Blackawton Primary School NEWSLETTER

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<u>Fríday 20th June 2025</u>

Good afternoon!

As we move into the final weeks of the summer term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts of our children across the school. Over the past few weeks, they have been working tirelessly, showing real perseverance, resilience, and pride in their learning.

Attendance to dateClass 197%Class 294%Class 396%Class 496%Class 595%National
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It has been especially lovely to hear the Three Billy Goats Gruff being

retold so enthusiastically by our younger children — their storytelling, role play, and imagination have truly brought the story to life. Across the school, children have also been rising to challenges in areas such as swimming and outdoor learning, where we've seen outstanding teamwork, determination, and personal growth.

We are incredibly proud of the strong values our pupils continue to show — not just in their achievements, but in the way they support one another and embrace every opportunity. Blackawton Primary is a school full of heart, and it's the children's positive attitude and energy that make it such a special place to be.

Looking ahead, we have a packed and exciting few weeks to enjoy. We're looking forward to celebrating creativity and talent at the Blackawton Music Festival, marking the opening of our beautiful new 'Dough and Grow Community Garden' on Wednesday, and coming together as a whole school community for Sports Day. These events are a brilliant chance for the children to shine beyond the classroom — and showcasing their talents is something we're always proud to shout about here at Blackawton!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing these final weeks of term with you and celebrating all that our amazing children have achieved.

Best wíshes,

Mr Fielding and Mrs Buckle



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Tuesday 24th June 2025	Year 2 and 3 Rock pooling trip
Wednesday 25th June 2025	Garden grand opening at 3:30pm
Thursday 26th June 2025	Sports Day (afternoon) *PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE*
Saturday 28th June 2025	Blackawton Colour Run at 11:00am
Monday 30th June	Year 6 Residential trip—Skern
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Nursery and Class 1 day out—Morleigh Pump Track
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Year 6 Sailing
Thursday 10th July 2025	ESW Pupil Leadership Conference
Thursday 10th July 2025	Blackawton Music Festival (Afternoon)
Monday 14 July 2025	Nursery graduation
Tuesday 15th July 2025	Year 6 Play—Dress rehearsal to school
Wednesday 16th July 2025	Year 6 Play to Parents and Carers (Afternoon)
Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6 Play to Parents and Carers (Evening)
Friday 18th July 2025	Last day of academic year
	Please note—More dates to come.
	Further school trips being organised, tbc.
	Finer details will be sent closer to events.

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CLASS 'SNAPPY' NEWS

"Who's that *tip trapping* across my bridge?"

<u>Nursery</u>

What a perfect week to explore rivers, streams and boats. At the start of the week we took an exciting trip to the stream where the children acted out the story of The Billy goats gruff. Back at Nursery the children have spent time making river systems using guttering in our outdoor area. Watching the water rush through the channels was a huge hit and helped us understand how rivers flow.





Class 2

Class 2 have been performing Sea poetry this week. We have explored different poetic devices and noticed their effect as we perform poems. We have found refrains and repetition to be very effective! In Maths we have been learning about capacity and mass. We have enjoyed cooling off in the hot weather by examining the capacity of different containers.



Class 4

Class 4 have been making waves this week—literally and figuratively! In English, they've been mastering how to punctuate direct speech with confidence.

In the pool, they're diving into butterfly and front crawl techniques, building both skill and stamina.

Meanwhile, in maths, they've been tackling time and time problem solving—learning to tell the time and use it in real-life challenges.

Class 1

To start our week's theme of Rivers and Streams, Class 1 walked across the fields to the River Gara on Monday morning. They had lots of fun paddling in the stream and playing on the bridge before acting out the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. There were some very scary trolls!



<u>Class 3</u>

This week, we've been diving deep into our marine-themed English unit! The children have been painting beautiful ocean art and exploring creative language to help co-author a collaborative class book about marine life and pollution. It's been a fantastic way to blend imagination with environmental awareness. We have also been on a Bug Hunt around our school grounds to see how we can increase our biodiversity. In PE, we've been enjoying the sunshine with games of rounders, and in maths, we've been sharpening our money skills by learning how to calculate change – a practical and fun way to build confidence with real-life maths. It's been a week full of creativity, cooperation, and learning!

Class 5

This week in maths, Class 5 have been exploring how to calculate opposite angles and have been practising measuring and drawing angles accurately using a protractor.

In outdoor learning, they also had the opportunity to make a delicious batch of elderflower cordial with Fleur.



A Taste of Nature at Blackawton Primary School At Blackawton Primary School, we turn nature into a vibrant classroom filled with creativity, curiosity, and fun. Our students this week immersed themselves in nature, transforming everyday activities into exciting educational adventures.

Our youngest explorers began their journey by crafting delicate paper boats, which they eagerly set afloat along miniature rivers of flowing water. This simple activity sparked Imagination and introduced basic principles of buoyancy and water flow. Meanwhile, our Reception class rolled up their sleeves to support local pollinators by building colourful butterfly feeders. Their enthusiasm and gentle care for these vital insects truly showed a growing respect for the environment.

Class 2 took advantage of the bright sunshine to deepen their understanding of time and the movement of the sun. They crafted their own sundials from natural materials, patiently observing how shadows shifted throughout the day. This project combined science, art, and problem-solving in a way that engaged every student's curiosity and critical thinking skills.

Cooking outdoors became a delicious highlight for many year groups. Class 3 delighted in brewing their own lemon balm tea, enjoying the soothing, refreshing taste of the leaves they had gathered themselves. Their culinary creativity didn't stop there-after foraging fresh mint from the school garden, they dipped leaves in melted chocolate to make minty treats that were quickly declared a class favourite.

Class 4 tackled a more technical challenge by constructing solar ovens from recycled materials. With hopeful eyes on the weather forecast, they look forward to sunny days in June when they'll put their eco-friendly ovens to the test by baking gooey s'mores—a perfect blend of science and sweet reward.

To wrap up the week, Class 5 brought a burst of summer flavour by making homemade elderflower lemonade. Harvesting the fragrant blossoms and turning them into a refreshing drink was not only fun but also a wonderful lesson in patience, measurement, and the joy of seasonal food.





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In Other News

GRAND OPENING BLACKAWTON'S DOUGH AND GROW SARDEN «

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and celebration!

25TH JUNE 2025 FROM 3:20 ONWARDS BLACKAWTON SCHOOL GROUNDS



Enjoy homemade cake and tea Try our delicious, tasty pizzas fresh from the garden oven

YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE SUMMER STALLS



Fun for all ages – everyone is welcome! COME CELEBRATE WITH US AND SEE WE'VE GROWN



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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.





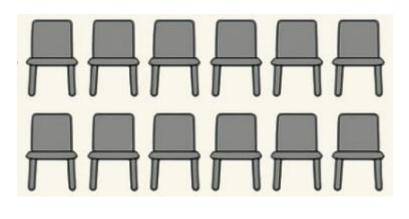


Maths Problem of the Week - Family fun!

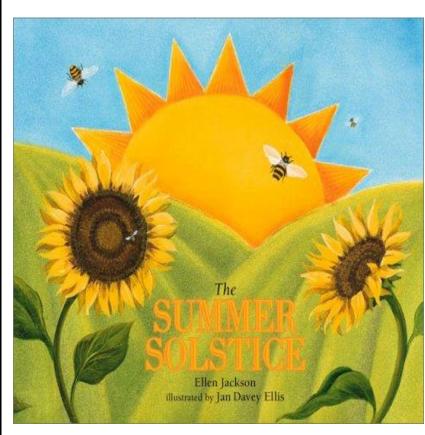
Have a go at this mathematical thinking to get your maths conversations happening at home.

Lily is setting up chairs for the school play. She arranges **8 rows** of chairs. Each row has **6 chairs**.

How may people is she expecting?



Ms Llewellyn's Recommended Read:



The Summer Solstice by Ellen Jackson is a perfect seasonal read. This beautifully illustrated book explores how different cultures around the world have celebrated the longest day of the year—from ancient stone circles to modern-day festivals.

With rich, accessible text and vibrant artwork by Jan Davey Ellis, the book combines science, storytelling, and history in a way that captures children's imaginations. It encourages curiosity about the natural world and respect for global traditions—a wonderful addition to any classroom exploring the seasons, celebrations, or sustainability.

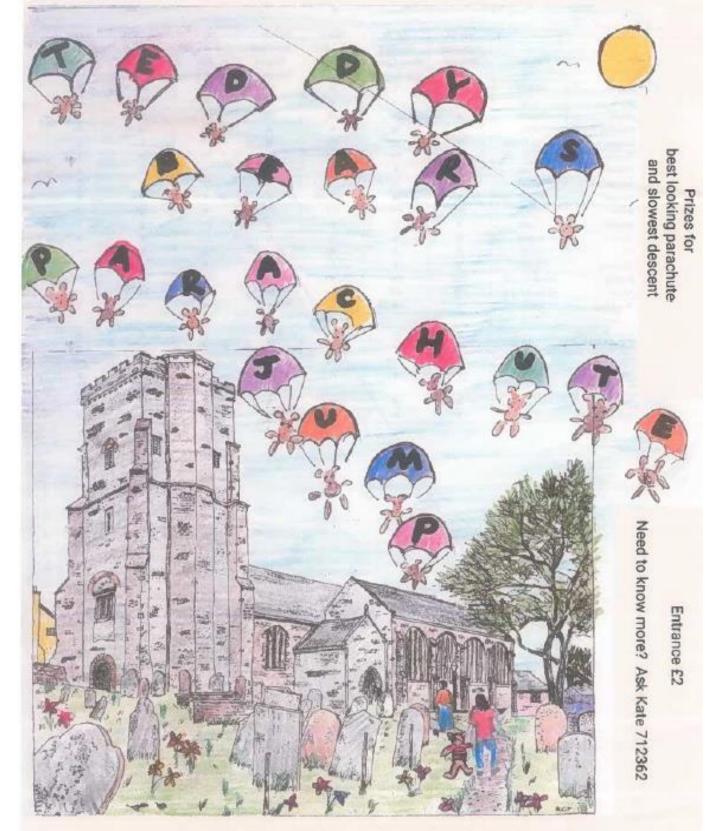
Lettuces for sale

delicious lettuces on sale, over the coming weeks!



Blackawton annual teddy bear parachute jump

Sunday 22nd June ~ 3pm



Starting at 3pm in the Churchyard

SEND Signpost



Emily Risby SENDCo





Eligibility

- Parenting someone aged 18 or under (25 if registered as having a disability)
- Conflict in the co-parenting relationship e.g. over parenting style, contact arrangements, division of labour, lack of intimacy, punctuality etc

Referral -

You can refer using the Home-Start South and West Devon standard referral form which can be emailed (password protected) to homestart.shpt@gmail.com

You can self-refer by contacting homestart.shpt@gmail.com

Places are currently limited due to funding.





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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION BLACKAWTON VILLAGE HALL, TQ9 7AX

MONDAY 23RD JUNE

7.30 PM

WE CAN'T PREDICT EMERGENCIES BUT WE CAN BE MORE PREPARED!

- Do you know what to do in an emergency?
- What happens when the emergency services are delayed?
- Could you help your community?
- Could you be a community emergency volunteer?
- Could you help make a Community Emergency Plan?



For more information contact: rod.birtles@devoncommunities.org.uk or register on Eventbrite









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SLAPTON LEY HAF NATURE DAYS! AUGUST 2025



FREE

EVENTS

Get out and active exploring nature this Easter with our **free** HAF programme. A packed morning of nature-based activities, then back to Slapton Ley Field Centre for a **hot lunch**.

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

 $12^{\text{TH}} - 15^{\text{TH}} \text{ OF AUGUST}$ $27^{\text{TH}} - 29^{\text{TH}} \text{ OF AUGUST}$











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Story writing competition

There are two age categories:

KS2: 7-10 year olds KS3: 11 -14 year olds Competition open to any child aged 7 to 14

who is a resident in Devon (excluding Torbay and Plymouth) Two ways to submit your short story of up to 500 words:

 Send by post to the Waste Education Officer at Devon County Council
 Email your entry to recycle@devon.gov.uk

*Please include the name of the school you are attending unless home-schooled

For full terms and conditions please visit: https://zone.recycledevon.org/short-storyterms-and-conditions-2025

Judging will take place in August 2025



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Colour Run Countdown – Less Than 1 Month to Go!

The excitement is building as the big day draws near! With under one month to go, our Colour Run team is working hard behind the scenes to bring you an unforgettable event filled with colour, fun, and community spirit.

🏂 🖗 Ready to Run?

We'd love to see you there—whether you're running, walking, or dancing your way through the colour clouds! If you're planning to join the fun, **please enter as soon as possible**. Spaces are limited due to field capacity, and early entries really help our team with planning.

Spread the Word!

Invite friends, family, neighbours—anyone who'd love a vibrant day out. The more, the merrier!

🖄 How to Enter



🕅 Volunteers Needed

Not running? No problem! We'd love your help. We're looking for:

- Cake bakers
- Tea and coffee makers
- Bar volunteers
- Cheering squad stars!

It truly takes a village to make this day magical. If you can lend a hand, please email us at <u>colourrun@fobs.org.uk</u>.

E Local Business Sponsorship

Are you a local business owner? Want to get involved and show your support? We have some great sponsorship opportunities that will put your name front and centre at this fantastic community event. Get in touch—we'd love to hear from you!

Stay Connected

For all the latest updates, follow us on Instagram: <u>@blackawtoncolourrun</u> And don't forget to keep an eye on the school's Facebook page. Please share our posts and help spread the word using your own social channels too!

Thank you, one and all!

BLACKAWTON COLOUR FUN-RUN

RUN, WALK OR CARTWHEEL YOUR WAY AROUND THE COURSE!

ENJOY <mark>A FULLY INCLUSIVE 1KM COUR</mark>SE AROUND THE VILLAGE WITH LOTS OF COLOUR AND CHEER. 5 LAPS MAX PER PERSON.

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2025, 11AM START

BLACKAWTON SCHOOL FIELD, TQ9 7BE

MEDALS FOR ALL, SPOT PRIZES, BBQ, BAR AND MUSIC!



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TUESDAY MORNINGS

FROM 10:00 to 11:00am



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at Blackawton Primary School

Playing / Arts & Crafts / Making Friends

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

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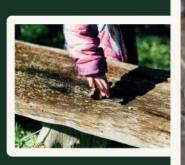
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Totnes and District Show, 27 July 2025

Calling all 'Cookers, Crafters and Gardeners'!

We hope you are starting to plan your entries for the HHH Competition at Totnes and District Show on Sunday 27 July this year.

The website link for entries is:

https://showingscene.com/events/totnes-show-2025-jul-2025/homecraft-handicraft-horticulture

We are pleased to see entries beginning to come in.

We are looking forward to a bumper crop of entries this year, as we have enjoyed in the past couple of years.

Do please get your friends and other members of your family to join in. The more the merrier, and makes for good competition on the day!

We are really keen to encourage entries in the Horticulture Section, where numbers were a little lower, such that the chances of winning are very good!

If you already enter in other Sections maybe you or members of your family grow flowers, fruit and vegetables which could also be entered. That would be great and much appreciated.

Also, remember entries are not confined to competitors in the Totnes area and you can enter up to 2 exhibits per class.

From the HHH team, Totnes and District Show Society



Dear School,

On June 28th, Cornworthy Village will celebrate its annual Village Fete and pig roast (with a vegetarian option!) It's an actionpacked afternoon with Morris dancers, puppet shows, live music, and much more, all included in the modest entry fee.

We are inviting local school children to take part in a competition. You will design and make a country hat, depicting what is important to you and what you like about the countryside. Please forward this and the PDF to your school W/A group, thus giving lots of children the opportunity to enjoy the fun and embrace their special countryside.

There are 3 age categories:

Category 1 ages 2 to 4 years old

Category 2 ages 5 to 8 years old

Category 3 ages 9 to 16 years old

The competition will be held in the middle of the afternoon and judged by The Dartmouth Town Cryer. The winner of each of the age categories will receive 2 x Magic Dwelling making workshop tickets <u>https://naturemake.co.uk/</u> and a Cranch's of Totnes original sweet shop voucher!

You can be as creative as you like; you may join forces and make one hat, but each hat needs to be worn by a child and exhibited. Competition entrance numbers are restricted, and entry is online via the link below. Entrance closes on 20th June 2025. The afternoon will be action-packed, a proper old-fashioned English fete! With, to mention just a few space-hoppers, coconut shy and tug-of-war.

Event information is on the attached PDF flyer, please pop a copy on your school notice board along with this, or please advise me who I should contact?

As you can see there is free parking and only £5 entry for a family. So, get designing!

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for more information contact ADAM SHEARER 07967 124844 TOTNES DARTMOUTH NEWTON ABBOT

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Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
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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	



Advice and guidance

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

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