



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Christian Value for Term : **UNDERSTANDING**

Dear Parents / Carers,

This is the first of our fortnightly newsletters for Term 5. I hope parents have had the chance to see the class newsletters last week. These can also be found on the class pages of the school website.

This term, we are focusing on the Christian value of Understanding. In the Bible, understanding is often linked with wisdom and compassion, encouraging us to listen, empathise, and support others. Proverbs 4:7 says, "Though it cost all you have, get understanding," reminding us how valuable it is.

Mrs Riley

Mrs Riley has worked at Blackboys as our 1-2-1 and small group tutor, with occasional class cover for well over 10 years. She has made the decision to retire at May half term, allowing her more time with her family and grandchildren. Mrs Riley's positive attitude and adaptability will be missed at school, but I know the community will join us in wishing her the very best retirement and thanking her for her service. We will make a presentation to Mrs Riley in an upcoming collective worship.

SATS for Year 6

As our Year 6 children prepare for their SATs the week after next, we want to remind them that these tests are just one step in their learning journey. At Blackboys, our focus is on encouraging every child to "be the best they can be." This means working hard, showing resilience, and being proud of their efforts.

Year 6 have shown great dedication and determination so far. SATs are a chance to celebrate their learning and growth.

Let's support them with positivity, rest, and encouragement as they give their best next week. They will be taking their assessments in the school hall under exam conditions. We all wish them the best of luck. It is the ultimate in 'Living life in all its fullness' (John 10:10) after all!

After SATS weeks, the year 6s turn their minds towards the rapidly approaching French Trip and our Term 6 school play.

Year 1 and Year 5 2026/27

Before the May mid term break we shall be sending out letters to current Reception and Year 4 parents offering the opportunity for a telephone conversation to discuss Year 1 and Year 5 class placement. As parents/carers are aware, to have manageable class sizes, we need to share our Year 1 cohort between Class 1 and Class 2 and our Year 5 cohort between Class 4 and Class 5.

It is important for parents/carers to understand that children follow their year group curriculum regardless of what class they are placed in and that our expectation for them remains high. Our class teachers are skilled in adapting challenging work for mixed year groups and we have a bespoke curriculum to ensure no one repeats any subject content. Year groups join together each day for phonics in Key Stage 1 and spelling in Key Stage 2. There are other times year groups come together for subjects like Computing, RE and PSHE.

Please note that we do not create class groups based on pupil friendship groups (as all our children are friendly) or more importantly parents' social circles. We use a professional opinion of which classroom environment would suit a child best.

Class Led Collective Worship, Term 5

Class 3	Thursday 7th May, 9.05am, School Hall
Year 4	Thursday 21st May, 9.05am, School Hall

Parents / carers are always very welcome to come along to any Thursday assembly, which take place in the School Hall from 9.05am. Just stay in the playground after drop off and we will invite you in.

Parent/Carer/Staff Netball Club Tuesdays, School 6-7pm

Our popular Parent/Carer/Staff Netball Club is back once again, running every Tuesday evening. Mrs Sullivan runs the club and new members are most welcome to join in! You are welcome to drop in regularly or as a one off. Come to the playground at 6pm!



Summer Uniform

Now that the weather has started to improve the children are welcome to start wearing their summer uniforms. Please remember to label all clothing your child brings to school as they are more likely to remove cardigans/jumpers in the warm weather. We encourage sun hats, but again please name them, even if just with a biro on the label. In terms of sun cream, please apply prior to school start.

During Terms 5 & 6 we expect the children to also be in summer PE kit (shorts and t shirt). We still have several children who haven't brought their PE kits back after the Easter holidays, so please ensure that your child has their kit and it has appropriate clothing in it.

Year 5 & 6, French Trip, Wednesday 20th May

The much anticipated Year 5 and 6 French trip is fast approaching. Please can we remind Year 5 and 6 Parents/Carers to complete the medical consent form sent home last week, to return them to the School Office as soon as possible. You will also need to log onto your ParentPay account to provide consent and make payment.



Cake Sale— Friday 15th May

Some of our KS2 pupils will be running a cake sale on Friday 15th May to raise money for the Uckfield Grasshoppers new football kit. Cakes will be sold in the playground from 3.15pm.

Spring Tidy Up

We would love families to join us on Sunday 10th May between 2-4pm to take part in our annual school grounds tidy up. Please bring enthusiasm and gardening equipment as we tackle weeds, brambles, leaves and pruning while getting our school looking ready for summer.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Mrs Sullivan recently ran a well received session for parents/carers of children who will take the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check or the Year 2 re-sit. If you were not able to attend, all the information is available on our school website at <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/phonics-workshop/>



Dance Workshop—May Half Term Tuesday 26th May, 10am-3pm

"To infinity and Beyond...."

With the highly anticipated release of Toy story 5 in June this year, Miss Zara is delighted to be running a Toy Story inspired workshop this May half term.

Details below and attached:

"I will be offering an Early Bird Price of £30 per student until Monday 11th May and then the price will change to £35 thereafter.

Spaces will be limited to 20 so please do use the below link to book ASAP to avoid missing out!"

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/zara-breeze/enrolment/classes/may-half-term-1-toy-story-inspired-workshop>



Plant Sale Success & Thanks

Two weeks ago, parents Emma Messmer, Chelsea Gould and Rachel Grimes ably assisted by Year 5/s Astrid held a plant sale in aid of Diabetes UK. They would like to thank the school for such enthusiastic support. "Together we raised an incredible £228.20! So...same time next year...?!"

Gold Book Awards for week beginning 27th April

Class 1

Tyan M - for his great work in Maths, talking about and sorting 3D shapes.

Daisy J - for showing great perseverance when learning how to use a Bee-Bot in computing.

Rafe S - for his fantastic work in Maths, using the correct language related to capacity.

Class 2

Freddie B & Trixie S - for working collaboratively to plan their stop motion animation.

Raeya P - for being amazing at telling the time to 5 minutes.

Class 3

Alec K - for his great progress with phonics.

Edie D - for her great use of emotive language and using the rule of three.

Reuben B - for great effort with finding fractions of amounts.

Class 4

Arthur M - for his great work in Maths recently and being really confident with his times tables.

Daisy H & Evie C - for their great use of description and brilliant sentence structure in their shared write.

Class 5

Darcey S & Sylvie C - for working brilliantly on Mrs Riley's Maths Challenge.

Alice P - for her consistently excellent work effort across the curriculum.

ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

MAY

MONDAY 4TH

TUESDAY 5TH

WEDNESDAY 6TH

THURSDAY 7TH

FRIDAY 8TH

SUNDAY 10TH

MONDAY 11TH-
THURSDAY 14TH

MONDAY 11TH

TUESDAY 12TH

WEDNESDAY 13TH

THURSDAY 14TH

FRIDAY 15TH

MONDAY 18TH

TUESDAY 19TH

WEDNESDAY 20TH

THURSDAY 21ST

FRIDAY 22ND

MONDAY 25TH

TUESDAY 26TH-

FRIDAY 29TH

JUNE

MONDAY 1ST

TUESDAY 2ND

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

PARENT/CARER NETBALL CLUB IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM

NO CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL THIS WEEK
YR 3/4 TENNIS FESTIVAL VICTORIA RECREATION GROUND, UCKFIELD 1-3PM

CLASS 3 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME

PARENT/CARER TEA & TALK IN THE HALL - Triggers, Tantrums and Teaching Moments - ALL WELCOME 1.45-3PM

SPRING TIDY UP AT SCHOOL 2-4PM ALL WELCOME!

YEAR 6 SATS

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

PARENT/CARER NETBALL CLUB IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM

CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

HEAD LED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
CAKE SALE TO RAISE MONEY FOR UCKFIELD GRASSHOPPERS - SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 3.15-3.45PM

YEAR 5 & 6 PASSPORTS & GHIC CARDS TO BE DROPPED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

YR 5/6 ROUNDERS UCKFIELD COLLEGE BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5.15PM
PARENT/CARER NETBALL CLUB IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM

YEARS 5/6 FRENCH TRIP 5.30AM-7PM
CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM

YEAR 4 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME

LAST DAY OF TERM 5
YEAR 6 RETURN OF SWIMMING CONSENTS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
CLASS 2 TRIP TO HERSTMONCEUX SCIENCE CENTRE 9AM-3.30PM
YEAR 3 PUPILS READING TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' GROUP HEATHFIELD CRICKET CLUB. LEAVE SCHOOL 1.10PM LEAVE FOR A 1.30 START - RETURN IN TIME FOR END OF SCHOOL. 1.15-3.15PM

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY

MAY HALF TERM

(SEE ATTACHMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN HALF TERM)

INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL

START OF TERM 6
PARENT/CARER NETBALL CLUB IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM

25/26 Dates for your diary

If you take a look at the homepage of our Blackboys website, you will find that 'main' School events like Year 6 Summer events, Sports Day(s) and end of School Performances are detailed within. You can click through week by week to see what is planned.

Inset Days 25 26:

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



The Parenting Team



Triggers, Tantrums and Teaching Moments

Want to **stay calm** when your child isn't?

Learn simple ways to set **boundaries**, get them to **listen**, and **solve problems** together.



Friday 8th May



1:45–3:15pm



Blackboys Primary School

To book a place, please email or speak to the office.



FAMILY HUB
EAST SUSSEX



BActive



TOY STORY



**Tuesday 26th May
10am-3pm**

**Dance, Singing,
Acting, Arts and
Crafts!**





HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL

28th-29th May

HALE FARM

Become an archaeologist for the day!

Discover PREHISTORY

Work with professional archaeologists

DIGGING, MAKING, DOING

Have a go at some ancient crafts, take part in an excavation and try out some metal detecting.



7-12 yr olds Hale Farm 28th-29th May 2026
10.00-15.00

£55 per child taking part.





MAY HALF TERM CAMP

SIGN UP TODAY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

MAY 26TH | 9AM-3PM | BLACK BOYS PRIMARY
SCHOOL (TN22 5LL)



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HEATHFIELD CENTRE

U6-U12s WANTED!



START DATE
6TH MAY



WEDNESDAYS
6-7PM



HEATHFIELD COLLEGE



**REFER A FRIEND AND
BOTH RECEIVE A FREE SESSION!**

SIGN UP TO GET INVOLVED
UNDER 10 DAYS TO GO!



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