

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It has been a busy week in school as our children in Year 2 have completed their 'Secret Spy Missions' and our children in Year 6 have undertaken their SATs.

Children in both year groups have been prepared well by their adults and everyone has been enabled to give of their best.

Statutory testing is part of what we are required to do in school, but we are all aware of its limitations!

At The Blake School we strive for academic excellence and we want all children to reach their learning potential. Our curriculum is designed to be broad and balanced, but also inspiring and interesting.

However, there is so much more to school days and a lot more to your children than will ever be measured by a test paper, at whatever age they sit it. Your children are funny, kind, generous, gifted athletes, courageous, good friends, entertaining, compassionate, thoughtful and so much more.

So, this weekend the children should be rightly congratulated on how well they conducted themselves throughout the tests and how hard they have worked. But I hope you will also take time to celebrate the remarkable young people they are, which will never show up on a score card, but is what makes our community safe, diverse, happy and wonderful!

This week, has been all about Patience. All around the school, children have had to be patient as they have waited for delayed playtimes, or to be allowed to use some of our shared spaces. Children in Year 6 have patiently awaited their leavers hoodies and staff have (quite) patiently waited for this extraordinary week to come to an end!

Well done everyone – have a wonderful weekend!

## SATs by 6PM

At the end of the week, the children in 6PM worked together to write a poem about the SATs. It was a collaborative piece of work, written before their hoodies were given out and the celebratory pizzas arrived!

What a busy week it's been

Loads of tests we've never seen

Working hard from the start

We've tried our hardest from our hearts

From SPAG to spelling

Reading and Maths too

Things we know well

And things that are new

Here's to our future and to yours too

These are the things you also will do

Now that our tests have come to an end

It's time to enjoy some fun with our friends.

## Values Awards

Last week, it was wonderful to give out Values Awards to a number of children who have been persevering at showing our Values for a long time! Well done to all those who try, and keep trying, to show our Values.



## Dates for your diaries

There are a number of important (and exciting) dates coming up, please make sure that you have all of these in your diaries.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> afternoon and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> evening - Year 5 performances to parents

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Children can wear what they like to school (donation to The Friends)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – End of term (3:20pm)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – INSET day. No children in school.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Back to school for everyone AND Class Photos – Uniform rather than PE kit please. Year 6 please make sure you have school red jumpers/cardigan and your new hoodies!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June evening – Quiz in aid of The Friends

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Sports day (Years 4, 5 & 6 - 9:15am / Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 – 1:30pm)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Disco

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 6 Viking Day

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Ranger Stu

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Children visiting their new classrooms

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Early Years trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> afternoon and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> evening – Year 6 performances to parents

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July afternoon – Music concert to parents

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July afternoon – Year 6 Leaver's service

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July evening – Year 6 Leaver's party

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - End of term (1:30pm)

Please look out for the revised date for the Wild Walk...

**The start of the next academic year is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026**

### Be prepared!

Please make sure that your children have coats in school. Particularly at the moment, the weather can be very changeable and your children will get very wet at playtime if they do not have a coat with them. Thank you!

### Parking

Please don't park on the residential roads around the school – it makes it very difficult for our neighbours and increases the chance of an accident. Please use the car park, thank you.

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community**