

Monday 15th December 2025 **Blackboys Newsletter**

Christian Value for Term: FELLOWSHIP



Dear Parents/Carers This is the final newsletter of term 2. There are lots of important pieces of information throughout this newsletter for parents/carers to read and digest.

Christmas Message

This season is a special time to reflect on the Christian values that bind us together as a school community. It has been wonderful to see these values shine through in recent weeks, from the generosity shown during our PTA school fair to the joy and teamwork you will see displayed in our Key Stage 1 Nativity play and Key Stage 2 carol service. These moments remind us of the true spirit of Christmas and the difference we can make when we work together.

At Blackboys, we are proud to be a Church of England primary school rooted in faith and committed to nurturing each child as they grow in wisdom, knowledge, and character.

As we prepare to celebrate this festive season, we hope you all have a chance to rest, recharge, and spend precious time with loved ones. Thank you for your ongoing support this year—we look forward to welcoming everyone back in January to continue building a bright and positive

future together.

Reminder! Last week of After School and Lunch Time Clubs Please remember that our lunchtime and after school clubs have now finished.

Wrap around care, breakfast and after school club, will continue up until and including the last day of term, Friday 19th December. A new Spring term club choice letter will be distributed upon our return following the Christmas break, from Monday 05th January 2026. Invoices for Term 2's wrap around care provisions will be sent out at the beginning of term 3 after the Christmas break

St Thomas a Becket Carol Service.

Representatives from Key Stage 2 sang beautifully at yesterday's carol concert. We were also impressed with year 2 Autumn's bible reading. A proud day for our school community.



Whole School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Our Whole School Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday 16th December. We look forward to our festive meal together. In exchange for a £1 donation, children will also be invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to School that day. Proceeds will go to our charity of the term, Raystede.

KS2 Carol Concert — Tuesday 16th December 6pm start time (doors open at 5:40pm) at St Thomas á Becket Church, Framfield. All KS2 pupils are expected to attend and to be dressed in their full School Uniform. The whole school community are welcome to attend this popular festive event.

KS1 Nativity — Wednesday 17th December, 2pm (pedestrian gate open at 1:50pm to allow audience to take their seats) School Hall. This is not ticketed but we would expect families to be sensible with invites.

Christmas Parties

Our two Christmas parties for each Key Stage will be taking place on Thursday 18th December. Key Stage 1's party will take place from 1.30pm in the School Hall and Key Stage 2's party from 6-8pm in the School Hall.

KS1 (classes 1 and 2) - please bring a change of clothes in a named bag ready for the party!

KS2 (classes 3,4 & 5) - please drop your child off to School at 6pm, returning again at the end of the party, 8pm.

Of course, no party is complete without party food, please remember to sign up to bring in a food contribution, located in the fover of the School Office.

For both we would appreciate offers of parental volunteers to assist with games and distribution of food. If you are able to assist, please email the office; office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk and we shall be in touch.

End of Term Cup Assembly

Our traditional end of term cup assembly will take place at 2.15pm, Friday 19th December in the School Hall. The pedestrian gate shall be opened at 2.05pm to allow the audience to take their seats. If your child is a recipient of a cup/award you shall be notified by ParentMail email.

January '26 Return to School

We shall be returning to School following the Christmas break, Monday 05th January.

Year R Starters, September 2026

A reminder to all parents/carers who have a child who will start School in September 2026, that the deadline for applications via the ESCC admissions portal is Thursday 15th January 2026.

Christmas Tree — a Thank You!

Our annual thanks must be extended to the Cotttingham family and Staverton Nursery for generously donating our beautiful Christmas tree which is currently adorning our school hall.

Forest School, Spring Term '26

The Spring term Forest School rotas for Class 1 and now Class 4 (up until February mid-term break) have been distributed via ParentMail email and pupil bags.

A copy of each of the rotas will also be displayed on the office door in the main entrance to School.

Please can we remind Class 4
Parents/Carers that the running of
the sessions are reliant upon volunteers and if you are able to help to
put your name down for the corresponding session(s) you are available
for.

A PTA Thank you!

The PTA wanted us to express a huge heartfelt 'thank you' to all those who supported the PTA Christmas Fair.

The Fair raised an impressive £2561.11. Thank you to all for your continued support of our School.

The PTA are looking forward to being able to put the money raised back into the School and therefore additionally supporting each and every child.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 8th December

Class 1

Sebby F—for learning to write his name.

Vinnie V—for his great work in maths. Naming and sorting 2D shapes

Georgia H—for her great work in phonics and English. Using her sounds to write words independently.

Class 2

Hallie D—for trying really hard with her reading and writing and making good progress.

Scarlett H—for being a great Angel in the Nativity and helping others to get on and off stage.

Mirabelle N—for her great singing of her solo in the Nativity.

Class 3

Lucy 6—for her hard work in all lessons and pushing herself to do more work.

Merryn B—excellent making Christmas card in DT.

Ruby G—for her detailed Roman Soldier character profile.

Class 4

Fred B—for showing a great understanding of multiplication and division in our end of unit assessment. Sophie C—for showing some great knowledge of the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Lorenzo M—for working really hard on his presentation in all lessons.

Class 5

Benjy C—for good effort with his reading, in class and with Mrs Harber.

Arthur T—for continuing to impress with his knowledge in science and history.

Florence R—for her excellent attitude towards writing, including her work on handwriting.

ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

DECEMBER

MONDAY 15TH - FRIDAY 19TH	THERE ARE NO LUNCHTIME OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK (WRAP AROUND CARE CONTINUES TO RUN AS NORMAL)
MONDAY 15TH	AUTUMN TERM CUP ASSEMBLY NOTIFICATION - CUP ASSESMBLY RECIPIENTS PARENTS/CARERS WILL BE SENT A PARENTMAIL EMAIL TO INFORM THEM THAT THEIR CHILD WILL BE AWARDED A CUP IN CUP ASSEMBLY - FRI 19/12 RETURN OF CUPS/AWARDS FROM SUMMER TERM TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA, 1-3PM
TUESDAY 16TH	WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL DAY - DONATION OF A £1 WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH KS2 CAROL CONCERT AT ST THOMAS Á BECKET CHURCH, FRAMFIELD.6-7PM. STAFF WILL BE AT THE CHURCH FROM 5.40PM. WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY WELCOME TO ATTEND.
WEDNESDAY 17TH	FOREST SCHOOL - CLASS 3 BY ROTA, 1-3.15PM KS1 NATIVITY - SCHOOL HALL. 2-3PM. THE EVENT IS NOT TICKETED BUT WOULD EXPECT NOT EXCESSIVE NUMBERS FOR EACH FAMILY. PEDESTRIAN GATE WILL BE OPENED FROM 1.50PM TO ALLOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE THEIR SEATS.
THURSDAY 18TH	KS1 CHRISTMAS PARTY, SCHOOL HALL 1.30PM KS2 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SCHOOL! 6-8PM
FRIDAY 19TH	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 EOT CUP ASSEMBLY, SCHOOL HALL. 2.15-3.15PM. GATES WILL OPEN FROM 2.05PM TO ALLOW AUDIENCE TO TAKE SEATS.
JANUARY	
MONDAY 5TH	TERM 3 STARTS CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3PM
TUESDAY 6TH- WEDNESDAY 7TH	RETURN TO SPRING TERM CLUBS CHOICES AND WELCOME BACK LETTER DISTRIBUTED
WEDNESDAY 7TH	PROSPECTIVE PARENT YEAR R SEPT '26 STARTER EVENTS 9.30-11AM AND 1.30-2.30PM FOREST SCHOOL - CLASS 4 , BY ROTA, 1-3.15PM
THURSDAY 8TH	SELECTED PUPILS TO EASTBOURNE PANTO 12.30 - 5PM
FRIDAY 9TH	SUSSEX COUNTY CUP SHIELD MATCH, 3PM KICK OFF. TELSCOMBE CLIFFS SCHOOL. LEAVE SCHOOL AT 1.45PM. BACK AROUND 5PM.
MONDAY 12TH— FRIDAY 16	RETURN OF LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR SPRING TERM
MONDAY 12TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL BY ROTA 1-3PM PARENT TEA & TALK WITH LUCY CHEDZOV—TRICKY MORNINGS. SCHOOL HALL. 1.30-3PM
TUESDAY 13TH	CLASS 1 PLANNING MEETING, 2.45-3.15PM

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, Sports Day and even the end of year Whole School Performance dates are already confirmed for 25/26.

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

Inset Days 25 26:

Monday 13th April 2026
*Monday 1st June 2026 *Wednesday 22nd July 2026*

Blackboys C of E Primary School



Coffee Afternoon with



Lucy Chedzoy from the Me and My Mind team is attending a coffee afternoon with Mrs Levey, at Blackboys School.

In this informal session, 'Managing Tricky Mornings', Lucy will share tips and strategies for supporting children who struggle to manage busy morning routines

All welcome

1.30pm -3.00pm on Monday 12th January 2026

