 3

Ginny L - for her excellent persuasive writing.  
Thomas P - for being super with his editing and improving in English.  
Eva D - for her coaching others in PE, giving others support in stool-ball.

### Class 4

Saffron MC - for working hard on her poem about Journey to the Isle of Man.  
Ida O - for working more independently in English lessons, particularly with editing and improving!  
Mirra D - for showing a great understanding of rectilinear shapes and working out their perimeter.

### Class 5

George W - for his excellent and thoughtful contributions during PHSE this week.  
Tilly C - for her great attitude towards her SATs work this week.  
Hugo B - for continuing to work hard with Mrs Riley this week in English and Maths.

## **ACADEMIC YEAR 23/24**

### **MAY**

MONDAY 12TH - THURSDAY 15TH	KS2 SATS WEEK
MONDAY 12TH	SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 13TH	YR 5/6 ROUNDERS @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5.15PM ADULTS NETBALL - SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM
WEDNESDAY 14TH	DEADLINE FOR APPEALS TO BE LOGGED FOR A PLACE WITHIN YR R SEPT '25
THURSDAY 15TH	CHARTWELLS LUNCH MENU CHANGE! SCHOOLS SUMMER CENSUS CLASS 3 LED ACT OF WORSHIP SCHOOL HALL. ALL WELCOME. 9-9.30AM SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 16TH	SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE SALE 3.15-3.45PM
MONDAY 19TH	YEAR 6 PASSPORTS & GHIC CARDS TO BE DROPPED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR THE FRENCH TRIP SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
TUESDAY 20TH	SELECTED PUPILS YR 5/6 ROUNDERS UCKFIELD COLLEGE, BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5.15PM ADULTS NETBALL - SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM
WEDNESDAY 21ST	YEAR 6 FEDERATION FRENCH TRIP 6AM - 7.15/7.30PM
THURSDAY 22ND	CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL ASCENSION ASSEMBLY YEAR 6 PUPILS PARENTS/CARERS TO COLLECT PASSPORT AND GHIC CARDS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 23RD	LAST DAY OF TERM 5 WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
MONDAY 26TH	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
TUESDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 30TH	<b>MAY HALF TERM</b>
WEDNESDAY 28TH	MAY HALF TERM MISS ZARA ACROBATIC ARTS WORKSHOP
THURSDAY 29TH - FRIDAY 30TH	MAY HALF TERM ARCHEOLOGY CLUB
MONDAY 2ND	START OF TERM 6 SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM YEAR 6 SWIMMING AT CROSS IN HAND (LEAVE SCHOOL 1.50 SWIMMING SESSIONS ARE 2.15-3.15PM) PARENT COLLECTION DIRECTLY FROM CROSS IN HAND AT 3.15PM
TUESDAY 3RD	ADULTS NETBALL - SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM
THURSDAY 5TH	SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
FRIDAY 6TH	YEAR R FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM MAYFIELD KWIK CRICKET TOURNAMENT - SELECTED YR 5/6 PUPILS 9.30AM-3PM CLASS 3 TRIP TO BRANCHING OUT 9.45AM-2.50PM

### **24/25 Dates for your diary**

If you take a look at the homepage of our Blackboys website, you will find that 'main' School events like Year 6 Summer events, Sports Day(s) and end of School Performances are detailed within. You can click through week by week to see what is planned.

### **Inset Days 24 25:**

**\*Monday 21st July 2025\* \*Tuesday 22nd July 2025\***



BLACKBOYS PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

29-30th May 2025

10am-3pm

7-12 yrs £45 per day

DIGGING. MAKING.  
DOING.

# HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL



BOOK HERE!

A vibrant poster for a circus carnival. At the top, a red and white striped tent canopy is visible. Below it, a yellow banner with red tassels hangs across the top. The background is a deep blue night sky filled with colorful confetti and two bursts of fireworks on the left and right sides. In the center, a large, ornate red frame with yellow dots and three stars at the top contains the event details. Below the frame, two acrobats are shown performing handstands on a platform. The acrobat on the left is wearing a blue jumpsuit, and the one on the right is wearing a red jumpsuit with a white patch on the back. At the bottom, three red and white striped tents are set up on a red and white striped carpet. The text 'BLACKBOYS SCHOOL 10.37A' is written in white on a red banner at the very bottom.

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# CIRCUS CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

BLACKBOYS SCHOOL 10.37A





FRIENDS  
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Celebrating 30 years

# GRUFFALO FUN

TN22 5PN

Framfield Grange

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

10.30am - 4.00pm

book online

[friendsofsussexhospices.org.uk](https://www.friendsofsussexhospices.org.uk)

- Meet the Gruffalo • Magician • Pond Dipping • Woodland trails • Face painting • Gruffalo games • Craft activities
- Tea Tent • Bring your own picnic • Pizza & Ice-cream Vans

All activities free

Earlybird tickets before 26 May (10pm)

£12 (under 2yrs free) All tickets from 27 May £15

Free parking



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