



Blackboys Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

Christian Value for Term : Perseverance

Dear Parents / Carers,

Many thanks for all the support for our Harvest Festival this week. It was a joyous occasion in the church, and always a delight to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school in attendance. The children performed magnificently. Singing in particular is something we do very well and I know many found it a quite spiritual and uplifting experience. We are indebted to the hard work of our staff, including our pianist Mrs Bayman. The Uckfield Food Bank were delighted with the food donations. Thank you.

Poetry Recital

Record numbers of children took part in our school poetry recital competition last Friday. It was brilliant to see so many of our younger pupils have a go, and classteachers had a very tricky job picking 3 representatives for Blackboys School to move forward to the Ringmer Alliance Competition. However our 3 representatives did a great job at Ringmer Primary School, with our Key Stage 1 reciter, Hazel, scooping first prize. Learning a poem by heart is a real achievement.



Parent/Carer Consultations

This week a letter was sent home via ParentMail email regarding Autumn term Parent/Carer Consultations. These are taking place on Monday 19th October and Wednesday 21st October. If you haven't already done so, please

secure your appointment with your child's class teacher. For more information please refer to the letter sent.

Open Days—Year Reception 2027

We will soon be opening the doors to prospective parents of Year R children for September 2027. Attached is a poster detailing our Open Day sessions. We would be very grateful if anyone from our school community could share this at their place of work or other places that might be suitable. We have a number of posters printed in the school office if you know of good places to display these. Please do pop in and get one if you do!

Writing Workshop - Year R Parents

Mrs Nobes will be running a Writing Workshop for parents/carers of reception pupils on Friday 16th October. Please join us in the school hall at 9am following school drop off. See poster attached for more details.

Parking

We would like to remind parents about being extremely considerate of our neighbours and villagers when parking. We have been made aware of a number of parking incidents, some of which have resulted in unpleasant confrontations. We would expect our parents to be respectful of driveways, not blocking them or making turning into them difficult. Please do not block The Green or the turning circle at the end. Also do not park on corners or on the yellow zig zags as it greatly endangers the safety of our pupils when crossing. Give yourselves some extra time and park at The Blackboys Inn or Village Hall. In the morning, we are very happy for Key Stage 2 children in particular to be dropped at the school gate, allowing parents to return to their cars and make space for others.

Reminder

There will be **no** football club taking place Monday 19th October as Parent Consultations will be taking place.

Cycle to School Week 5th-9th October

We have lots of keen cyclists and scooterers at Blackboys School. It would be amazing if parents could give this some extra encouragement as we look forward to taking part in Cycle to School Week on 5th-9th October. We encourage everyone to take part and travel to school on two wheels, three wheels, or even 4 wheels if they can. There will be a prize raffle for our committed wheel travellers!



Half Term Archaeology Workshop

Archaeodiscovery will run two archaeology day schools for children aged 7-12 yrs. Become an archaeologist for the day at the beautiful and historic site of Hale Farm. Work with experienced, professional archaeologists: DIGGING, MAKING and DOING.

Location - Hale Farm, Hale Green, Chiddingfold, East Sussex, BN8 6HQ

Dates - Thursday 29th October and Friday 30th October

Time - 10am-3pm

On both days we will be exploring The Iron Age & ROMANS - Try your hand at some traditional crafts and activities, take part in a real-life excavation, try out some metal detecting and also lots of opportunity to meet the farm animals!

Here's the booking link:

<https://forms.gle/42Ecbq3RDLMMho3Q9> or use the QR code on the flyer attached

Neverland Production

Some of our pupils and ex-pupils are taking part in a production of Neverland, with several performances taking place over half term. Please see attached poster for details.

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 **Saturday 31st October 2026**.

PTA

Following the PTA AGM held in September we are pleased to inform you that Mrs Jenkins remains as Chair, Mrs Gathercole is now Vice Chair, Mrs Vine as Secretary and Mr Jenkins as Treasurer. A little bit about our committee:

Mrs Jenkins - Chair

Lyndsey is Mum to Zach in Class 4 and Keegan in Class 5. She has been PTA Chair for the past four years - which means she helps lead the team, make decisions, and keep everything running smoothly. Lyndsey enjoys organising fun events like welly wanging, cake stalls, and the Christmas Fair, and she loves seeing families come together to support the school and make brilliant memories.

Mrs Gathercole - Vice Chair

Jemima is Mum to Lucy in Class 4 and Max in Class 2. She joined the PTA last September as she wanted to get involved with supporting the fantastic events the PTA organise which help provide some amazing experiences for the children. She loves meeting and talking to people, especially if there's a cup of tea involved, and working together with others to support this fantastic school.

Mr Jenkins - Treasurer

James is Dad to Zach in Class 4 and Keegan in Class 5, and he looks after the PTA's money as Treasurer. He's great at keeping the numbers straight and finding ways to raise extra funds - from discos to sponsorships - which have helped create exciting spaces like the all-weather pitch, the music room, and the Class 1 reading garden.

Mrs Vine - Secretary

Holly is Mum to Eddie and James in Class 4 and Penny in Class 2. She has been part of the PTA for four years and is our Secretary - which means she takes notes, organises things, and is our chief poster maker! Holly loves helping at the Summer and Christmas fairs - especially when there's a cake

The PTA class reps are as follows (please contact the school office if you would like to be put in touch)

Class 1: Mrs Rachel Bournier
Class 2: Mrs Holly Vine
Class 3: Mrs Kerry Brinkhurst
Class 4: Mrs Caroline Reynolds
Class 5: Mrs Naomi Coates

PTA Fall Ball!

The PTA have organised an end of term 'Fall Ball'. On Friday 23rd October, 5.30-6.30pm when pupils are invited to an Autumn disco. Tickets are priced at £4. Please see the attached flyer for more details and how to book tickets!



The PTA Christmas Fair planning meeting is due to take place at the Blackboys Inn, Wednesday 4th November 7.30pm. All very welcome!

Gold Book Awards for week beginning Monday 28th September

Class 1

Olivia B - for her great work in Phonics; playing I Spy to find the first sound of a word.
Sophie U - for her amazing work in Maths; singing number songs and counting forwards/backwards.
Arthur B - for his retelling of the Cinderella story; great writing using all his phonic sounds.

Class 2

Hazel MC - for her amazing performance at the Poetry Recital Competition.
Nola P - for great work in phonics, spelling words using sounding out.
Theo S - for settling into Class 2 so well and even trying to sing during the Harvest Festival.

Class 3

Joshua I - for his excellent ideas he put towards our harvest poem.
William S - for always working hard and seeking challenge.
Autumn W - for her great contributions in whole class reading.

Class 4

Fred S - for settling in to Class 4 so well and for showing such a positive attitude on the hike on his second day!
Hayley Y - for putting in lots of effort in class, particularly in English and spelling.
Lyla H - for always being actively involved in lessons, engaged, ready and enthusiastic!

Class 5

Fred B & Vivi C - for their excellent acting in English.
Audrey H - for working really hard on her Beowulf advert this week.

ACADEMIC YEAR 26/27

OCTOBER

MONDAY 5TH-
FRIDAY 9TH

CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK

MONDAY 5TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM

TUESDAY 6TH

SELECTED PUPILS YR 3/4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR 3.45-5.30PM

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 BHAF 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
SELECTED PUPILS YR 3/4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR 3.45-5.30PM

WEDNESDAY 14TH

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
SELECTED PUPILS YR 5/6 MIXED FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ MANOR 1-3PM

THURSDAY 15TH

CLASS 1 TRIP TO LEWES CASTLE 9AM-3PM
SPECIAL GUEST LED ACT OF WORSHIP, SCHOOL HALL 9-9.30AM, ALL WELCOME
NO LUNCHTIME CONSTRUCTION CLUB THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 16TH

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTED
RECEPTION PARENTS WRITING WORKSHOP IN HALL 9-4.5AM

MONDAY 19TH

CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 3.30-6PM

WEDNESDAY 21ST

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
AUTUMN TERM PARENT CONSULTATIONS 5-7.30PM

THURSDAY 22ND

CLASS 5 LED COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - ALL WELCOME 9-9.30AM

FRIDAY 23RD

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
PTA FALL BALL 5.30-6.30PM

MONDAY 26TH-
FRIDAY 30TH

OCTOBER HALF TERM

MONDAY 26TH-
WEDNESDAY 28TH

FOOTBALL CAMP WITH ETHAN LEWIS NXTGEN FOOTBALL - 3G PITCH

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 2ND

START OF TERM 2
TEMPEST WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO'S INDIVIDUALS AND SIBLINGS. PRE SCHOOL
SIBLING PICTURES TO BE TAKEN BETWEEN 8.40-9.00AM, IN SCHOOL SIBLING
PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE MORNING.
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM

WEDNESDAY 4TH

CLASS 3 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM
PTA MEETING RE: CHRISTMAS FAIR @ BLACKBOYS INN 7.30-8.30PM

MONDAY 9TH

YEAR 4, 5, 6 TRIP TO BATTLE ABBEY 9.30AM-3.30PM
CLASS 1 FOREST SCHOOL FOR SELECTED PUPILS 1-3PM

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.

Inset Days 26 27:

Friday 20th November 2026 *Monday 4th January 2027*

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



Parent/Carer Reception Writing Workshop Friday 16th October, 2026



Purpose of Workshop:

The workshop will cover writing in Reception and focus on three main areas:

- Fine motor skills
- The importance of drawing
- Stages of early writing

Who is the Workshop for?

The workshop is for Reception parent/carers.

When will the Workshop take place?

The workshop will take place on Friday 16th October at 9am until 9.30am in the school hall.

We are keen to involve Reception parents and carers as much as possible in children's learning and we hope to organise further sessions in the future.

I look forward to welcoming you to these sessions!

Mrs Nobes
Class 1 Teacher





October–
December
2026

Webinars

Becoming a Positive Parent (2-10 yrs)

13th October 10-12pm

Being a Neurodivergent Parent

7th October 12:30-2:30pm
17th November 6:30-8:30pm

Triggers Tantrums & Teaching Moments (2-12yrs)

6th October 6:30-8:30pm

Learning about Neurodivergent Children (2-19yrs)

21st October 12:30-2:30pm
2nd December 6:30-8:30pm

Managing Anxiety and Avoidance in Children (2-12 yrs)

5th November 10-12pm

Groups

No sessions
in half term

Supporting Parents of Teenagers 10+ (STOP)

Wednesday 18th Nov- 13th Jan
10-12pm

Positive Parenting Programme 2-12 (Triple P)

Tuesday 24th Nov- 26th Jan
12:30-2:30pm

Teen Life 10+

(National Autistic Society)

Tuesday 3rd November - 5th January
10-12pm

To receive the
booking form, please
email us

parentsupport@eastsussex.gov.uk



October–
December
2026

1-1 Drop In Sessions

Join us for an informal chat about anxiety, behaviour, SEND, neurodivergence, teenagers, or any parenting questions.

Face to Face

Find us at Family and Youth Hubs across
East Sussex including:

Hastings and St Leonards
Rother
High Weald
Eastbourne and Hailsham
Lewes and Peacehaven



<https://familyhubs.eastsussex.gov.uk/activities>

No need to book. See the website for more details and dates.

Online– Parent Support Appointments

Book a 30 minute slot with a Parent Support Practitioner

You can join from anywhere and can even share the link with other co-parents or family members.

Email us to receive the booking form.

October	Tues 6 th 6-8pm	Fri 16 th 10-12pm
November	Tues 10 th 1-3pm	Thurs 26 th 6-8pm
December	Wed 2 nd 12:30- 2:30pm	Wed 9 th 6-8pm



THE MILLENNIUM PLAYERS
present

Neverland

An original adaptation of J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan

written by Tom Messmer
original music by James Edwards

28th - 31st October
Nuttley War Memorial Hall

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.MILLENNIUMPLAYERS.COM



This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

The poster features several glowing leaf decorations in yellow and orange, scattered around the text. Some are simple outlines, while others are more detailed with veins.

END OF TERM

FALL BALL

FRIDAY 23TH OCTOBER, 5.30 – 6.30PM,
£4 PER TICKET

CELEBRATE THE END OF TERM AT OUR
GLOW DISCO!

DRESS TO IMPRESS AND BRING A LITTLE
SPENDING MONEY TO GET YOUR TREATS
FROM THE TUCK SHOP.

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A DRINK AND A
GLOW STICK.

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM
[BLACKBOYSPTA.SUMUPSTORE.COM](https://blackboyspta.sumupstore.com) OR THE
SCHOOL OFFICE

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



HALF TERM DIG SCHOOL

29th-30th Oct

HALE FARM

Become an archaeologist for the day!

Discover ROMAN BRITAIN

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 29th-30th Oct 2026
10.00-15.00

£55 per child taking part.

