



Blackboys Newsletter

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

Christian Value for Term : Thankfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

It always seems appropriate that term 6 has the Christian Value of Thankfulness. At Blackboys we have many things to be thankful for. This was highlighted during a prayer in Year 5 and 6's collective worship yesterday. We have been thinking about thankfulness in regular collective worships too, allowing the children to reflect on their achievements throughout the whole school year. Next week, the children have their usual termly assessments and I know there will be lots of examples of them 'being the best they can be'. This week we have also had Phonics Screening Checks for year 1 and some year 2 children, while year 4 took their Multiplication Tables Check last week. In the words of John 10:10, we're 'living life in all its fullness'.

Lockdown Practice—19th June

Many parents will be aware of Martyn's Law, something that came from the investigation of the Manchester Arena Bombing in 2017. As well as practicing evacuation (which do with our fire alarm drill three times a year) we must also practice 'in'vacuation and lockdown. However, I want to be sensible and proportionate about this and not frighten our pupils. Therefore as staff we have formulated a strategy which involves whistles (as opposed to a fire alarm), door and window locking and carpet sitting which we would like to test out on Friday 19th June. So as not to create distress, a false scenario of an unknown dog appearing on the playground will be played out so we can practice securing our premises. In time, such practice will be as regular as our fire drills. I will speak to the whole school about what is expected of them on the morning of the practice. Should parents have any questions about this, they are very welcome to contact me via the school office.
Mr Sullivan

Free School Meals

Even if your child is in years R-2 and receiving a Universal Free School meal, it is good for you, the school and future free school lunches if you apply for traditional free school meals. If a parent believes they meet the eligibility criteria and should qualify (for example, they are in receipt of Universal Credit with an annual income of less than £7,400, or another qualifying benefit), they should contact the school office or email

Free.SchoolMeals@eastsussex.gov.uk so a manual eligibility check can be carried out.

If as a parent you are not currently entitled to Free School Meals but are in receipt of any Universal Credit please apply via the following website to ensure there is sufficient time to process applications ahead of the start of the new school year.

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals>

Summer Reading Challenge

Once again we encourage pupils to take part in the annual Library Summer Reading Challenge which will run nationwide from 5th July - 6th September.

The challenge aims to promote reading for pleasure and all the associated benefits, by encouraging children to read six library books throughout the summer holidays.

A representative from East Sussex will be coming to talk to the children about the challenge in July and children will be able to sign up at their local library.



Whole School Performance, 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay'

This year will see the musical 'Treachery at Traitor's Quay' being staged. There will be three performances; Wednesday 15th July at 2pm and 6pm and Thursday 16th July at 6pm. Whilst Year 6 fulfil the main roles, all classes have a moment in the limelight and all children will be expected to attend all performances. Please ensure you keep those dates free, thank you.

Further information about costumes, song words and tickets for parents, carers and extended family will be distributed over the coming weeks, please keep an eye out on your ParentMail.

Class Led Acts of Worship, Term 6

Class 2	Thursday 25th June, 9.05am, School Hall
Class 1	Thursday 02nd July, 9.05am, School Hall

Whole School Sports Day—Wednesday 24th June 2026

Sports Day is scheduled for Wednesday 24th June in the afternoon. Parents/Carers are welcome to watch and support. The pedestrian gate will be opened at 1.05pm for a prompt 1.15pm start to proceedings.

The children will be taking part in various races on the track, culminating in our relays, pre-schoolers race and parent races. The children earn points for their house and the Sports Day Cup will be presented to the winning house by 3:15pm. Please remember that we support every runner at Sports Day and encourage everyone to 'be the best they can be'.

The children will be expected to wear their full PE kit, including black shorts and their coloured house t-shirt. As we run sports day in warm weather, please ensure your child comes to school with a hat and a drinks bottle (which they will be able to re-fill prior to the start). Sun cream should be applied in the morning of the event please. If any parents have gazebos they would kindly put up for us, could this be done on the morning of the 24th between the hedge and the edge of the track please.

There will be tea and coffee available for Parents/Carers to 'self serve' alongside a donation pot.

In the event of inclement weather there is a reserve date set of the following Wednesday 1st July, with the same times. Should the need arise to postpone a ParentMail email will be sent as soon as possible.

All after school clubs planned will take place as normal. If you have a booking at After School Wrap Around Care and you don't require the place following Sports Day, please ensure that you cancel your child's place.

Term 6 Charity Great Ormond Street Hospital

This term our chosen charity to support is Great Ormond Street Hospital. Some of our children will be holding a cookie sale next Friday 19th June after school in the playground. Cookies will be sold at 50p each and all proceeds will go to GOSH.



Summer Fair 2026

Planning for this years PTA Summer Fair is well underway. If you haven't already marked the event in your diary, the Fair will start at midday on Saturday 4th July with an anticipated finish time of 2.30pm.



The day before, Friday 3rd July will be a 'wear your own clothes to School day'. In exchange for this, please can we ask that a contribution for the Tombola is brought in; sweets (not chocolate), toiletries, bubble bath or a bottle of wine are just some suggestions of what could be brought in!

Raffle Tickets

We have some great raffle prizes on offer at the fair this year including :

- 2 night midweek camping at Wowo Camping for one family
- Cider Tour and Tasting worth £50 from Big Nose and Beardy
- Family Admission to Wilderness Wood
- Afternoon Tea for Two at Horsted Place Hotel
- Private Yoga or Pilates session at Sussex Yoga Studio
- 2 x Child Tickets for The Sussex Butterfly Garden
- 2 x Child Tickets for Picture House Uckfield
- Haircut from Sorella and Co
- Facial from Blush Beauty
- Goody bag from Kids Stuff toy shop
- £10 voucher from Pots of Love pottery painting cafe
- £10 Hartfields Voucher
- Happy Me Dance Taster Class Voucher
- George Moss Voucher
- Stavertons Voucher

Raffle tickets are £1 each, available at: School Office (cash only) School playground at pick up on Friday 12th and 19th June (cash only) Online soon!

Gold Book Awards for the week beginning 8th June

Class 1

Reuben B - for showing our guide at 'Blue Reef' his amazing knowledge about sea creatures and sharks.

Eliza C - for her amazing independent writing about crabs, really using her letter sound knowledge.

Hector E - for his great work in Maths, starting to work with fractions and finding half.

Class 2

Mabel B & Jonah C - for a great poem "Six ways to look at Mars".
Olivia W - for great understanding of temperature in Maths and for smashing her Phonics Screening.

Class 3

Enzo B & Merryn B - for their excellent adventure story openings.
Ella S - for her hard work in our term-time topic in Maths.

Class 4

Sophie C - for approaching every lesson with enthusiasm and giving thoughtful responses.

Aggie T - for great work with speech and showing emotion in English.

Audrey H - for beautiful presentation in her books, making it a joy to mark! A great example to others.

Class 5

Arthur T & Imogen H - for stepping up for absent people in the year 5/6 assembly.

Reuben N - for some valuable contribution about Goodnight Mr Tom and in PHSE.

ACADEMIC YEAR 25/26

JUNE

MONDAY 15TH	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 16TH	PRIMARY CUP CHESS FINALS AT ARDINGLY COLLEGE 12.45-5.30PM SEPTEMBER YEAR R, STARTERS PARENTAL MEETING 5.30-6.30PM PARENT/CARER NETBALL CLUB IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM
WEDNESDAY 17TH	KS2 ATHLETICS AFTERNOON @ ST PHILIPS 12.45-3.05PM CLASS 2 FOREST SCHOOL 1-3PM
THURSDAY 18TH	SCHOOL LED COMMUNITY WORSHIP, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM YR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE, ALL SAINTS CHURCH CROWBOROUGH 10:30 AM START (ARRIVAL BY 10.15AM)-MIDDAY
FRIDAY 19TH	YEAR R FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 TASTER SESSION 9.15-10.15AM COOKIE SALE IN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND - RAISING MONEY FOR GOSH 3.15-3.45PM
MONDAY 22ND	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 23RD	DEADLINE FOR YR 6 PARENTS/CARERS TO PLACE LEAVERS HOODIE ONLINE ORDER CHOIR CLUB TO SING AT LYDFORDS CARE HOME, EAST HOATHLY 3.45-5.30PM PARENT/CARER NETBALL CLUB IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND 6-7PM
WEDNESDAY 24TH	SPORTS DAY - ALL WELCOME 1-3PM (THE RESERVE DATE IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER IS 01/07)
THURSDAY 25TH	CLASS 2 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP 9-9.30AM ALL WELCOME CLASS 4 & 5 NEWHAVEN FORT TRIP 9AM-3PM
FRIDAY 26TH	WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED YEAR 2 PUPILS READING TO 'YOUNG AT HEART' GROUP HEATHFIELD CRICKET CLUB. 1.15-3.15PM BLACKBOYS BABIES 2-3PM STAY AND PLAY IN THE HALL
MONDAY 29TH-FRIDAY 3RD JULY	YR6 - YR7 (SECONDARY SCHOOL) TRANSITION WEEK. SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO CONFIRM ACTUAL DAYS/DATES.
MONDAY 29TH-TUESDAY 30TH	YR 6-7 SEPT '26 - TRANSITION- UCKFIELD (DAY & EVENING FOR FAMILIES) & KINGS ACADEMY RINGMER TASTER DAYS
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TUESDAY 30TH	YR 5/6 BADMINTON FESTIVAL @ UCKFIELD COLLEGE SPORTSHALL 3.45-5.15PM 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: *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*



The Parenting Team

Drop Ins - High Weald

Join us for an informal chat if you have any questions about anxiety, behaviour, neurodivergence, SEND, living with teenagers or any other parenting related questions!

Uckfield Family Hub
10-11:30am

10th July
11th Sept

Heathfield Youth Hub
1-3pm

23rd July
24th Sept

NEW! Virtual Drop Ins

Email us to book a 30 min slot to chat to one of the team!

Tues 14th July - 12-2pm
Wed 19th Aug - 6:30-8:30pm
Fri 18th Sept - 10-12pm

EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

BLACKBOYS CE SCHOOL



SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 4TH JULY, 12-2.30PM

BOUNCY CASTLES

COLD DRINKS

HOT FOOD



RAFFLE

CAMPING AT WOWO CAMPING
CIDER TOUR AND TASTING FROM
BIG NOSE AND BEARDY

FAMILY ADMISSION TO
WILDERNESS WOOD

AFTERNOON TEA FOR TWO AT
HORSTED PLACE HOTEL

AND MORE!

CRAFT STALLS

GAMES

TOMBOLA



£1

RAFFLE TICKETS
AVAILABLE AT:

SCHOOL OFFICE (CASH ONLY)

SCHOOL PICK UP FRIDAY
12TH AND FRIDAY 19TH
(CASH ONLY)

ONLINE SOON!

