



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

## Dear Parents / Carers,

We are already at the end of the third week of the Autumn term. Time has flown! New parents may be interested to learn that this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters we produce.

At the time of writing our Year 5 and 6 pupils are enjoying the last day of their PGL residential trip and we are looking forward to their return to School on Monday to hear all about the adventures they have had! They have certainly demonstrated our Christian Value of the Term, Perseverance, while embracing our school vision of 'being the best they can be; Living life in all its fullness (John 10:10). A huge thank you to Mr Boorman, Mrs Taplin, Mrs Harper and volunteer Mrs Grimes for leading the residential.

## European Day of Languages

We are super excited to celebrate European Day of Languages at Blackboys for the first time since 2019. This Europe wide initiative helps pupils see beyond their own boundaries and gain an insight into new languages and cultures. Children are very welcome to come to school in their own clothes for the day, but we would like the colours of their own clothes to match the colours of a flag from a European country. It would be brilliant if all children knew the name of the country they are representing. We are asking for a donation of £1 for wearing own clothes, with the money we raise going to Young at Heart, a local charity which we support. The day will start with an optional early arrival at 8:15am for a European themed breakfast. Each classteacher will have a buffet table containing breakfast goodies from a different European Country for the children to try. The pedestrian gate will be opened at 8:15am and after visiting the cloak-

room, children will move to the hall, given a plate and invited to buffet! Please be assured that children with food allergies will be catered for. Each class will also have a lesson where the children will learn more about 1 European country with their classteacher. This will include some basic language, culture and geography. We hope the children will gain a lot from the day and that it will return as a yearly event.

## Bikeability

As is a tradition at Blackboys, September began with our Year 6s undertaking the ESCC Bikeability programme every morning throughout the week at School. Well done to all those Year 6's taking part! The course leaders were impressed by the children's attitude and perseverance.

## Pupil Leadership

We are thrilled to have Bea and Jonah in the roles of Head Girl and Head Boy for this academic year. They both wrote excellent letters of application and we are confident that they will do a great job. We are also delighted to announce that our school prefects for the coming year will be: Freya, Saffron, Hugo, Max, Alice and Evie. They will be led by Reuben and Mirra who have the role of Senior Prefects. We have two pupils with special responsibility for Audio Visuals, Data Projection and ICT: Benjy and Elodie. We have 2 pupils who will lead on environment: Erin and Arthur. Our House Captains this year will be Yellow House: Margaux and Oliver; Green House: Pippa and Arthur; Red House: Imogen and Jacob and Blue House: Finley and Erin.

## Year R September '26

We are already looking at projected pupil numbers for next September.

Can you therefore please let the School Office know if you have a sibling of a pupil already at Blackboys CE School, for who you intend to be naming Blackboys as your first choice of School on your application with County.

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As an additional reminder, even if you have a child already attending Blackboys, you still need to register preference of schools on-line via the East Sussex County Council website.

The deadline for primary school choices for September 2026 is  
**Thursday 15th January 2026.**

Please see the poster attached which details our forthcoming open events which all Parents/Carers of pupils looking to start School next year are warmly invited to attend. Please spread the word of Blackboys.

## Harvest Festival, Tuesday 30th September

Our whole school Harvest Festival will be taking place at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield, on Tuesday 30th September. We are asking that all children are dropped off directly to the church on this morning from 8.40am and the service will start at 9.00am prompt. Parents/Carers are of course welcome to join us for this annual celebratory service.

If your child is able to donate a non perishable item for the local Uckfield Foodbank this will be collected during the service.

**CURRENT FOOD REQUIRED: TINNED SPAGETTI, SPONGE PUDDINGS OR ANGEL DELIGHT, CERAL, CHOCOLATE, SWEETS/SNACKS**

Please note as previously communicated there will be NO Breakfast Club facility at School on the 30th September.

**KS1** (Classes 1 and 2) will be returning to School via a coach (subsidised by the School). **KS2** (Classes 3,4 and 5) will be taking their traditional hike back to School. They will require a change of clothes in a bag (rucksack ideally) with suitable walking/weather 'gear'. A packed lunch will also be required. A bin bag or reusable plastic shopping bag may also be packed for your child to sit on whilst enjoying their lunch.

## Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '26

A reminder for all Year 6 Parents/Carers that Secondary School applications for a place within Year 7 needs to be completed via the ESCC online portal by

**Friday 31st October 2025.**

**BLACKBOYS BABY/TODDLER/  
PRE-SCHOOLER GROUP  
SESSIONS ARE BACK!**  
Please see attached poster!  
2-3PM SCHOOL HALL  
MONTHLY FRIDAY SESSIONS, TERM  
TIME ONLY WITH THE FIRST  
SESSION TAKING PLACE 26/09/25!

### Missing items

Sadly, over the last week, we have had 2 items taken from the class 2 cloakroom. This is most unusual and something that is not in keeping with our ethos and expectation as a school. Mr Sullivan has spoken to the pupils in assembly about respect for the property of others. We request that parents check their child's book bags and coat pockets in the search for two 'Labubu-style' keyrings please, so they can be returned to their rightful owners. In the meantime, Mr Sullivan has suggested that it might be sensible to remove key rings that have special sentimental value from book bags until this situation is settled.

### Dates for 25/26

We urge all to keep an eye on the homepage of the Blackboys CEP School website. Most major dates for this academic year have been set, including Sports Day, Whole School Performance dates, Nativity and Carol Concert. Just scroll through the diary to up date your own home diary.

### Parent Consultation Evenings

The Autumn Term Parent Consultation Evenings are planned to take place Monday 20th October, 3.30-6.00pm and Wednesday 22nd October, 5.00-7.30pm. A letter regarding information and how to sign up will be sent out towards the end of this month.

### Inset Days 25/26

We have four planned Inset Days for the academic year which are detailed below.

- \*Friday 28th November 2025\*
- \*Monday 13th April 2026\*
- \*Monday 1st June 2026\*
- \*Wednesday 22nd July 2026\*

### Cello Lessons

Cello lessons are available in school NOW! Fun and focussed sessions suitable for every child with a nurturing and engaging teacher. Please ask at the office for further details.

### Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 15th September

#### Class 1

Hector Easton: For working independently.  
Georgia Hudson: For great work in phonics.  
Jenson Grindall: For having great energy for learning.

#### Class 2

Benji Dzandza: For great work in Maths.  
Levi Cottingham: For a great attitude to learning.  
Scarlett Hobden: For being independent in class.

#### Class 3

Florence Dawson: For using her own adjectives in an English lesson.  
Elsa Underwood: For impressive story descriptions.  
Alec Klinkaew: For excellent sketching

#### Class 4:

Daisy Hill: For excellent work about Hindu gods.  
Lyla Hayes: For always being the best she can be.  
April Masters: for always getting 10/10 in Early Bird Maths.

Year 5 and 6 have been at PGL

### ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

#### SEPTEMBER

TUES 23RD	INVITED YR 5/6 FOOTBALL TEAM @ MANOR, UCKFIELD, 3.45-5.30PM
WED 24TH	INVITED YR 5/6 CROSS COUNTRY @ ROCKS PARK, 1.30-3.00PM
THURS 25TH	INVITED YR 5/6 BHA ALBION CUP U11, 12.15-3PM
FRI 26TH	EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES—WEAR COLOURS FROM A EUROPEAN FLAG AND EUROPEAN BREAKFAST EXPERIENCE 8.15-8.40PM  BLACKBOYS BABES—SCHOOL HALL, 2-3PM  +NO BREAKFAST CLUB+
TUES 30TH	BLACKBOYS HARVEST FESTIVAL. PUPILS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH FROM 8.30AM. PARENTS/CARERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! KS1 COACH RETURN TO SCHOOL AND KS2 HIKE BACK.  INVITED YR 4/5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM @ MANOR, UCKFIELD , 3.45-5.3PM

#### OCTOBER

THURS 02ND	PASTOR PHIL LED ACT OF WORSHIP, ALL WELCOME, SCHOOL HALL 9.05AM  1-3PM YRS R-6 - NASAL SPRAY DELIVERY AT SCHOOL . PLEASE REFER TO PARENTMAIL EMAILS SENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON CONSENT ETC
FRI 03RD	PHONICS PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP IN THE SCHOOL HALL, 9-9.45AM FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY.  1.15-3.15PM 'YOUNG AT HEART' SELECTED PUPILS VISIT HEATHFIELD CRICKET CLUB. LEAVING SCHOOL 1.10PM FOR A 1.30 START - RETURNING IN TIME FOR END OF SCHOOL.  WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED.
TUES 07TH	INVITED PUPILS YR 3/4 FOOTBALL TEAM @ MANOR, UCKFIELD 3.45-5.30PM
THURS 09TH	SCHOOL HALL, 9.05AM PARENTS/CARERS INVITED, YEAR 5/6 LED ACT OF WORSHIP - PGL A REPORT BACK !  +NO AFTER SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB THIS WEEK+
MON 13TH—FRI 17TH	CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK
TUES 14TH	9.30AM+ PROSPECTIVE PARENT YEAR R SEPT '26 STARTER OPEN EVENT  1PM+ SCHOOL NURSE TEAM VISIT - NCMP - YR 6 -
THURS 16TH	HEAD LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME, 9.05AM+
FRI 17TH	CLASS 2 TRIP TO HASTINGS LIFEBOAT STATION  WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED.

### 25/26 Dates for your diary

If you take a look at the homepage of our Blackboys website, you will find that School 'main' events like Parents Evenings, Tempest Photos and even Sports Day are already confirmed for 25/26.

You can click through week by week to see what is planned.