



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Christian Value for Term : FELLOWSHIP

Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome back to Term 2—we have a very busy and exciting term ahead. Lots of events are detailed in this newsletter and a by the end of November we shall be sending out a Christmas Events calendar, an aid to help you keep up to date with all things School and Christmas.

Fellowship

This term, our school is focusing on the Christian value of Fellowship. To us, Fellowship means building a strong, caring community where every pupil feels valued, supported, and included. To that end, we were very keen to support anti-bullying week at school this week.

We saw a flurry of multi-coloured socks in school on Monday and Mrs Taplin led a whole school assembly on 'The Power of Good'. Anti-Bullying week always ends with Children in Need day. Look out on our socials for coverage of our Talent Show!

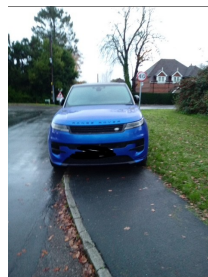
Takeover Day

On Friday 21st November the school will have some new staff members with familiar faces....! Children have been invited to write letters to Blackboys staff members, explaining why they would be an excellent additions to their role. The deadline for applications is Monday 17th November. It will give the successful candidates some practical, hands on experience of what it's like to be a Headteacher, Class Teacher, School Secretary or TA amongst other roles. Letters of applications should be handed to the member of staff children want to 'take over'.

Parking

Once again I have been informed by local residents and Blackboys parents that inconsiderate and unsafe parking continues in the community at drop off and collection. Please can I remind you that pavements should not be mounted

or blocked and zig zag lines are always to be kept clear, for the safety of the children and other members of public. The photos below, sent in by concerned residents, demonstrate what we are trying to avoid please.



DBS Checks

We encourage regular parent volunteers of school trips and forest school to complete their DBS checks—please contact the School Office to start the process. Volunteers with DBS checks will therefore be given priority of places for our high demand trips.

Cake Sale—Friday 21st November

Three of our year 6 children, Bea, Saffron and Freya, will be running a cake sale after school on Friday 21st November— all cakes will be £1 and donations will go towards new books for the School Library. We're delighted that our pupils came up with this initiative to help their school community.

KS2 Carols and Song Lists

These have been sent home via book bags this week to KS2 pupils. A copy is also attached alongside the newsletter. Please encourage children to practice these at home. They will be performed at the Senior Citizen Party and at Uckfield's Late Night Shopping Event (both on 5th Dec) and at our annual Carol Concert at Framfield Church on the evening of Tuesday 16th December. All KS2 children are expected to attend.

Assemblies, Acts of Worship & KS2 Carol Concert, Term 2

The following notable class led assemblies, acts of worship & celebration events will be taking place during this term:

Date/Time	Who	Where
Thursday 20th November 9.05am	Class 3 led assembly	School Hall
Wednesday 26th November 9.05am	Class 1 led assembly	School Hall
Thursday 04th December 9.05am	Class 4 led assembly	School Hall
Thursday 11th December 9.05am	Father James led assembly	School Hall
Tuesday 16th December 6.00pm prompt start. Staff will be at the church from 5.40pm to welcome pupils & congregation in.	KS2 Carol Concert (KS2 children are expected to attend, all families are warmly welcome)	St Thomas a Becket Church, Framfield
Thursday 18th December 9:05am	Pastor Phil led assembly	School Hall

Don't forget there is an INSET Day taking place this term on Friday 28th November. The remaining INSET days for 25/26 can be found on the reverse of this newsletter, within 'key dates'.

PTA Wreath Making, Wednesday 03rd December, 7pm, School Hall

Mrs Beale and the PTA invite you to take part in the annual Blackboys tradition of the PTA Wreath Making event. If you would like to secure a place, please make contact with a member of the PTA or email office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk. The cost of the evening will be £38 and includes all materials to make your wreath as well as wine and festive nibbles.

PTA Christmas Fair, Saturday 06th December

Attached you will find a poster for our PTA Christmas Fair which will be held on Saturday 6th December, 12pm—2.30pm.

Mufti Day for tombola prizes, Friday 05th December

In exchange for wearing home clothes to School, please can you child bring in on Friday 5th December an item for the PTA Christmas Fair tombola; bubble bath, a bottle of wine, chocolate etc are all traditional favourites to donate. A table will be located on the playground at drop off.

Raffle Tickets and Pots

Next week we will be sending home raffle tickets and Christmas Pots to fill in preparation for the Christmas Fair.

Exciting new equestrian team opportunity

Blackboys school are in the process of creating an equestrian team to compete in the NSEA competitions. These competitions are all about flying the flag for Blackboys School, encouraging your team members and most importantly having fun with friends and horses. If your child has a pony and competes, starting at grass roots 40cm x- poles and up, then please get in touch with Hector's mum, Alice Fulton - 07889806920.

Miss Zara Christmas Dance Workshop

Miss Zara will be running her popular Christmas dance workshop on Monday 22nd December, to give parents a bit more time to prepare for the big day! Children will be entertained with...

- A snow machine!
- Learning a Christmas song
- A Christmas dance
- Decorating gingerbread biscuits
- Christmas based games

Please see the poster attached with more details. Places are limited and can be booked via the link below:

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/zara-breeze/enrolment/classes/christmas-holiday-christmas-workshop>

Term 2, Chosen Charity of the term

The School Council have chosen local charity, Raystede as our termly charity. Raystede are an animal charity, who rescue and rehome dogs, cats and other small animals in Sussex. The school council are currently running a Christmas card design competition. All children are welcome to enter with a 50p donation—please hand entries and donations to the school office. The deadline is 5th Dec and the School Council will announce the winner of the best design the following week. Prizes will be awarded to the best KS1 and best KS2 design. Good luck!

Christmas Lunch

Next week you will be receiving information relating to the Whole School Christmas Lunch, taking place on Tuesday 16th December. Please ensure menu choices are returned to the office according to the details in the letter. This will allow our kitchen to order stock required in plenty of time.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 10th November

Class 1

Nola P - for the amazing effort she is putting into our guided reading sessions; following the text with her finger and sounding out the words.
Barney S - for impressing us with the level of independence he is showing in Maths.
Gigi DB - for the care and time she took when making a landscape collage in art.

Class 2

Joshua I - for making a huge effort with his writing so he can show what he has learnt.
Trixie S - for being amazing in Early Bird Maths, getting the answers right.
William S - for always being the best he can be with his learning.

Class 3

Edie D & Reuben B - for excellent use of manipulatives to solve Maths problems using arrays.
Florence D - for impressive reading aloud in Whole Class Reading.

Class 4

Jesse S - for working hard on his handwriting and presentation.
Lyla H - for some great responses in RE about Hindu worship.
Alyla W - for her great use of commas in English; always thinking carefully when editing.

Class 5

Bea B - for great effort this week despite her injured hand.
Sylvie C - & Vivi C - for their great cross country performance!

ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

NOVEMBER	
MONDAY 10TH - FRIDAY 21ST	PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE PUPILS AGED 9-11
MONDAY 17TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 18TH	INDOOR ATHLETICS @ UCKFIELD COLLEGE SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM
WEDNESDAY 19TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 20TH	CLASS 3 LED ASSEMBLY - ALL WELCOME - 9-9.30AM
FRIDAY 21ST	TAKEOVER DAY BLACKBOYS BABIES 2-3PM CAKE SALE TO RAISE MONEY FOR LIBRARY BOOKS 3.15-3.45PM
MONDAY 24TH	CLASS 3 TRIP TO FISHBOURNE 8AM-3.40PM CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 25TH	KS1 MULTISKILLS FOR SELECTED PUPILS UCKFIELD COLLEGE SPORTSHALL 3.45-5PM
WEDNESDAY 26TH	CLASS 1 LED ASSEMBLY - ALL WELCOME - 9-9.30AM NORTH WEALDEN GIRLS FOOTBALL FINALS - 3G PITCH, UCKFIELD COLLEGE 12-3PM YR 5/6 BOCCIA FESTIVAL - UCKFIELD COLLEGE SPORTSHALL 1-3PM CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 27TH	RETURN OF KS2 PUPIL PARTICIPATION SLIPS FOR UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING CHOIR PERFORMANCE WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED PROSPECTIVE PARENT YEAR R SEPT '26 STARTER EVENTS 9.30-11AM & 6-7PM
FRIDAY 28TH	INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
DECEMBER	
MONDAY 1ST	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 3RD	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM PTA WREATH MAKING EVENT WITH FERN COTTAGE FLORISTRY, MRS BEALE 7-9PM
THURSDAY 4TH	CHRISTMAS LUNCH CHOICE ORDER DEADLINE - SLIPS TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. CLASS 4 LED ASSEMBLY - ALL WELCOME - 9-9.30AM
FRIDAY 5TH	HOLY CROSS CHURCH, UCKFIELD - FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES FILLED POTS AND RAFFLE TICKET STUBBS TO BE RETURNED IN PREPARATION OF THE CHRISTMAS FAIR TAKING PLACE TOMM (STUBBS AND POTS CAN BE RETURNED DIRECTLY TO THE FAIR ALSO!)
	KS1 AND 2 PARTY FOOD LISTS TO BE DISPLAYED IN PLAYGROUND IF DRY AND SCHOOL OFFICE AREA IF WET
	SCHOOL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION DEADLINE
	WHOLE SCHOOL MUFTI DAY - IN EXCHANGE FOR WEARING HOME CLOTHES TO SCHOOL, PLEASE BRING IN AN ITEM FOR THE PTA FAIR TOMBOLA - BUBBLE BATH, BOTTLE OF WINE, CHOCOLATE. THERE WILL BE A TABLE LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AT DROP OFF TO POP DONATIONS ON.
	SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY, SCHOOL HALL 1.45-3PM UCKFIELD LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENT 5-8PM - PERFORM AT 6.50PM

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*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SONGS AND HYMNS 2025

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love;

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessing of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born king;

Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim:
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the ever-lasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man nor more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Sussex Carol

On Christmas Night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring. (Repeat)
News of great joy, news of great mirth
News of our merciful king's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad
Since our Redeemer made us glad. (Repeat)
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace
The life and health come in its place (Repeat)
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new born king.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night. (Repeat)
Glory to God and peace to men
Now and for evermore. Amen.

Unto Us a Child is Born

Chorus

Unto us a child is born
Unto us a son is given.
He shall reign in all the earth,
He will be called Emmanuel!
(Repeat)

Angel voices sing... Hallelujahs ring,
For today in Bethlehem
The love of God has come to men,
The Saviour of the world is Christ the King!

Chorus

Leave your cares aside... seek and you will find,
For today in Bethlehem
The love of God has come to men,
The Saviour of the world is Jesus Christ!

Chorus

Come let us adore,... now and evermore,
For today in Bethlehem
The love of God has come to men,
The Saviour of the world is Christ the Lord!

Chorus

Chorus (X3)

Unto us a child is born
Unto us a son is given.
He shall reign in all the earth,
He will be called Emmanuel!

Every Christmas

Every Christmas we remember
Baby Jesus born to the world.
For this reason each December
Is a special time for us all.

Every Christmas we partake in
Fruit and biscuits, puddings and pies
But when all the food is eaten
There's a message true for all time.

CHORUS

*So sing a song - everyone celebrate!
The time has come - this is a special date*

Every Christmas we're all busy
Buying gifts and seasonal cards
But behind this old tradition
Lies a present come from the past

Every Christmas we have pleasure
Seeing all the glitter and lights
But there is a brighter treasure
To be found in Jesus Christ

CHORUS

*So sing a song - everyone celebrate!
The time has come - this is a special date*

Every Christmas there are parties
Fun and laughter, music and games
But the best place we can start is
Finding Jesus once again

CHORUS

*So sing a song - everyone celebrate!
The time has come - this is a special date*

Repeat verse 1

JOIN US AT BLACKBOYS CE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS

FAIR AND MARKET

SATURDAY

6TH
DEC

12 UNTIL

2.30 PM



CAKE STALL • PLANT STALL
GAMES • HOT FOOD • MULLED WINE
TOMBOLA • MEET SANTA AND MORE!

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FOR A
CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL-
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR ON
BLACKBOYS SUM UP STORE!





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YOU ARE INVITED TO

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

10AM-3PM

22ND DECEMBER

SINGING | GAMES | DANCE | GINGERBREAD

BLACKBOYS SCHOOL

EMAIL Z.BREEZE@HOTMAIL.CO.UK





MAKE YOUR OWN

CHRISTMAS WREATH

*Make your own festive door wreath to wow and welcome
your Christmas visitors!*

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 7-9PM
BLACKBOYS SCHOOL HALL

*£38 per person with all materials and equipment
provided, as well as wine, mince pies, biscuits and
nibbles!*

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