



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

Many thanks for all the support for our Harvest Festival this week. It was a joyous occasion in the church, and always a delight to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school in attendance. The children performed magnificently. Singing in particular is something we do very well and I know many found it a quite spiritual and uplifting experience. We are indebted to the hard work of our staff, including our pianist Mrs Bayman. The Uckfield Food Bank were delighted with the food donations. Thank you.

A note from our Governors

A group of our Governors recently had the privilege of visiting Blackboys School to see learning in progress. They report, *"This is the best part of being a Governor- to see the Head Teacher's Improvement Plan being put into action, having examined the plan in our Full Governing Body meetings. As always, the children were impeccably behaved, engaging with us and answering questions. There was a real sense of calm, purposeful learning. We believe that Blackboys is a very special school and look forward to continuing our governing role of challenging and supporting Mr Sullivan, working together to ensure the best outcomes for your children."*

Due to the re-structuring of the Governors following defederation from Framfield School, we will be electing 2 parent governors. Look out for election information via ParentMail on Monday. For the same reason, we have now elected a new staff representative Governor. Mrs Taplin will be joining the Governing Body from term 2 and we would like to put on record thanks to Mr Boorman for his term of office as staff representative.

Parent/Carer Consultations

This week a letter was sent home via ParentMail email regarding Autumn term Parent/Carer Consultations. These are taking place on Monday 20th October and Wednesday 22nd October. If you haven't already done so, please secure your appointment with your child's class teacher. For more information please refer to the letter sent.

School Trips for 25/26

We are now asking parents/carers to make all payments for school trips via ParentPay (no cash). We will also be asking parents/carers to provide consent, contact and medical details, and offer assistance for school trips via ParentPay. This should ensure an easy process without having to return paper consent slips to the office. We will still use paper consent slips for sporting events. If you do not yet have a ParentPay account set up for your child, please contact the School Office and they will be able to assist.

Parking

Once again we have received complaints from local residents regarding parking at drop off and collection. Please could I remind you to be mindful when parking nearby and not to block pavements and driveways. Some parking has been particularly dangerous, especially near the main road. We are putting our own children at risk.

As previously stated, we are lucky enough to be able to use the Blackboys Pub and Village Hall car parks, which are just a short walk away. You will now see a new sign outside school to help encourage mindful parking. Thank you to Sussex Police who have funded this.

Reminder—after school sports clubs!

There will be **no** netball club taking place on Thursday 9th October.
There will be **no** football club taking place Monday 20th October as Parent Consultations will be taking place.

Term 1 25/26 Charity

The School Council have chosen Barnardo's charity to support this term. They will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 17th October, all cakes will cost £1. Proceeds from the cake sale and our weekly Thursday assembly collection will go to Barnardo's at the end of term. Last term's charity was UNICEF and we are delighted that we raised and sent £174 to them.

CAKE SALE



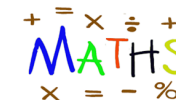
CYCLE
TO
SCHOOL
WEEK '25

Cycle to School Week 13-17 October

We look forward to taking part in Cycle to School Week on 13-17 October. We encourage everyone to take part and travel to school on two wheels if they can.

Maths Workshop

Mr Boorman will be running a Maths Workshop on Friday 17th October for parents and carers of all year groups. Please see attached poster for more details.



Miss Zara Returns

Our popular dance and gym teacher, Miss Zara returns to Blackboys from Term 2. Not only will she be teaching each class on a Tuesday but she is also offering pupils within Yrs 1-6 the opportunity to take part in her after school dance club held on a Tuesday, 3.15-4.15pm. See poster attached. The club starts on Tuesday 04th November, with 7 sessions, the last taking place on Tuesday 16th December. Sessions will be charged at £6 a session. Booking is now Live and available via the link below. Only 9 spaces remaining!

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/zara-breeze/enrolment/classes/term-2-blackboys-school>

In Zara's own words; *"We are so excited to return to Blackboys for Dance club next term. This term we will be working on a routine to 'Golden' from K-Pop Demon Hunters!! Spaces will be limited so please book ASAP to avoid disappointment."*

Wrap Around Care

We are very lucky to run a thriving wrap around care facility. Please note that currently we are fully booked with regular bookings for Wednesday after school sessions. Please give as much notice as possible with any bookings made for wrap around care as we are unable to guarantee a place at short notice.

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**.

PTA

Following the PTA AGM held in September we are pleased to inform you that Mrs Jenkins remains as Chair, Ms Sabatini as Vice Chair, Mrs Vine as Secretary and Mr Jenkins as Treasurer. A little bit about our committee:

Mrs Jenkins - Chair

Lyndsey is Mum to Zach in Class 3 and Keegan in Class 5. She has been PTA Chair for the past three years - which means she helps lead the team, make decisions, and keep everything running smoothly. Lyndsey enjoys organising fun events like welly wanging, cake stalls, and the Christmas Fair, and she loves seeing families come together to support the school and make brilliant memories.

Ms Sabatini - Vice Chair

Sarah is Mum to Lorenzo in Class 4 and has been Co-Chair of the PTA for the past three years. She's brilliant at making fundraising fun and inclusive, so everyone can join in while we raise money for the school. Keep an eye out for our next Summer Fair for Sarah's famous "Blackboys Mess" strawberry and meringue dessert, which was a huge hit last year!

Mr Jenkins - Treasurer

James is Dad to Zach in Class 3 and Keegan in Class 5, and he looks after the PTA's money as Treasurer. He's great at keeping the numbers straight and finding ways to raise extra funds - from discos to sponsorships - which have helped create exciting spaces like the all-weather pitch, the music room, and the Class 1 reading garden.

Mrs Vine - Secretary

Holly is Mum to Eddie and James in Class 4 and Penny in Class 1. She has been part of the PTA for three years and is our Secretary - which means she takes notes, organises things, and is our chief poster maker! Holly loves helping at the Summer and Christmas fairs - especially when there's a cake sale, a school disco, or a chance to meet Santa.

The PTA class reps are as follows (please contact the school office if you would like to be put in touch)

Class 1- Holly Vine

Class 2- Kerry Brinkhurst

Class 3- Jemima Gathercole

Class 4- Laura Bell

Class 5- Naomi Coates/Claire Brodie

PTA Fall Ball!

The PTA have organised an end of term 'Fall Ball'. On Friday 24th October, 5.30 - 6.30pm when pupils are invited to an Autumn disco. Tickets are priced at £4. Please see the attached flyer for more details and how to book tickets!



The PTA Christmas Fair planning meeting is due to take place at the Blackboys Inn, Thursday 06/11 7.30pm. All very welcome!

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 29th September

Class 1

Elsie C - for her great work in RE, talking about our wonderful world.
Sebbie F - for his amazing sounding out of new words in our phonics sessions.

Rafe S - for using his phonics when writing our story 'On the Way Home'.

Class 2

Hallie D - for working well in PE and trying hard to be independent in class.

Freddie B - for really good understanding of number lines in Maths.
Mirabelle N - for beautiful writing and amazing spelling!

Class 3

Merryn B - for always trying her best in all lessons.

Molly W - for her hard work using column addition in Maths.

Luka D - for all his hard work in writing and seeking extra challenge.

Class 4

George C - for excellent effort levels in English and Maths, especially working independently in Maths lessons.

Lorenzo M - for his amazing performances at the poetry recitals!
Audrey H - for her hard work and thoughtful thinking in all subjects, but especially in English this week.

Class 5

Florence R - for excellent effort in her History work.

Saffron MC - for being a poet extraordinaire!

Freya C - for her goal scoring performance at the football tournament.

ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

OCTOBER

MONDAY 6TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM

TUESDAY 7TH

SELECTED YR 3/4 FOOTBALL TEAM @ MANOR PRIMARY, UCKFIELD 3.45-5.30PM

WEDNESDAY 8TH

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM

THURSDAY 9TH

YEAR 5/6 LED ACT OF WORSHIP - PGL REPORT BACK! SCHOOL HALL, 9.05 - 9.30AM PARENTS/CARERS INVITED
U11 GIRLS ALBION CUP 8.15AM - 1.15PM
+NO AFTER SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB THIS WEEK+

FRIDAY 10TH

SEND TEA AND TALK 2.15-3PM

MONDAY 13TH -
FRIDAY 17TH

CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK

MONDAY 13TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM

TUESDAY 14TH

9.30AM PROSPECTIVE PARENT YEAR R SEPT '26 STARTER OPEN EVENT
1PM SCHOOL NURSE TEAM VISIT FOR YEAR 6
SELECTED YR 3/4 FOOTBALL TEAM @ MANOR PRIMARY, UCKFIELD 3.45-5.30PM

WEDNESDAY 15TH

YEAR 4/5/6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR PRIMARY 1-3PM
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM

THURSDAY 16TH

HEAD LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME, 9.05AM

FRIDAY 17TH

CLASS 2 TRIP TO HASTINGS LIFEBOAT STATION
PARENT MATHS WORKSHOP ON CALCULATIONS 9-9.45AM
SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE SALE 3.15-3.45PM
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED.

MONDAY 20TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM
AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6PM
+NO AFTER SCHOOL KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB THIS WEEK+

WEDNESDAY 22ND

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM
AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5-7.30PM

THURSDAY 23RD

FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM
SELECTED YR 5/6 PUPILS ALBION CROSS CURRICULUM CUP 9AM-3PM

FRIDAY 24TH

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
BLACKBOYS BABIES STAY AND PLAY IN THE HALL. 2-3PM
PTA FALL BALL 5.30-6.30PM

MONDAY 27TH -
FRIDAY 31ST

OCTOBER HALF TERM

MONDAY 27TH

MISS ZARA DANCE WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 30TH

ARCHEODISCOVERY HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL—SEE ATTACHED POSTER

FRIDAY 31ST

ARCHEODISCOVERY HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL—SEE ATTACHED POSTER
YR 6 - YR 7 SEPT '26 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS TO BE COMPLETED
ONLINE BY - VIA ESCC PORTAL

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 3RD

START OF TERM 2

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.

Inset Days 25 26:

Friday 28th November 2025 *Monday 13th April 2026*

*Monday 1st June 2026 *Wednesday 22nd July 2026*

HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL



BLACKBOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL
30th-31st Oct 2025
7-12 yrs £45 per day
10am-3pm

DIGGING
MAKING
DOING

HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL 10am-3pm 7-12yr olds £45 per child:

Blackboys Primary School, School Lane, Blackboys, East Sussex

Over half term Archaeodiscovery will run a two-day archaeology school for children aged 7-12 yrs. Participants will work with experienced professional archaeologists, **DIGGING**, **MAKING** and **DOING**.

DAY 1 - Come along on Thursday 30th October and explore **The STONE AGE**.

DAY 2 - Join us for the Friday 31st October and discover **Ancient Egypt**.

£45 per child per day. Please complete the [registration form](#) and then follow the link for various booking options.



A helping hand with your mental health

me & my mind

East Sussex Mental Health Support Team

Me and My Mind would like to know if there are any areas that parents and carers want to find out more about. Please scan this QR code to let them know.

Thank you

**Supporting Your Child with Mental
Health and Wellbeing Survey
Primary Schools**



<https://forms.office.com/e/QYXhLwZ2NG>

**For more information please speak to
Mrs Levey**



END OF TERM

FALL BALL

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 5.30 – 6.30PM,
£4 PER TICKET

CELEBRATE THE END OF TERM AT OUR
GLOW DISCO!

DRESS TO IMPRESS AND BRING A LITTLE
SPENDING MONEY TO GET YOUR TREATS
FROM THE TUCK SHOP.

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A DRINK AND A
GLOW STICK.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM
[BLACKBOYSPTA.SUMUPSTORE.COM](https://blackboyspta.sumupstore.com) OR THE
SCHOOL OFFICE

ZActive

DANCE CLUB IS BACK



TUESDAYS

3.15pm UNTIL 4.15pm



BOOK NOW



BLACKBOYS SCHOOL

@zb_active





Parent/Carer Maths Workshop 17th October 2025

Purpose of Workshop:

Mr Boorman will be running a Maths Workshop for parents and carers about:

‘The importance of fluency - facts, bonds, times tables and more’.

Who is the Workshop for?

The workshop is for all year groups.

When will the Workshop take place?

Friday 17th October at 9.05am in the School Hall. The session will last approximately half an hour. There will be a recording available for those who cannot attend and this will be put on the school website.

We are keen to involve parents and carers as much as possible in children's learning. We look forward to seeing you at the session.

Mr R Boorman
Maths Lead

