



Blackboys Newsletter

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 2025

Christian Value for Term : Thankfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

It always seems appropriate that term 6 has the Christian Value of Thankfulness. At Blackboys we have many things to be thankful for; many of which are explored in this very newsletter. We have been thinking about thankfulness in assemblies too, allowing the children to reflect on their achievements throughout the whole school year. Just this week, the children have had their usual termly assessments with lots of examples of them 'being the best they can be'. We have also had Phonics Screening Checks for year 1 and some year 2 children, while year 4 have been taking their Multiplication Tables Check. In the words of John 10:10, we're 'living life in all its fullness'.

School Update

From September 2025, Framfield School will be working in partnership with Pioneer Federation, a large Federation of 8 schools. This is to provide support in leading and staffing Framfield School as it continues on its school improvement journey. There is a view that Framfield School will officially join Pioneer Federation at some stage during the 2025/26 academic year. Although we will naturally miss collaborating with Framfield School, this move allows us to have full focus on our Blackboys School community. Blackboys will operate as a stand alone school, maintaining its current staff, culture and ethos. I'm sure you will join me in praising the Federation's Governing Body in

working this positive outcome for both schools and we wish colleagues, families and children at Framfield the very best with their new future. If any parents have any questions about this, please speak to me at the school gate or email me head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

Our new caretaker

We are excited to let everyone know that Mr Dave Wright will be starting as caretaker on Monday 23rd June. Dave demonstrated his passion for Blackboys in interview and will be known to many as the father of Autumn, in year 1. I know you will make him feel very welcome.

Recent Successes

We are proud to have had the second best attendance in the whole of Sussex in academic year 23/24. There is an informative article on the Sussex Express website that parents/carers may wish to read. <https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/education/the-13-top-state-primary-schools-for-attendance-in-sussex-5172375>. We're aiming for top in 2024/25!

We are as equally proud of our school athletics team, who earned second place in years 4, 5 and 6 and third place in year 3 during the Uckfield Athletics meeting last week.

Our 3 chess teams also did brilliantly during finals day of the Sussex Primary Chess Cup. Our A team won Division 3 while our B team and C team came third and fourth in Division 5 respectively.

Whole School Performance, 'Wind in the Willows'

This year will see the story of 'Wind in the Willows' being staged. There will be three performances; Wednesday 16th July at 2pm and 6pm and Thursday 17th July at 6pm. Whilst Year 6 fulfil the main roles, all classes have a moment in the lime-light and will be expected to attend all performances. Please ensure you keep those dates free.

Further information about costumes, song words and tickets for parents, carers and extended family will be distributed over the coming weeks, please keep an eye out on your ParentMail.

Class Led Acts of Worship, Term 6

Class 1	Thursday 10th July, 9.05am, School Hall
Class 2	Thursday 03rd July, 9.05am, School Hall

Whole School Sports Day—Wednesday 25th June 2025

Sports Day is scheduled for Wednesday 25th June in the afternoon. Parents/Carers are welcome to watch and support. The pedestrian gate will be opened at 1.05pm for a prompt 1.15pm start to proceedings.

The children will be taking part in various races on the track, culminating in our relays, pre-schoolers race and parent races. The children earn points for their house and the Sports Day Cup will be presented to the winning house by 3:15pm. Please remember that we support every runner at Sports Day and encourage everyone to 'be the best they can be'.

The children will be expected to wear their full PE kit, including black shorts and their coloured house t-shirt. As we run sports day in warm weather, please ensure your child comes to school with a hat and a drinks bottle (which they will be able to re-fill prior to the start). Sun cream should be applied in the morning of the event please. If any parents have gazebos they would kindly lend to us and put up, could this be done on the morning of the 25th between the hedge and the edge of the track please.

There will be tea and coffee available for Parents/Carers to 'self serve' alongside a donation pot.

In the event of inclement weather there is a reserve date set of the following Wednesday 02nd July, with the same times. Should the need arise to postpone a ParentMail email will be sent as soon as possible.

All after school clubs planned will take place as normal. If you have a booking at After School Wrap Around Care & you don't require the place following Sports Day, please ensure that you cancel your child's place.

Wraparound Care

From September there will be a 50p increase on all wraparound care options due to the increased running costs of the clubs. With regret we will also stop our sibling discount rule for the same reason. However, should any families have any financial issues with the payment of wraparound care please make direct contact with head@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk in confidence.

Summer Fair 2025

Planning for this years PTA Summer Fair is well underway. If you haven't already marked the event in your diary, the Fair will start at midday on Saturday 05th July with an anticipated finish time of 2.30pm. The Fair looks to be one to remember, with the usual raffle, bouncy castle, games, craft stalls, tombola and much more! We are also excited to confirm that our after school club sports provider, Bright Sparks, will be in attendance, adding to the fun.



The day before, Friday 04th July will be a 'wear your own clothes to School day'. In exchange for this, please can we ask that a contribution for the Tombola is brought in; sweets (not chocolate), toiletries, bubble bath or a bottle of wine are just some suggestions of what could be brought in!

Term 6 Charity (And Own Shoes Day!)

This term the school council have chosen to support UNICEF as our termly charity. The school council have been impressed by the sheer number of UNICEF missions across the world and want to help. We have a collection each Thursday at assembly and the School Council have planned a 'wear your own shoes to School day' fundraiser on 27th June. In exchange for £1 children may replace their school shoes, but we advise against flip flops or stiletto heels!

Gold Book Awards for the week beginning 9th June

Class 1

Barney S - for his lovely writing when retelling the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.
Leon G - for his amazing role-play when acting out the story in RE 'When Jesus Calms the Storm'.
Darcy R - for her great work in Maths, sharing and making equal groups.

Class 2

Enzo B & Maddie L - for really careful and creative collages of a predator.
Elsa U - for trying really hard to tell the time and doing lots of practice at home.

Class 3

Ariana C - for her excellent progress in her reading assessment.
Lorenzo M - for his excellent progress in his reading assessment.
Oscar M - for never giving up and showing perseverance, even when facing challenges.

Class 4

Florence R - for conquering her worries and absolutely smashing the multiplication check!
Evie C - for her excellent efforts with all of the assessments this week.
Jessica RH - for a great explanation of natural selection using the example of the black and tan mice.

Class 5

Hugo B - for his consistently excellent scores across his assessments.
Eva C - for her excellent methodical and careful approach in her assessments.
Freya C - for stepping in to help the stoolball team on Monday.

ACADEMIC YEAR 24/25

JUNE

MONDAY 16TH

CUTTY SARK YEARS 4/5 TRIP 7.30AM-5PM
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 17TH

SEPTEMBER YEAR R, STARTERS PARENTAL MEETING 5.30-6.30PM
ADULTS NETBALL - SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM

WEDNESDAY 18TH

CLASS 1 TRIP TO WAKEHURST PLACE 9AM-3PM

THURSDAY 19TH

THANKFULNESS THEME ASSEMBLY - ALL WELCOME - 9-9.30AM
SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
2 x YEAR 6 PUPILS TO TAKE PART IN WEEKLY MATHS MASTERCLASS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3.45-4.45PM

FRIDAY 20TH

YEAR R FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM

MONDAY 23RD

CLASS 2 TRIP TO FRAMFIELD CHURCH 11.30AM-3PM
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 24TH

ADULTS NETBALL - SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH

YEAR R FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM
SPORTS DAY (THE RESERVE DATE IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER IS 02/07) ALL WELCOME 1-3PM

THURSDAY 26TH

FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM
YR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH CROWBOROUGH 10:30 AM START (ARRIVAL BY 10.15AM)
SELECTED PUPILS CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3.15PM
2 x YEAR 6 PUPILS TO TAKE PART IN WEEKLY MATHS MASTERCLASS AT UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3.45-4.45PM

FRIDAY 27TH

OWN SHOES DAY - SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
BLACKBOYS BABIES GROUP, SCHOOL HALL 2-3PM

MONDAY 29TH

YR 6 - 7 SEPT '25 STARTERS - RINGMER - KINGS ACADEMY & UCKFIELD TASTER DAYS
MR SULLIVAN CLASS PLACEMENTS PHONE CALLS FOR YR1/5 PUPILS 25/26 2-3PM
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

JULY

TUESDAY 1ST

YR 6 - 7 SEPT '25 STARTERS - RINGMER - KINGS ACADEMY, UCKFIELD AND HEATHFIELD TASTER DAYS
MR SULLIVAN CLASS PLACEMENTS PHONE CALLS FOR YR1/5 PUPILS 25/26 10AM-MIDDAY & 4.30-5.45PM
SELECTED PUPILS YR 5/6 BADMINTON FESTIVAL UCKFIELD COLLEGE SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM
ADULTS NETBALL - SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM

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 CE SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR

BOUNCY CASTLE

COLD DRINKS

HOT FOOD

CRAFT STALLS

GAMES

TOMBOLA

RAFFLE WITH
LOADS OF GREAT
PRIZES UP FOR
GRABS!



NERF WARS WITH
BRIGHT SPARK
SPORTS!!!

RAFFLE TICKETS
AVAILABLE NOW AT:

BLACKBOYSPTA.SUMUPSTORE.COM



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SATURDAY 5TH JULY
12-2.30PM





Do more.

Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers. Yes, we go camping, hiking, abseiling, cycling, climbing, caving, and canoeing - BUT we do so much more.....



Share more.

We learn lots of skills for life whilst hanging out with our friends every week – having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges.

Be more. Be inclusive

Scouts gives ½ million 4–25-yr-olds the skills they need for school, college, & life beyond. Everyone's welcome - all genders, races, abilities and backgrounds.



4th Uckfield Group.

The 4th Uckfield Group has a history delivering scouting for over 90 years. We run a safe, fun, and supportive group - led by exceptional trained adult volunteers of all ages although we welcome more to come forward and join us!



Where? Who?

Our secure HQ is on Rocks Park estate (TN22 2AS) with large hall, parking and grounds.

- 3 Beaver Colonies (6-8yrs, Mon, Weds, Thurs)
- 3 Cub Packs (8-10.5 yrs, Mon, Tues, Weds),
- 2 Scout Troops (10.5-14yrs, Thurs, Fri),
- 272 Explorer Scout Unit (14-18yrs, Tues).



Find out more.

- www.4thuckfield.org
- FB: 4th Uckfield Scout Group
- Young person – waitinglist@4thuckfield.org
- Adult volunteer enquiry – gsl@4thuckfield.org

MULTI -ACTIVITY Holiday Camp

Exciting Activities for Ages 5-11.



Blackboys CE School, Uckfield TN22 5LL

Early & late pick up and drop off options available

**£29.50 per
day***

*sibling discount
available

Enjoy over 30 different activities and sports:

- ✓ **Nerf Wars, Bubble Football & Glow Dodgeball**
- ✓ **Archery, Uni hoc, Football & Basketball**
- ✓ **Circus skills, arts & crafts and many more!**



TUE - THU | 8:30AM - 16:30PM

**Week 1
29th - 31st July**

**Week 2
5th - 7th Aug**



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