BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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November 2025

We hope you all had a wonderful half term. This half, is another long one and the run in to Christmas will ensure that it is super busy. We have tried to fit many dates on the calendar as early as possible but reminders will also be posted.

It was lovely to see so many of you at various events last week. The Federation Fireworks Event on Tuesday was well attended by Blakeney families and raised money to pay for our Pantomime trip. We are already looking forward to this years' performance which is Jack and the Beanstalk. With such a busy week, we had lots to celebrate on Friday's Celebration Worship. Our regular Friday worship is open to all parents and friends of the school so please do come along if you are able. It begins at 2.45 each week.

The "extra slice" service after the big breakfast on Wednesday was a wonderful start to our day and the children really enjoyed bringing in items from home to show what sustains them. Parents, you are very welcome to join in this service after having breakfast too. It is a fun and lively service and helps to work off the breakfast!

Mrs Lingwood has been in Hedgehogs Class for her first week working at Blakeney and Jess Daynes (Martha and Eric's Mummy) has joined our team as a Midday Supervisor. Jess will in school and on the playground at lunchtimes. We are so pleased she has joined us and I'm sure the children will be equally as welcoming.

The PTFA family bingo will be held on Friday November 29th at the village hall. Thank you so much to the PTFA for organising this-the prizes look amazing. In case you are unable to attend on the night, raffle tickets are on sale via the school office and from PTFA members. The PTFA have also planned at Christmas party for the children after the Nativity on the 19th December.

We have open mornings planned for anyone wishing to look around our school for nursery and reception places. These are scheduled for the mornings of 27th November and 11th December. Please do spread the word if anyone you know has school age children who would like to consider Blakeney. The children in our school are wonderful! I know I am biased but just last week a kind gentleman donated 20 new tennis racquets to us as he had seen our children playing on the courts in the village. He said he knew that the racquets would be appreciated as he had seen how our children walked to and from the courts and found enjoyment in sport. It was a lovely gift and a testament to how the children behave.

This week, the steel pans group went to the Royal Albert Hall to perform. They were quite simply, wonderful and a real credit to the school. It was an incredibly long day (a 6.20 pick up and an after midnight return) but they were all in school the next day. Some of them even headed straight off to Lyng Lakes for the residential visit! The resilience they showed and their "aim higher" mentality means that Mr Snowden has awarded them each a purple brick. We hope this award shows them how proud we are of them and their behaviour.

As always, please get in touch with any queries or questions.

Team Blakeney

Hoglets and Hedgehog News

In Hedgehogs and Hoglets Class, we have had a great first week back and have started learning lots about space which is our learning theme for this half-term.

In Maths, KS1 have been working really hard and have nearly finished with the topic place value and will be moving onto geometry next, learning all about 2D and 3D shapes.

Reception are now finished with mastering numbers 1 to 5 and will be moving onto shapes, specifically shapes with four sides.

We have all been so impressed with how hard everyone has been working and this is evident from their brilliant work in their books.

KS1 are currently focusing on the text 'The Comet' in English and at the end of the unit will be writing their space themed story, which we are looking forward to reading!

Samphire News

I cannot remember a busier start to a half term than this week! Monday was Bikeability and Swimming, Tuesday was Bikeability again and several children headed off for the Federation Cross Country and Wednesday was the Big Breakfast and firework display. We also headed down to the Harbour Rooms for Remembrance Day events with the Royal British Legion. We managed to combine all of this with our everyday curriculum and the children did not falter. Having said that, I am hoping for a much more routine couple of weeks!

It is that time of year again! I don't mean Christmas but Fraction time in Maths! For the next few weeks, Years 5 and 6 will delve into equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. Years 3 and 4 work their way through their multiplication tables. If you have a child in Years 3 and 4, please do encourage extra practice of these at home. The times tables form the basis for so many later mathematical skills, especially fractions. It is tricky for children to master these later skills if the basic building blocks are not consolidated.

For English, Years 3 and 4 are reading Nell and the Cave Bear. They have already taken part in a debate and written persuasive sentences using emotive language. Years 5 and 6 are reading When the Mountains Roared to link in with our Geography themes of volcanoes.

Our study of the Stone Age moves on in time this half term and we look at the Bronze and Age and the transition to the Iron Age. We will be taking a trip to Warham Camp Hills to study the Hill Fort. I have scheduled this into the Literacy Plan so that we can write a recount of the visit but we will wait for a dry day before we go.

In Geography, our extreme earth module focuses on Earthquakes and Volcanoes. This also links nicely with our artwork as we will make collages of Volcanoes erupting and recreate JMW Turners The Eruption of the Soufrière Mountains in the Island of St Vincent. I am hoping that some of these images will be shown in the Federation Art Exhibition next year at Salthouse Church.

PE Days remain the same (Monday and Wednesday) and although we will fit in some cross country running, our sports are Hockey and TAG Rugby.

Important Dates

NOVEMBER

12th - 14th	Year 6 Residential
20th	Hoglets/Hedgehogs Beach School
27th	School Open Morning for prospective parents
29th	Family Bingo

DECEMBER

4th	Library Van at School
5th	Carols at Kellling School
9th	Hoglets/Hedgehogs Christmas Craft Day with Walsingham School
11th	School Open Morning for prospective parents
12th	Christmas Music Concert followed by Christmas Disco
16th	School Trip - Pantomime
19th	Nativity