



# Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the final newsletter of Term 1. This term has been nearly 8 weeks long and has certainly tested our Christian Value of Perseverance!

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Parent Consultations next week, where they can look at the children's progress this term and have helpful discussions with class teachers. Parents will also receive a copy of their child's report card which highlights strengths and areas of development. At Blackboys we focus on learning and the joy this brings. I'm sure there will be lots of good news during these consultations.

We enjoy supporting Children in Need every year. On Friday 14th November, we will be inviting children to participate in a talent show. For a £1 donation to Children in Need we shall be allowing those pupils who wish to showcase their talents. All pupils will be invited to watch the talent show in the School Hall. Further information about this will be communicated to your child, in school over the next few weeks.

## Pupil Achievement

Our 2025 pupil outcomes will soon be published on our school website. Please keep your eyes peeled on <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk>. We are once again delighted with our outcomes. Our Reception data has risen again showing that our clear focus on reading, writing and maths sets the very strong foundation for future learning. Our year 1 phonics screen results put us as one of the top performing schools in East Sussex and have demonstrated that our KS 1 Guided reading initiative has had a positive impact. Year 4 multiplication check and Year 6 SATS results continue to reach the high standards we expect. These show that Blackboys pupils leave ready for the next stage in their education. We had a large number of children exceeding the expected standards in year 6, showing that children really reach their

potential. If you would like to discuss any of these results, please contact me via the school office.

## Attendance

One of the reasons our school results are so strong is because we have high attendance here at Blackboys. Last year we had an average attendance of 97.6% which was the highest in East Sussex and put us in the top centile nationally. This is no surprise. Children enjoy coming to Blackboys School and appreciate the extra-curricular clubs and enrichment. Our school is an exciting and vibrant place to be. Children benefit from the consistency and focus that we aim for.

However we cannot be complacent. We expect children to be in school every day and that trips and visits take place in the 13 weeks school holidays each year or at weekends. Should there be a time when your child will not be in school and is **not ill**, a withdrawal from learning application must be made on the correct paperwork which can be obtained from the school office. If a child is off school without due justification or illness, they will be marked down as an unauthorised absence. As many parents will be aware, attendance is a countrywide issue. Legislation states that the school will issue penalty notices if a child misses 5 school days (10 sessions) within 10 schools weeks with one of, or a combination of, the following registration codes; G: pupil absent without leave for the purpose of a holiday; O: no other attendance of pupil registration applies (ie: we have no information about where that pupil is!); or U: pupil attended after the taking of the register ended but before the end of the session. Penalty notices have increased in cost to £80 if paid promptly. Please be aware that the school does not benefit financially from the issuing of fines, it is done to encourage the correct attendance. We are pleased that at Blackboys the vast majority of parents/carers encourage excellent attendance and work in partnership with the school to achieve this.

## Tea and Talk - Online Safety 7th November at 2:35pm

Parents are very welcome to join Mrs Taplin and Miss Rietdyk for an information session about keeping your child safe online. Please come to the school hall at 2:35pm for a cup of tea or coffee and useful discussion. Our Tea and Talk sessions have previously been designed for parents with children with SEND or additional needs, but this session is definitely open to all. We would love to see you there.

## KS2 Football Club

Reminder! There will be **no** football club taking place Monday 20th October as Parent Consultations will be taking place.

## Art Club

There will be no Art Club taking place on Tuesday 4th November. It will return as normal the following week, Tuesday 11th November.

## Tempest School Photographer

On the first day back following the mid-term break, Monday 03rd November, we have our annual visit by Tempest, the School photographer.

The photographer will be located in the School Hall from 8.40am. We invite all pre-school siblings in from this time for pictures to be taken should you wish.

In-school sibling and individual pupil photographs will then be arranged and taken in School during the morning.

Please ensure that your child is dressed super smart for the occasion.



Photo Day

## 'Love in a Box, Mustard Seed Relief Mission'

Yearly, as a School, we support local charity Mustard Seed Relief Mission via 'Love in a Box'. For over 30 years Mustard Seed Relief Missions have been sending gifts to children, orphans and their families in Eastern Europe in the form of 'Love in a Box'.

We are sending home today via your child's bag a leaflet which details further information and how to fill a shoebox.

Filled and decorated shoe boxes are to be returned to the School Office, Monday 10th November (**not before please, as we don't have the storage facilities**). There is a small donation also required for each shoebox, please remember to add this to the box in the return envelope which needs to be assigned to your donation.



## Parking

We have received some community feedback on 3 specific areas of parental parking at drop off and pick up. All three pieces of feedback are relevant in keeping our children safe.

1. Please do not park on the corner of School Lane and The Green. This reduces visibility for children crossing the road there, and with particularly large vehicles like multi-children people carriers, could cause an accident.
2. Please do not park, or even stop, on our yellow zig zag lines. The zig zags are there to create a clear crossing point outside of school.
3. A minority of parents are still parking across driveways. Please keep them clear so all residents can have their rightful access.

## PTA Fall Ball

Plans for this year's fall ball are well underway! The disco, featuring the children's favourite hits, will take place in the School Hall on Friday 24th October, 5.30-6.30pm.

Tickets are available now:

<https://blackboyspta.sumupstore.com/>

## PTA Bonfire Bake Sale

This year the PTA will be holding a Bonfire Cake Sale. Delicious treats will be available to purchase from the school playground at the end of the school day on Wednesday 5th November.

## PTA Christmas Fair

Once we return from the October mid term break, we shall be looking towards the festive period!



If you haven't already, please add Saturday 6th December to your diaries, midday-2pm for the PTA Christmas Fair.

There is a PTA Christmas Fair meeting to take place at the Blackboys Inn on Thursday 6th November, 7.30pm. All are very welcome to attend, the more ideas, the better the fair!

### 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 **Thursday 31st October 2025.**

## Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 13th October

### Class 1

Daisy J - for the perseverance she showed in computing when we were learning how to use a mouse.  
Max G - for remembering lots of facts about fire fighters; great ideas when we were writing in English.

Barney S - for his fantastic work in PE, always being a good team player.

### Class 2

Class 2 are on a school trip today.

### Class 3

Ruby G - for working hard with her handwriting.  
Ella S - for her hard work in Maths.  
Zach J - for his excellent back-hand in PE.

### Class 4

Evie C - for producing some great work this week and really improving her focus and concentration.  
Faith C - for a great start with addition and subtraction.  
Thomas P - for a real improvement with his times tables challenge.

### Class 5

Jacob C & Erin L - for some great effort in writing, especially with it shown under the visualiser!  
Astrid G - for getting on well in lessons, always focussing on task.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

### OCTOBER

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  
CLOSING DATE FOR NUS GHANI CHRISTMAS CARD ENTRIES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 9AM  
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

FRIDAY 31ST

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

### NOVEMBER

MONDAY 3RD

START OF TERM 2  
TEMPEST WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO'S INDIVIDUALS AND SIBLINGS. PRE SCHOOL SIBLING PICTURES TO BE TAKEN BETWEEN 8.40-9.00AM, IN SCHOOL SIBLING PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE MORNING.  
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM

TUESDAY 4TH

+NO AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB THIS WEEK+

WEDNESDAY 5TH

SELECTED PUPILS MIXED COUNTY CUP FOOTBALL FIXTURE VS SACRED HEART. 1-3.15PM  
CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM  
PTA BONFIRE CAKE SALE 3.15-3.45PM

THURSDAY 6TH

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING - BLACKBOYS INN - ALL WELCOME 7.30-8.30PM

FRIDAY 7TH

SELECTED YEAR 3 PUPILS TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' 1.10-3.10PM  
TEA & TALK - ONLINE SAFETY - 2.35-3.10PM

MONDAY 10TH

RETURN OF ANY MUSTARD SEED 'LOVE IN A BOXES' TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM

TUESDAY 11TH

SELECTED PUPILS BASKETBALL @ UCKFIELD COLLEGE 3.45-5.15PM

WEDNESDAY 12TH

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR PUPILS ON ROTA 1-3PM  
CROSS COUNTRY QUALIFIERS RACE AT BEACON 6TH FORM TN6 2DY 1-2.30PM

FRIDAY 14TH

TALENT SHOW IN AID OF CHILDREN IN NEED 2-3PM  
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.

### Inset Days 25 26:

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



BABY & CHILDREN'S MARKET

# NEARLY NEW SALE EVENT

UCKFIELD CIVIC CENTRE

SAT 25TH OCT 2025  
10AM – 12PM

Join us for a community event that helps you access high-quality baby and children's items at great prices!

**CLOTHING · TOYS · BOOKS · FURNITURE · MORE**

**\*£1 ENTRY FEE · £15 PER TABLE · CASH ONLY**

Secure your selling spot now!  
Email [hello@babyandchildmarket.co.uk](mailto:hello@babyandchildmarket.co.uk) to book

\*Entry fee donated to Manor Twiglets Nursery (Charity number: 1133320)

# TALENT SHOW

for Children in Need!

Children in Need Day  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November @ 2pm

*Show us your incredible talents!*



- £1 per person if you wish to enter
- PRIZES for the most impressive talents!
- Any costumes needed must be brought in a bag to change in to!

