



Blackboys Newsletter

FRIDAY 15TH May 2026

Christian Value for Term : UNDERSTANDING

Dear Parents/Carers,

Understanding - Our Value This Term

As we come towards the end of another busy and joyful term at our school, we want to take a moment to reflect on our school value of the term: Understanding. Throughout the term, children and staff have explored what it means to truly understand one another. From listening carefully to friends, to thinking about different perspectives during class discussions, we've seen many examples of empathy, patience and kindness in action. In collective worship, we've reflected on how Jesus showed understanding to all he met and how we can follow His example in our own lives.

This value has encouraged us to be more thoughtful in our words and actions, to recognise how others might be feeling, and to remember that even small gestures of compassion can make a big difference.

KS2 SATs

This week, our Year 6s took their end of KS2 SATs tests. I was really impressed with the maturity the children approached their tests and the perseverance they showed in working through some of the more difficult questions.

Thanks to the hard work of Mr Boorman and Mrs Harper, the children were well practised and we know they were 'being the best they could be.'

Much is made in the media and on social media about 'SATs Anxiety'. This tends to spring up from schools who put too much pressure on 10/11 year old children and who over emphasise the importance of the SATs. We feel our calm and measured approach, working long term with the children to help them be the best they can be, without unnecessary pressure from staff works best. If we have all worked together for the good of the pupils, there is never anything to worry about.

Having enjoyed a milkshake, cookie and strawberry treat after the last test, Mr Boorman talked to the pupils about their upcoming school production of Treachery at Traitor's Quay as well as the exciting things associated with the end of year. The school will receive the SATS results in July and they will be passed on to parents via the school reports.

This term has reminded us that our Year 6 children are ready for the next stage of their learning journey. We give thanks for each of them and look forward to celebrating all they've achieved in the weeks ahead.

Year 5 & 6 French Trip

Next Wednesday our year 5 and 6s will enjoy an exciting day trip to Boulogne, France. From exploring the charming old town to practising their French in local shops, they are set to have a fantastic and action-packed day. Year 5 and 6 parents—please remember to drop your child's passport and GHIC cards into the school office on Monday 18th May.

Parking Request

Thank you to parents for using the Village Hall car park to help ease congestion around school at drop off and collection times. This really makes a difference! Please could we ask you to park in the top area of the car park rather than the bottom in case there is a class on in the hall with people less mobile. Thank you.

Parent Questionnaire

We like to run an annual questionnaire to gain opinions and ideas from our parents/carers. Please click on this link <https://forms.gle/J1NKwfAj4iae3Kvg5> to complete the short survey. The survey will close on Friday 5th June.

Years 3-6 Uckfield Primary Schools Athletics Tournament

41 children from our Years 3-6 have been selected to represent the School in a local Athletics Tournament taking place on Wednesday 03rd June. We are looking forward to telling you how they get on. If your child has been invited to take part, please complete and return the consent slip as soon as possible to the School Office. If you are able to assist with lifts it would be hugely appreciated. This event takes place at local School, St Philips.

Year 6 Swimming, Term 6

During Term 6, Year 6 will be attending swimming sessions every Monday afternoon at local Primary School, Cross-In-Hand. The letter has been sent home via bags and ParentMail email. Year 6 Parents/Carers please ensure that the consent and information slip has been returned to the School Office by Friday 22nd May. Don't forget your swimming kit!

Term 6 Lunch Options

Upon our return to School, from Tuesday 02nd June, there will be an exciting addition to our lunchtime options offered to the children. As well as the daily hot lunchtime meals we will have the addition of a choice of cheese, ham or tuna baguette in a lunch bag with cucumber or carrot sticks and a cake or cookie. A copy of this update on the menu choices is attached to this newsletter.

Miss Zara's Dance Club

Miss Zara is returning to Blackboys for PE lessons in term 6 and also to run her popular after school club on Tuesdays. This runs weekly from 2nd June to 14th July. Please sign up using this link: <https://app.classmanager.com/portal/zara-breeze/enrolment/classes/term-6-1-blackboys-dance-club>

PTA Bingo and Bubbles - Friday 5th June

Join us for Bingo and Bubbles at Blackboys! With BYOB (and snacks!)

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm kick off.

Tickets get you five games (and lots of fun!) with prizes for each round!

We're keeping things thoroughly retro, tickets will be cash only!

You can:

- Pay cash at the office, or
- RSVP to your group rep via WhatsApp and pay cash on the night.

Tickets: £10

Corkage: £2 per bottle

See you there!



PTA Save the Date—Summer Fair

Plans are well underway for our upcoming PTA Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July. It's looking like a super fun day our usual stalls and food outlets. More details to follow next term!

*** Reminder that following the May half term, Monday 1st June 2026 is an INSET day. Term 6 begins and children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June. ***

Term time holidays

We know how special family time is, and we understand that holidays can be a chance to make wonderful memories together. However, we kindly ask that families avoid booking holidays during term time wherever possible.

Every day at school matters. When children miss lessons, they can find it harder to keep up with their learning. Even just a few days away can make a big difference - not just academically, but socially too, as children benefit so much from being part of their class community.

We work hard to make school a place where children feel happy, safe, and inspired to learn. This was confirmed by our Ofsted inspection last year. Regular attendance helps build strong friendships, feel more confident, and make steady progress throughout the year.

For clarification, we expect all holidays and trips to take place in the 13 weeks school holidays each year. As a Church of England Primary School we only authorise absences of 1 day for close family weddings, christenings or funerals.

We also appreciate families being honest with us. If you say your child is poorly when really you are on holiday it tends to be discovered and creates an awkwardness between school and families. We teach the children about honesty and expect that from our school parents too.

Summer Term is busy!

With the final term of the academic year being incredibly busy, can we urge all Parents/Carers to keep up to date with all things School via our calendar which is constantly updated on the homepage of our Blackboys School website <https://www.blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk/>

Please also keep a close eye on your ParentMail emails as letters are sent via this form of communication regularly.

Gold Book Awards for the week beginning 11th May

Class 1

Gigi DB - for always making good learning choices during our 'learning zone' time.

Jenson G - for his great work in computing, using the Bee-Bots.
Teddy BW - for his amazing work in RE, using construction resources to build a church and a mosque.

Class 2

Arthur McC - for working hard to make a smooth animation.

Olivia W - for showing good skill at drawing pictograms.

Josh I - for great, detailed diagrams of a space shuttle taking off and landing.

Class 3

Rosie H & Erin G - for their excellent writing about saving the yetis.

Luka D - for his use of fraction vocabulary when explaining his ideas and reasons in Maths.

Class 4

George C - for excellent effort with writing this week - even editing independently!

Lyla H - for always being the best she can be!

Missy-Rose R - for great use of scientific vocabulary in her explanations.

Class 5

Year 6 - for their excellent attitude and effort with SATS this week.

Izzy M - for excellent writing with Mrs Riley this week.

Ella H & Poppy W - for impressing teachers from other schools with their excellent writing.

ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

MAY

MONDAY 18TH	YEAR 5 & 6 PASSPORTS & GHIC CARDS TO BE DROPPED IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
TUESDAY 19TH	YR 5/6 ROUNDERS UCKFIELD COLLEGE BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-5.15PM PARENT/CARER NETBALL CLUB IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM
WEDNESDAY 20TH	YEARS 5/6 FRENCH TRIP 5.30AM-7PM CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 21ST	YEAR 4 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME
FRIDAY 22ND	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
MONDAY 25TH	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 26TH-FRIDAY 29TH	MAY HALF TERM
TUESDAY 26TH	FOOTBALL CAMP WITH ETHAN LEWIS NXTGEN FOOTBALL - 3G PITCH ZARA DANCE CLUB - HALL
WEDNESDAY 27TH-FRIDAY 29TH	BRIGHT SPARKS SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY/HOLIDAY CLUB

JUNE

MONDAY 1ST	INSET DAY - NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL
TUESDAY 2ND	START OF TERM 6 PARENT/CARER NETBALL CLUB IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM
WEDNESDAY 3RD	CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM KS2 ATHLETICS AFTERNOON @ ST PHILIPS 12.45-3.05PM
FRIDAY 5TH	CLASS 3 TRIP TO BRANCHING OUT 9AM-3PM YEAR R FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM PTA BINGO & BUBBLES NIGHT! 7-10.30PM
MONDAY 8TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM YEAR 6 SWIMMING AT CROSS IN HAND (LEAVE SCHOOL 1.50 SWIMMING SESSIONS ARE 2.15-3.15PM) PARENT COLLECTION DIRECTLY FROM CROSS IN HAND AT 3.15PM
TUESDAY 9TH	YEAR 6 EAST SUSSEX BOOK AWARDS CELEBRATION EVENT AT UCKFIELD CIVIC CENTRE 11.30AM-3PM STOOLBALL FESTIVAL @ UC BOTTOM FIELD 3.45-3.15PM PARENT/CARER NETBALL CLUB IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM
WEDNESDAY 10TH	YEAR R FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 11TH	CLASS 1 TRIP TO HASTINGS AQUARIUM. 9AM-3PM

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*

Inset Days 26 27:

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 *Fri 20th November 2026*

Monday 4th January 2027 *Monday 7th June 2027* *Thursday 22nd July 2027*

FRIENDS
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GRUFFALO FUN

TN22 5PN

Framfield Grange

27th & 28th May 2026

10.30am - 4.00pm

book online

[friendsofsussexhospices.org.uk](https://www.friendsofsussexhospices.org.uk)

- Meet the Gruffalo • Magician • Pond Dipping • Woodland trails • Face painting • Gruffalo games • Craft activities
- Tea Tent • Bring your own picnic • Pizza & Ice-cream Vans

All activities free

Earlybird tickets before 24 May (10pm)

£13 (under 2yrs free) All tickets from 25 May £16

Free parking



Reg. Charity No. 1089306

UCKFIELD THEATRE GUILD'S

PRODUCTION OF

Disney
BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST
THE MUSICAL

MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY
HOWARD ASHMAN
& TIM RICE

BOOK BY
LINDA WOOLVERTON

ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY ROB ROTH
ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY DISNEY THEATRICAL GROUP

THURSDAY 28 MAY
7PM

CIVIC CENTRE
UCKFIELD

FRIDAY 29 MAY
7PM

TICKETS

SATURDAY 30 MAY
2PM & 7PM



This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

Incidental Music and New Vocal Arrangements by Michael Kosarin

Vocals originally Arranged by David Friedman

Dance Music Arrangements by Glen Kelly

Orchestrations by Danny Troob

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£10 PER TICKET | BYOB + SNACKS

Census Day

KS1 Free
KS2 £3.06

21 May 2026

Did you know?

If your child is in Reception, Years 1 or 2, then the meal is free of charge

Census Day Menu

Choose a Main Meal...

Fish Fingers & Chips
Quorn Dippers & Chips (v)

On the Side...

Peas
Baked Beans

For Dessert...

Banana Flapjack
or Fresh Fruit

Also available – All other daily options

Don't forget! If your child is in Reception, Years 1 or 2, then you can get their meal free of charge!