

ACADEMIC YEAR 26/27

SEPTEMBER	
MONDAY 21ST	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
TUESDAY 22ND	SELECTED PUPILS YR 5/6 FOOTBALL @ MANOR 3.45-5.30PM PTA AGM @ School 7.30-8.30PM ALL WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 23RD	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM SELECTED YEAR 5/6 PUPILS CROSS COUNTRY @ ROCKS PARK 1.30-3PM
THURSDAY 24TH	TEACHER LED ACT OF WORSHIP - HARVEST THEME, SCHOOL HALL 9-9.30AM, ALL WELCOME SELECTED GIRLS BHAFC FOUNDATION U11 PREMIER LEAGUE PRIMARY STARS CUP 2026/27 @ LANCING TRAINING GROUND 9.15-11.45AM
FRIDAY 25TH	EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES. MUFTI DAY (WEAR COLOURS FROM A EUROPEAN FLAG) BREAKFAST (NO CHARGE) FROM 8:15-8:30AM
MONDAY 28TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
TUESDAY 29TH	NO BREAKFAST CLUB (DUE TO HARVEST FESTIVAL) BLACKBOYS HARVEST FESTIVAL 9-10AM. PUPILS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH FROM 8.30AM. PARENTS/CARERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! KS1 COACH RETURN TO SCHOOL AND KS2 HIKE BACK. YR 5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL @ MANOR 3.45-5.30PM
WEDNESDAY 30TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
OCTOBER	
THURSDAY 1ST	DEADLINE TO RETURN NUS GHANI CHRISTMAS CARD ENTRIES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
FRIDAY 2ND	WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOP - (HALL) 9-9.45AM
MONDAY 5TH- FRIDAY 9TH	CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK
MONDAY 5TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
WEDNESDAY 7TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
THURSDAY 8TH	FATHER JAMES LED ACT OF WORSHIP, ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM MIXED BHAFC FOUNDATION U11 PREMIER LEAGUE PRIMARY STARS CUP 2026/27 @ LANCING TRAINING GROUND 9.15-11.45AM
FRIDAY 9TH	ADHD/AUTISM PARENT WORKSHOP IN THE HALL. ALL WELCOME. 1.45-3PM
MONDAY 12TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
TUESDAY 13TH	PROSPECTIVE PARENT YEAR R SEPT '27 STARTER EVENT 9.30-11AM
WEDNESDAY 14TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
THURSDAY 15TH	CLASS 1 TRIP TO LEWES CASTLE 9AM-3PM HEAD LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL 9-9.30AM, ALL WELCOME
FRIDAY 16TH	WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED RECEPTION PARENTS WRITING WORKSHOP IN HALL 9-.45AM
MONDAY 19TH	CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6PM
TUESDAY 20TH	CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5-7.30PM

26/27 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 26/27.

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



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are already at the end of the third week of the Autumn term. Time has flown! Well done to everyone who has contributed to the settling in process. New parents may be interested to learn that this is the first of our fortnightly newsletters we produce.

European Day of Languages—25th Sep

We are super excited to celebrate European Day of Languages at Blackboys. This Europe wide initiative helps pupils see beyond their own boundaries and gain an insight into new languages and cultures. Children are very welcome to come to school in their own clothes for the day, wearing colours to match the colours of a flag from a European country of their choice. It would be brilliant if all children knew the name and a fact about the country they are representing. The day will start with an optional early arrival at 8:15am for a European themed breakfast. Each classteacher will have a buffet table containing breakfast goodies from a different European Country for the children to try. The pedestrian gate will be opened at 8:15am and after visiting the cloakroom, children will move to the hall, given a plate and invited to buffet! Please be assured that children with food allergies will be catered for. Entry to the buffet will close at 8:30am when the school gate will be closed until the traditional opening time of 8:40am. Each class will also have a lesson where the children will learn more about 1 European country with their classteacher. This will include some basic language, culture and geography. We hope the children will gain a lot from the day.

Bikeability

As is a tradition at Blackboys, September began with our Year 6s undertaking the ESCC Bikeability programme every

morning throughout the week at School. Well done to all those Year 6's taking part! The course leaders were impressed by the children's attitude and perseverance.

Pupil Leadership

We are thrilled to have Darcey and Jesse in the roles of Head Girl and Head Boy for this academic year. They both wrote excellent letters of application and we are confident that they will do a great job. We are also delighted to announce that our school prefects for the coming year will be: Evie, Sophie, Keegan, Jessica, Florence and Poppy. They will be led by Vivi and Audrey who have the role of Senior Prefects. We have two pupils with special responsibility for Audio Visuals, Data Projection and ICT: Charles and Izzy. We have 2 pupils who will lead on environment: Sorrel and Naomi. Our House Captains this year will be Yellow House: Dylan and Sylvie; Green House: Indi and Jess P; Red House: Ella and Heidi and Blue House: Alyla and Ida.

Phonics Workshop

On Friday 2nd October Mrs Sullivan will be holding a Phonics Workshop for all Year R, 1 and 2 parents / carers. Please come along to the School Hall at 9am. Attached are some more details. This session has proved to be very useful in the past and we encourage all Yr R, 1 and 2 parents to attend.

Parent Consultation Evenings

The Autumn Term Parent Consultation Evenings are planned to take place Monday 19th October, 3.30-6.00pm and Wednesday 21st October, 5.00-7.30pm. A letter regarding information and how to sign up will be sent out towards the end of this month.

Parking

Please park responsibly in the village and think about the feelings of residents.

Year R September '27

We are already looking at projected pupil numbers for next September.

Can you therefore please let the School Office know if you have a sibling of a pupil already at Blackboys CE School, for who you intend to be naming Blackboys as your first choice of School on your application with County.

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As an additional reminder, even if you have a child already attending Blackboys, you still need to register the siblings preference of schools on-line via the East Sussex County Council website.

The deadline for primary school choices for September 2027 is
Friday 15th January 2027.

Please see the poster attached which details our forthcoming open events which all Parents/Carers of pupils looking to start School next year are warmly invited to attend. Please spread the word of Blackboys.

Harvest Festival, Tuesday 29th September

Our whole school Harvest Festival will be taking place at our Church, St Thomas á Becket, Framfield, on Tuesday 29th September. We are asking that all children are dropped off directly to the church on this morning from 8.40am and the service will start at 9.00am prompt. Parents/Carers are of course welcome to join us for this annual celebratory service.

If your child is able to donate a non perishable item for the local Uckfield Foodbank this will be collected during the service.

CURRENT FOOD REQUIRED: Pasta (preferably not spaghetti), soup, pasta sauce (no alcohol), tinned vegetables and pulses, cereal, savoury rice, custard and rice pudding. Other tinned and dried foods are welcome too.

Please note as previously communicated there will be NO Breakfast Club facility at School on the 29th September.

KS1 (Classes 1 and 2) will be returning to School via a coach (subsidised by the School). **KS2** (Classes 3,4 and 5) will be taking their traditional hike back to School. They will require a change of clothes in a bag (rucksack ideally) with suitable walking/weather 'gear'. A packed lunch will also be required. A bin bag or reusable plastic shopping bag may also be packed for your child to sit on whilst enjoying their lunch.

Year 6 Secondary Applications for September '27

A reminder for all Year 6 Parents/Carers that Secondary School applications for a place within Year 7 needs to be completed via the ESCC online portal by
Friday 31st October 2026.

PTA AGM

Our super Parent Teacher Association are holding their AGM on Tuesday 22nd September at 7:30pm. All parents are encouraged to attend and will be made welcome.

Blackboys Equestrian Team Success

We were delighted to hear about Blackboys success at this year's Hickstead NSEA Championships over the summer break. Blackboys finished 14th out of 30 teams from across the region, which is a fantastic achievement.

Our team had brilliant individual results as well. Hector secured an incredible 3rd-place podium finish, while Scarlett finished 8th out of 40 children — both outstanding performances. A special mention must also go to Lizzie, who really had to dig deep and produce a round that was beyond her years.

Dates for 26/27

We urge all to keep an eye on the homepage of the Blackboys CEP School website. Most major dates for this academic year have been set, including Sports Day, Whole School Performance dates, Nativity and Carol Concert. Just scroll through the diary to up date your own home diary.

Inset Days 26/27

We have four planned Inset Days for the academic year which are detailed below.

- *Friday 20th November 2026*
- *Monday 4th January 2027*
- *Monday 7th June 2027*
- *Thursday 22nd July 2027*

Nus Ghani Christmas Card Competition

Pupils have once again been invited to design a Christmas Card for MP Nus Ghani. In previous years, Blackboys School has had great success with previous winners, including Thomas P last year! The theme this year is 'Design a Christmas Jumper' and it should have a Christmas greeting on it. The design can be A4 landscape or portrait in any 2d medium. Entry is optional and the deadline to return to the School Office for posting is Thursday 1st October.

Blackboys Babies

Please see the attached poster.

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 14th September

Class 1

Layla A - for always having lots of ideas during our English work; she is always happy to share her thoughts.

Mia McG - for settling into school well this week and feeling much happier.

Daisy J - for being a good role-model to the younger children and being very helpful.

Class 2

Olivia W - for being really independent with her learning this year.

Alex L - for amazing, quick subitising skills in Maths.

Darcy R - for really neat and careful presentation in her Maths book.

Class 3

Jonah C - for always being ready to learn and for his hard work in every lesson.

Levi C & Jack S - for impressive work with finding 1, 10, 100 more or less of a 3 digit number.

Class 4

Enzo B - for great presentation in his books - a great example to others!

April M - for always being 'on it', following instructions and being ready to learn!

Erin G - for some great work with adverbials in English this week!

Class 5

Fletcher J - for excellent work in Maths this year.

Oscar M - for some great work in Art, including last week's Spirituality Day.

Charles D - for super effort with the presentation of his work.



The Parenting Team



Learning About Neurodivergent Children

Want to learn more
about **Autism** or **ADHD**?

Want to **understand** how
to **support** your child?



Friday 9th October



1:45–3:15pm



Blackboys Primary School

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



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NHS Trust

BLACKBOYS BABIES

A baby, toddler and pre-schoolers group hosted by Blackboys C of E Primary School



Come and Join us with your babies, toddlers and preschool children for a **free** afternoon stay and play session in the school hall from **2pm - 3pm**. Tea, coffee and a chat for grown ups, and lots of fun for little ones!

Friday
27th Nov

Friday
11th Dec

Friday
29th Jan

Friday
26th Feb

Friday
30th Apr

Friday
28th May

Friday
25th Jun

Blackboys C of E School, School Ln, Blackboys,
Uckfield TN22 5LL

2027 Open Days



Blackboys CE Primary School

If you are the parent or carer of a child starting school in September 2027 we invite you to join us at one of our open days, and discover Blackboys CE Primary School.

Less than 10 minutes from Heathfield and Uckfield, our warm, supportive, village school environment is waiting to welcome your child this coming academic year.

We Belong; We Flourish; We Shine



“Be the best you can be”

At Blackboys CE School we offer:

- A Church School with a strong Christian ethos
- Forest School for all age groups
- Wide range of lunchtime & after-school clubs
- Popular Breakfast & After School Clubs
- Bespoke Sports Coaching
- Well-resourced Computer Suite
- All-Weather Sports Pitch
- Redesigned Early Years outside area including woodwork zone

Please join our Headteacher, Mr Sullivan, on one of our tours for pupils starting school in Year R in September 2027:

Tuesday 13th
October
9:30am

Thursday 26th
November 9:30am
and 6pm

Wednesday 6th
January 9:30am
and 1:30pm

To make an appointment on your preferred date & time please call 01825 890 423 or email office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk



Phonics Workshop for all Year R, 1 & 2 Parents/Carers



What is Monster Phonics?

Monster Phonics is a fun way to teach Systematic Synthetic Phonics. Its advanced multi-sensory approach uses 10 Monster characters to create interest and engagement for children. It is a phonics scheme that we use in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and it will put your child on a good pathway to being a confident reader and speller.

The workshop will cover:

- What phonics is
- How phonics is taught
- How Monster Phonics works
- Ideas to help support learning at home

Who is the Workshop for?

The workshop is for all parent/carers of children who are in **Year R, 1 and 2**. We encourage that **all** parents/carers do attend. We know that parental/carer engagement increases your child's likelihood of being a successful reader.

When?	Where?
Friday 2nd October 9 – 9.30am	Blackboys CE Primary School Hall

I look forward to welcoming you to this session!

Mrs H Sullivan
Phonics Leader



School Favourites

KS1 - Free

Thursday 1 October 2026
CENSUS DAY MENU

MAINS

Hunter's Chicken Burger

BBQ Chicken, Bacon & Cheese Burger

or Butternut Squash Macaroni Cheese (v)

SIDES

Chips, Peas
and Baked Beans

DESSERTS

Homemade Custard Cream Biscuit
or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Also available: All other daily options

*Menus may be subject to change



Chartwells
Schools

BLACKBOYS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Annual General *Meeting*



Tuesday Sept 22nd

7.30pm, Blackboys School Hall
All welcome