

Blackawton Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Creative - Confident - Caring



Friday 18th July 2025

And just like that, another academic year draws to a close...

What a year it has been at Blackawton Primary School. As we reach the end of term, it's a perfect moment to pause, reflect and celebrate all that our wonderful children have achieved over the past 12 months.

*They have grown—not just academically, but personally and socially. We've seen them deepen their knowledge, develop new skills, build friendships, and show remarkable empathy and resilience along the way. They truly live and breathe our school values: **creative, confident, and caring**.*

This final week has been a whirlwind of events, all capturing the spirit of our school community. We were proud to welcome some of our amazing volunteers to our tea party, as a small way of saying thank you for the time and energy they give so freely throughout the year. Year 4 had an unforgettable adventure at camp—one filled with challenge, laughter and memories that will stay with them for a long time. Our Year 6 pupils shone in their end-of-year play, delivering humour, talent and joy to everyone lucky enough to be in the audience.

We also gathered for our trophy assembly, celebrating achievements of all kinds—academic progress, sporting success, kindness, perseverance and more. And finally, today we shared in the very special and emotional moment of saying goodbye to our Year 6 children in their leavers' assembly. This is always a bittersweet part of the year, as we celebrate their journey and the young people they've become, while also saying farewell as they take their next steps. Looking back on their time with us brings joy, pride, and a reminder of how quickly the years fly by. Every moment matters—every experience, every challenge, every triumph—and we are privileged to have been part of their story.

*To all our families: thank you. Your continued support, encouragement and belief in what we're doing makes such a difference. It's a true partnership, and one we never take for granted. We wish you all a restful, joyful and memory-filled summer. Whether you're going on an adventure, enjoying time with family, or simply taking it slow—we hope it brings you what you need. We'll see you back at school on **Thursday 4th September 2025**, ready for a brand new year of learning, growing and discovering together.*

Mr Fielding and Mrs Buckle



We educate children so they can lead great lives

Attendance to date	
Class 1	95%
Class 2	97%
Class 3	95%
Class 4	94%
Class 5	95%
National expectation	96%





Thursday 4th September 2025	First day back at school
	<p>Please note—More dates to come for next academic year.</p> <p>Further school trips being organised, tbc.</p> <p>Finer details will be sent closer to events.</p>

CLASS 'SNAPPY' NEWS

“And that’s a wrap!”

Nursery

It’s celebration time at our nursery as our little stars **graduated** with joy and sparkle! With cheerful **farewells**, sweet **songs**, and happy hearts, we marked the end of a wonderful journey.

From giggles during the **movie**, to splashes of fun in our **swimming** sessions – every moment was magic. Now, with bright smiles and big dreams, they’ve **finished** this chapter and are ready for the next! Congratulations, graduates!



Class 1

Class 1, what an amazing year you have had in Reception. You have worked and played hard and you fully deserve a relaxing, fun-filled summer holiday.



Class 2

This week has been a celebration of our year together in Class 2. We have created fact files about ourselves where we have focussed on the skills we have learnt this year. We had done lots of playing together, and enjoyed creating thank you cards for the people who care for us in the school.

We hope you have a wonderful summer!



Class 3

In art, we explored *monoprinting*—a fun and expressive technique that explored experimental ideas with colour, texture, and pattern. Although we didn’t quite finish our final English unit, we had some wonderful discussions about traditional tales and imaginary worlds. We watched episodes of *Mr Benn*, the classic character who steps into different adventures and always returns home with a special memento. These episodes sparked lots of conversation and storytelling ideas. We also took part in the *Volunteer Tea*, where we sang songs. To top it all off, we ordered icecreams in french, in Karen’s French parlour and we had a fantastic time splashing around in the outdoor pool, making memories with our friends.

Class 4

We’ve had a lovely final week in Class 4, enjoying time together and reflecting on what has been a brilliant year. The children have impressed us with their thoughtful and imaginative poetry, taking real care with their words and sharing some beautifully creative ideas. Year 4 had a fantastic time at camp night — playing games, sharing stories and enjoying the chance to spend time together in a different way. Thank you to all the children and families for your warmth, encouragement and support throughout the year. It has been a real privilege to share this time with such a kind and enthusiastic group.

Class 5

Class 5 have outdone themselves during this last week of term. They rocked on stage last night during their last performance of 'The Island that Rocks!' They made a wonderful team and supported each other brilliantly.

Today, we say goodbye to our Year 6 children, who have worked their socks off and had lots of fun during their time at Blackawton - Good Luck Year 6. We wish Class 5 a fabulously restful and wonderful summer holiday.



In Other News

Outdoor Learning Newsletter -

As the academic year draws to a close, we've been reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared through outdoor learning. If you ask any adult about the benefits of learning in nature, you'll hear a chorus of agreement—boosting physical and mental wellbeing, nurturing social skills, and building key abilities like gross motor coordination and problem-solving. But ask the children what they think, and their answer is even simpler: **"We love being outdoors!"**

Once again, we've been incredibly fortunate to spend countless joyful hours in our beautiful Forest School area. It's been a place of wonder and exploration—where muddy hands, painted faces, and proud smiles have become the norm. Across all year groups, children have embraced the outdoors, letting their curiosity and creativity blossom in every session.

In recent weeks, our conversations with the children have made one thing clear: they truly *value* their time in nature. While we know how beneficial it is, seeing them thrive in the Forest School setting fills us with deep gratitude. To witness their confidence grow, to see them conquer new challenges, and to give them space to connect with the natural world—this is a privilege we do not take lightly. The results go far beyond improved academic performance. What we see are happy, resilient, and content children—something that feels especially precious in our fast-paced world where simple joys can so easily be overlooked.

As we head into the summer break, we wish you and your families a holiday filled with nature, adventure, and peaceful moments. Thank you for being part of this amazing journey. We can't wait to welcome you back in the new academic year—for more muddy boots, magical discoveries, and Forest School fun!



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Volunteer Tea Party

What a wonderful afternoon we shared at our Volunteer Tea, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who gives their time and energy to support our school community. Whether it's helping with swimming lessons, listening to children read, assisting in the classroom, offering advice, supporting trips, organising FOBs events, or leading inspiring talks, our volunteers make a huge difference every day.

The atmosphere was warm and joyful, with delicious cake and tea kindly served by Jaxon, Edward and Riley, who did a brilliant job welcoming everyone. Our music and singing club, accompanied by Tiggy, treated us to beautiful songs, and throughout the afternoon, children from across the school joined in at intervals, filling the room with joyful voices and celebrating the spirit of togetherness.

It's moments like these that remind us how strong the community spirit is here at Blackawton. We are truly grateful for the kindness, generosity and commitment shown by our volunteers, you are at the heart of everything that makes our school so special. Thank you all for being part of this incredible journey together.





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Year 4 Camp

It might have rained all evening, but not one of our Year 4s let that stop the fun. From the moment the tents were up, the field was alive with laughter, muddy knees and endless games of football and hide and seek. The drizzle just made it more of an adventure.

Fleur and Karen kept the pizza oven going strong, and the children were so excited to eat the freshly made pizzas that Kate and Jude served up with big smiles and even bigger portions. Later on, we gathered around the firepit with Ms Birch, soggy hoods up, cheeks glowing – for stories and games before bedtime (not that much sleeping happened!).

Lou was up bright and early, serving breakfast to a very cheerful and slightly sleepy group, and huge thanks go to Jessica and Miss Burt who camped out with us, making sure everyone felt safe and cared for all night long. It was one of those evenings full of laughter, connection and a real sense of togetherness, the kind of night the children (and adults) will remember for a long time. Year 4, you were fantastic – as always.



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Je voudrais une glace, s'il vous plaît

This week, Class Three embarked on a deliciously fun language adventure — ordering their own ice cream flavours in French! As part of their ongoing French lessons, the children have taken a deep dive into ice cream related vocabulary, with the ultimate challenge being to successfully order (and get to eat) their favourite ice creams.

On Monday, all our learning came to fruition and the children had the opportunity to practice their French when we created our very own ice cream shop.

By the end of the session, the children of Class Three had not only expanded their French vocabulary, but also practiced speaking in full sentences, asking and answering questions and ordering from a list of flavours like fraise (strawberry), chocolat (chocolate), vanille (vanilla) and even menthe (mint). “Je voudrais une glace au citron, s'il vous plaît!” was heard over and over (turns out that lemon is very popular in Class Three!).—Thank you Karen.



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Are you passionate about helping young people find their path?

Whether you're a former student with a career to share or someone working in a job you love, we'd really like to hear from you!

We're looking for friendly faces to chat with our students at Blackawton School – to share experiences and help them feel excited about their future.

If you've got a little time to spare and want to be part of something special, drop us a message, we'd love to have you involved!

If you're available to spare some time and be a part of something special from September, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support to make a difference.

*Vicky Harris
11 by 11 Lead*



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Emily Risby
SENDCo

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Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and over-whelming. Life-changing events can happen to anyone. That is why Home-Start is ready to support families through their toughest times.

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Help with school holiday costs

The summer holiday can be a costly time of year for families. Children being at home, and the need to find extra childcare, can put extra burden on budgets.

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Blackawton Nursery Stay and Play

TUESDAY MORNINGS

FROM 10:00 to 11:00 am



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at Blackawton Primary School

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A session of fun and educational activities for you and your child(ren).

Led by Jo Mitchell, our Nursery Leader

Refreshments provided for children and adults

£1 donation please



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‘Ditsum Dash’ 5K Run & Regatta Family Fun Sports Day

Sunday 17th August 2025

The Ham, Dittisham TQ6 0HS

Join together with friends and family for a day of sporting fun and games at the Ham, Dittisham.

Medals, spot prizes, pop-up deli food stall... and more!

Program for the Day

- 09:15 - Registration - Ditsum Dash 5K
- 10:00 - Distum Dash 5K run
- 11:00 - Under 14's 1K run
- 11:30 - Traditional family fun races
- 13:00 - Field games for the whole family: rounders, pétanque, welly throwing & badminton
- 14:00 - 5-A-Side Football
- 15:00 - Inter-team Tug of War

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**BLACKAWTON
VILLAGE HALL**

CASH BINGO

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

EYES DOWN 7.30pm

**BIG CASH FLYER TO
FINISH!**

Light Refreshments & Raffle

**ALL PROFITS TO
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<https://dynamicadventurescic.co.uk/summer-holidays-adventure-club>

Summer Holiday Adventure Club

Join us for an unforgettable summer of adventure, exploration, and fun! Our action-packed camp offers a range of thrilling outdoor activities, from kayaking on the River Dart to rock climbing on Dartmoor and coasteering by the sea. Whether you're navigating the woods, tackling the river, or diving into the sea, there's an adventure waiting for everyone!

Dates:

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th August 2025

11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th August 2025

18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd August 2025

Time: 9am-4pm

Location: Meadowfields, Velwell, Totnes, TQ9-6AB

Summer Holiday Activity Club from 4th August for three weeks . You can book one day or multiple days.



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- ☆ Ofsted Registered

- ☆ 28th July - 29th Aug 2025
- ☆ £35 Standard Day
- ☆ £25 short day
- ☆ £157.50 Week (10% discount)

- ☆ 8:15am - 5:15pm (Standard Day)
- ☆ 9am - 3pm (Short Day)

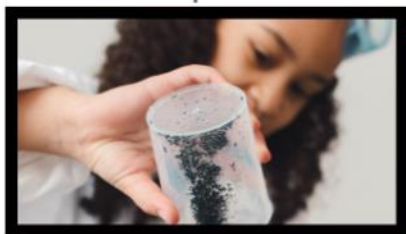
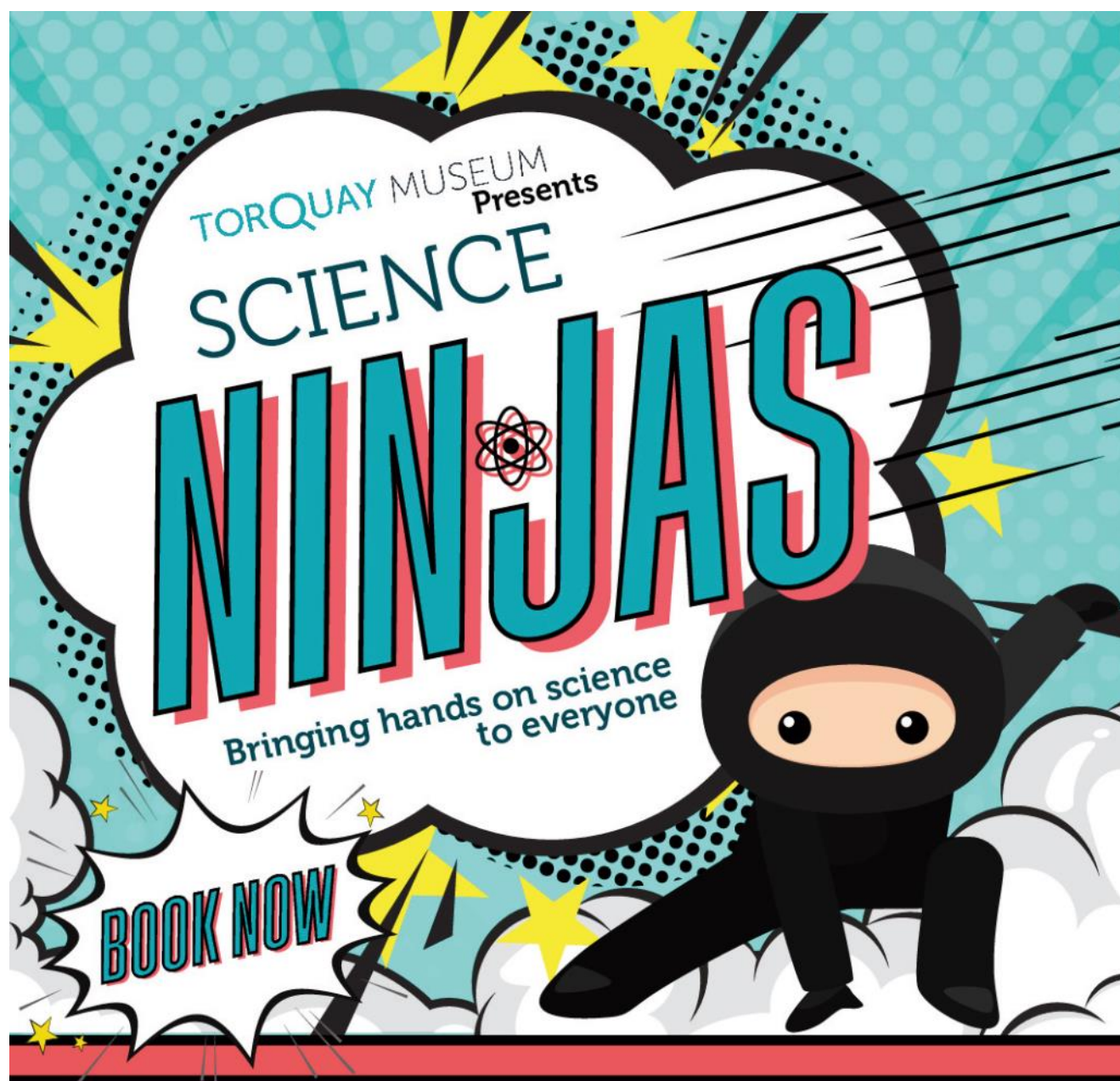
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2025

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29th August - 5th September 2025

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AUGUST 2025

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Available for children **aged 7-11** eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals. There are also some extended criteria places available.

Free collection and drop off each day from Kingsbridge and villages along the A379 to Slapton, or meet us at the Field Centre



TIMETABLE

09.30 - 14.15

12TH - 15TH OF AUGUST

27TH - 29TH OF AUGUST



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Tuesdays and Wednesday from 29th July - 27th August - Pondfields, Dartington

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Small Group Sizes

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The Children's Bookshow

showcases the **best children's books** with authors and illustrators live on stage. **Come and see**

Author, **Alom Shaha**, & illustrator **Sarthak Sinha**



Join us for a fun morning exploring Art, Science and Literature through the book, *How to Find A Rainbow!* Author and teacher Alom Shaha will bring the science of light to life on stage with some stunning demonstrations, and he'll read stories too. Indian illustrator, Sarthak Sinha, will draw for us live, talk about his process and materials, and reveal the important role of light when creating picture books. Don't miss it!

Venue: Northcott Theatre,
Exeter, Devon, EX4 4QB

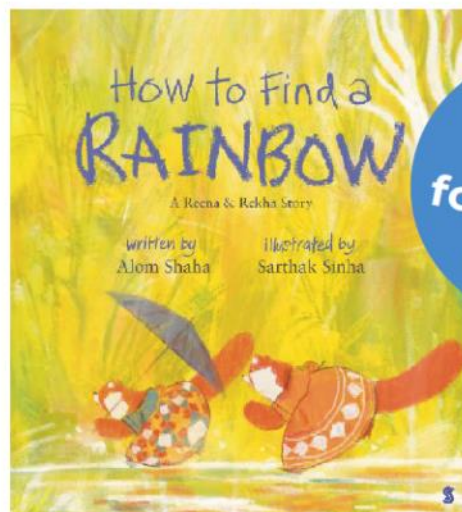
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Time: 10.30am

Duration: approx. 1 hour

Age: Years 1, 2 and 3

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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Join our school on Classlist

Classlist is the parent app that brings you into the heart of our school community.

- ✓ Get in touch with parents in our school
- ✓ Ask questions to the parents in your child's class
- ✓ See what's coming up for you and your child
- ✓ Find like-minded friends in our community
- ✓ Organise meet-ups and birthday parties
- ✓ Buy event tickets & RSVP to invitations



I can ask the parents in my child's class questions

It helps me to see who's who at my school and see who lives nearby

I can organise my child's birthday party and see who's coming

I can stay in the loop with important school info & PTA events coming up

Now I know who my child is friends with, I can get in touch with their parents

Round-up emails help me keep up with what's going on even when I'm busy

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