

Newsletter

Although it has only been a four-day week with the children, it has been a very busy time in school! The newsletter is full of information about what has been going on, as well as about upcoming events – enjoy catching up on everything that is going on in our community.

Our photographer was in school for two days this week. So far, we have only had a few photos from him, but the quality of what we have already received has increased our anticipation for the remaining photos! Many of the photos in this newsletter have been taken by Edmund, we hope you enjoy them too.

Meet the SENCO

As most of you will know, at the end of the last academic year, Mrs Patchett (who was our SENCO and our Assistant Head) left The Blake School to take on the role of Deputy Head at a Special School in Bicester.

We are delighted that Mrs Henderson, who is undertaking the National SENCO qualification, but already has vast experience as a class teacher and recently completed a Masters in dyslexia and language, has taken on the SENCO role.



For this year, Mrs Henderson is working as SENCO at The Blake for 3-days a week. It has been wonderful to see Mrs Henderson pick up the SENCO role with such joy and commitment. Over the past term, Mrs Henderson has spent time meeting the wide range of external professionals who support our children, as well as meeting many of our families.

Our kitchen team



At the end of the last academic year, we bid a sad farewell to Margarita, who had led the kitchen team for many years. We could not be more delighted to share with you that Sadie, who supported Margarita as her 'No. 2' has now stepped up to the role of chef and is now leading our kitchen team. Kim, who was very much behind the scenes in the kitchen, has also stepped up to a more front of house role.

This week we have all enjoyed top quality food, which is being prepared freshly each day on site and served hot to your children.

Especially if your child is in our younger years, please do remember to talk to them about what they are enjoying eating in school and what they are not. The food may be freshly prepared and taste delicious, but if your child does not like it at home, they will not eat it in school either.

Joining The Blake School

Throughout the school year we welcome a number of children to our community. It is always a joy to get to know new children and their families, and to see how quickly everyone settles in.

At this time of year, we are running frequent school tours for the parents of children who are exploring what school to send their child to when they start school for the first time in September.

The booking window for parents to apply for a place is now open and will remain open until 15 January 2026. If you need to apply for a place for a younger sibling, please do use the [online form](#) to submit your application.

If you have neighbours, friends, or wider family who are exploring schools for their young children, please do encourage them to contact the school office and join one of our tours. We would love to show them around!



It's coming...

Ready or not, Christmas is coming. If you ordered any merchandise using the image that your child produced at the start of the year, check bags and bookbags! Cards and products were sent home on Friday after a heroic endeavour by Mrs Hicks to unpack and sort the huge number of orders.

If you missed the deadline for ordering, the online shop is opening again. You can order between 21st November and 1st December.

If you have lost your child's template or need any other information, please contact the school office.

The school receives commission on all your orders.

Shoeboxes

What a joy it was on Friday to see the huge pile of shoe boxes filled by members of our community.

To date, we have collected **171** shoeboxes, which will transform Christmas for children overseas and also provide them with many things that we consider essential for life – toothbrushes, pencils and paper.

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity. If you forgot your shoebox on Friday, Mrs Raven can collect any late arrivals on Monday morning and make sure they join the other shoeboxes.



Sponsored walk

Next week is our annual RE and Art week. During the week we will be exploring a Bible verse from the book of Micah. The verse says –

‘Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God’

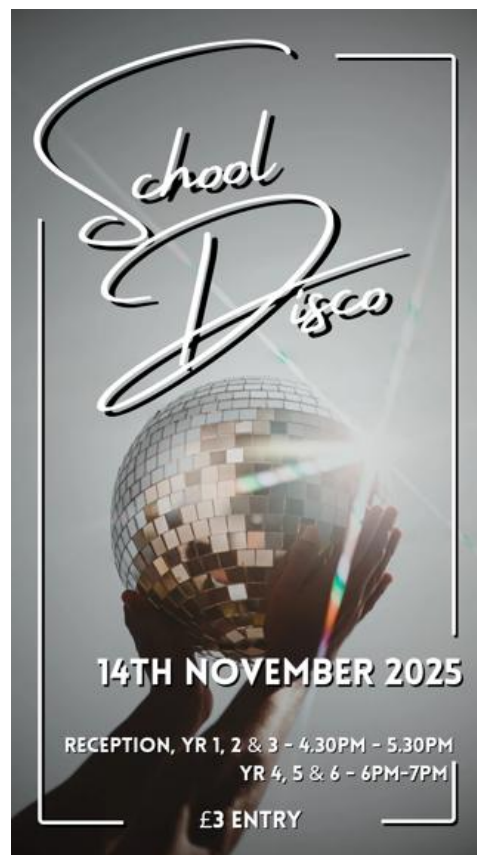
We are looking forward to exploring with the children what it means for us to do those three things in our daily lives –

1. Do justly
2. Love mercy
3. Walk humbly

As a practical outworking of this, on Friday of next week (14th November), all our children will be taking part in a sponsored walk in aid of Children in Need. Children can wear spots, Pudsey ears, bright yellow or something else of their choosing. However, please make sure that your child is wearing something suitable for walking – we will walk whatever the weather! More details about the day will follow early next week.

Disco

For those children who have energy left after their sponsored walk (!) The Friends are running the first disco of the year on Friday evening of next week.



We will remember them...

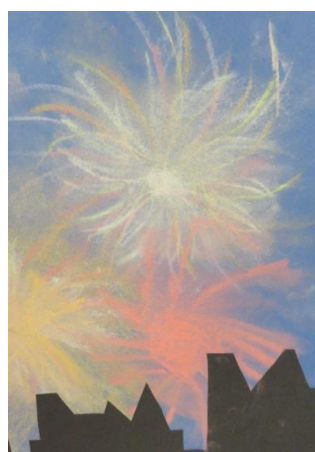
During this week, our children have also been thinking about those who have gone before us and who have sacrificed so much for us. Our children in Year 3 have produced some amazing art work, whilst our children in Year 4 have made their own poppies. We are still selling slap bands, reflectors and bracelets if your child would like to buy one. Please send money into the office in a named envelope on Monday or Tuesday next week.



We know many children will be on parade this weekend; we look forward to hearing about it.

News from Around the School

This week, many of our children have been thinking about how to have a lot of fun, whilst staying safe around fireworks. Our children in Year 1 have produced some amazing art work, our children in Year 3 have created posters to help remind everyone about being safe. And our youngest Reception children have blown our socks off with their writing as they have thought about the sounds that fireworks make – they have also drawn some great pictures.

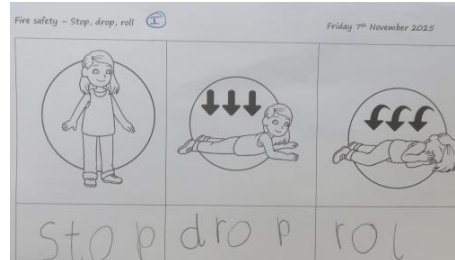
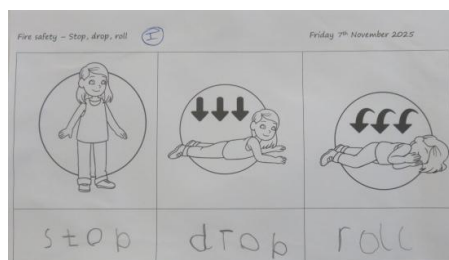


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More news from Around the School

It was a big day on Tuesday for our children in Year 2. They are learning all about The Great Fire of London and had made their own Tudor houses. On Tuesday, they pushed all their houses together to replicate the streets of London at the time and then set fire to them! Watching how quickly the fire spread, inspired some fantastic writing back in class.



All around the School....



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