



BLACKFORDBY  
ST. MARGARET'S  
C of E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

# Blackfordby Newsletter

**Rise**  
Flourish & Succeed

Spring Term February 2025

'By their fruits shall you know them.' Matthew 12:33

## From Mrs Ryder-Smith

We have had an extremely busy few weeks at Blackfordby, with our Junior Leadership Team and our Christian Ethos Team planning and leading Worship, assessment meetings for parents and training for staff.

We are certainly all ready for a week off!

We have a new Midday Supervisor who has started this week, Mrs Watson, who is a welcome addition to our very busy lunchtimes.

Thank you for continuing to be considerate when parking, I feel this is going to be an ongoing issue at school and something we are unable to resolve.

Please don't forget that Friday 14th is a Trust Inset Day and school will not be open.

I hope you all have a restful week off (and the weather improves!).

## Collective Worship

We have been looking at Perseverance in Collective Worship. We have discussed how sports stars have had to persevere to succeed, and reflected on how we can keep going with small steps to achieve a larger goal. "If you can?" said Jesus.

"Everything is possible for one who believes." Mark 9:23

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Rise are leading our Trust Inset Day on 14th February. This is training and professional development for all support staff from their 26 schools. Staff will have key note speakers in the morning and the choice of workshops to attend in the afternoon which link to their specialisms or interests

14th February - Inset Day - School Closed

17th - 21st February - Half Term

28th February - non-uniform day for Christian Aid

W/C 3rd March - Parents Evenings

6th March - World Book Day

13th March - Specsavers Visiting school

26th & 28th March - Book Fair at school

11th April - FOBs Easter Treasure Hunt

4th April - Year 6 Orienteering

14th - 25th April - Half Term

29th April - Years 5 & 6 Warning Zone Visit (Details to follow)

5th May - Bank Holiday

12 - 16th May - Yr6 SATs

26th - 30th May - Half Term

2nd - 13th June - Multiplication tables check (details to follow)

9th - 13th June - Phonics screening check (details to follow)

13th June - Reception and Years 1,2,3 & 4 Conkers visit (details to follow)

26th June - Life Education visit to school

11th July - Summer Holidays Begin

25th August - Bank Holiday

*Save the Date*



## Parental Consents & Emergency Contact Details



We kindly ask all parents to log into Arbor to review and update their child's parental consents and emergency contact details. Ensuring this information is accurate is essential for the safety and well-being of your children. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### School Uniform Reminder

We ask that all children wear the correct school uniform. Recently, we have noticed an increase in **trainers, sports socks, and leggings**, which are not part of our uniform policy. Please ensure your child comes to school in the appropriate uniform each day.



For full details, please see our uniform policy here:

[Blackfordby School Uniform Policy](#)

Additionally, **smartwatches** worn in school **must not** have:

- ✗ The ability to take photos
- ✗ Cellular or web access (i.e., calls, texts, internet browsing)



If your child must wear a smartwatch, please ensure it meets these requirements. Thank you for your cooperation



### World Book Day – Thursday 6th March!

Get ready to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March! We're inviting all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in cosy pyjamas to snuggle down and enjoy a good story.

Every child will receive a £1 book voucher, which can be used at participating stores or at our School Book Fair later in March.

★ Win a £5 Book Voucher! ★

There will also be an exciting opportunity to win a £5 book voucher to spend at the School Book Fair—so get ready for a day full of reading fun!

We can't wait to see all your fantastic costumes and enjoy a magical day of books together!

Happy reading! 📖★



### Changes to Breakfast Club

A big thank you to everyone who has supported and participated in our Breakfast Club! We have made some small changes to improve the service and ensure it remains accessible to all. Please check your emails and Class Dojo for updated information. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office—we are always happy to help.

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THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers for your ongoing support. Whether it's attending school events, volunteering, or simply ensuring your child is ready for school each day—it makes a real difference!

We hope you have a lovely and restful half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 24th February.

As always, if you need anything, please reach out—we're here to help.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ryder-Smith & The Blackfordby Team

Our school uniform is an important part of our school vision in developing a sense of belonging and children being proud of their appearance and their school. The uniform also represents the school and the standards when in school and when representing the school on trips and off-site sporting activities.

Embroidered sweatshirts, cardigans, bookbags and coats can be ordered from [www.pupilsschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pupilsschoolwear.co.uk) just search Blackfordby St Margaret's all other items can be found in all major supermarkets.

The uniform is as follows:

- White polo shirt
- Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo embroidered
- Grey trousers, skirts, pinafore dresses or shorts
- Checked or striped red and white dress in the warmer months
- Black shoes (no open toed sandals or trainers)
- Maroon bookbag with school logo embroidered
- Outdoor coat
- Hair to be tied up
- Only stud earrings
- No nail polish or extensions



The PE uniform is as follows:

- Maroon embroidered t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottom or leggings for when it is cooler
- Velcro pumps or trainers
- Black hoodie or School embroidered hoodie (optional) from [www.pupilsschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pupilsschoolwear.co.uk)

All PE kit kept in a named drawstring bag.

