



**BLACKFORDBY
ST. MARGARET'S
C of E PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

Blackfordby Newsletter

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May 2025

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

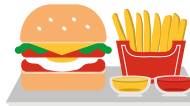
From Mrs Ryder-Smith

As we come to the end of another busy half term, we are feeling extremely proud of our pupils. Our Year 6 children have completed their SATs with resilience which shows they are ready for high school, they enjoyed a McDonalds treat to say well done! They have also enjoyed a trip to the Warning Zone, feedback from the students was great as always for this day out!

Thank you for supporting the school with our book fair which enabled school to purchase up to date books for our library.

You will see there is a letter attached to this newsletter about our school lockdown drills. These will be taking place next half term, and will be conducted in a considered and calm manner.

Thank you and enjoy the break!



F.O.B.s



A huge thank you to F.O.B.s, and especially Mrs Pickering, for painting and making our playground such a nice place to be. Children are now eating their lunches under the parasols, and I even spotted Mrs Lynch working on her laptop under there the other day! Don't forget—everyone is welcome to join F.O.B.s The more, the merrier! Keep an eye out for our next meeting dates in upcoming newsletters.



Collective Worship

We have been thinking about wisdom and what it means to be wise. We talked about making the right choices and heard the Bible parable from Matthew 7:24-27 about two men building their houses on a rock.



Perseverance



Patience



Constancy



Hope



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A part of our Pupil Charter, Year 4 pupils attended Rise Voices which was a truly magical evening. Our Year 3 pupils all travelled to different schools on Tuesday to take part in sporting events with other Rise Schools. They all came back and said what a great time they had had, and made lots of new friends!

Payment Reminder

We kindly ask all parents and carers to regularly check their Arbor accounts and ensure that payments are kept up to date.

As a reminder, where possible, please ensure accounts do not exceed £30 in debt.

Please note: if a Relish account exceeds £30 in debt, your child will be provided with a Duty of Care meal until the balance is cleared.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

26th - 30th May - Half Term

2nd - 13th June - Multiplication tables check

9th - 13th June - Phonics screening check

3rd June - Fire Service Visiting School

10th June - Relish Tasting evening 3pm - 4:15pm

10th June - New Parents Meeting at School 4:30pm

13th June - Reception and Years 1,2,3 & 4 Conkers visit

18th June - Sports Day



26th June - Life Education visit to school

2nd July - Non Uniform Day

2nd July - Whole School Disco

3rd July - Transition Morning

7th July - Leavers Assembly 14:30

8th July - Year 6 Leavers Party 13:00

10th July - Last Day of Term

25th August - Bank Holiday

26th August - School Re-Opens



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this email finds you well. As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all children and staff at our school, we will be conducting a practice lockdown procedure at some point after the half-term break. This exercise is a crucial component of our safeguarding measures.

The purpose of this practice is to ensure that everyone in our school community is familiar with the lockdown procedure and understands the steps to take in the unlikely event of an emergency. By conducting these drills, we aim to create a safe and secure environment where children can learn and thrive without fear.

We understand that the concept of a lockdown can be unsettling, but please be assured that these drills are conducted in a calm and controlled manner. Our staff oversee these situations with sensitivity and care, ensuring that all children feel safe and supported throughout the process.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe school environment.

We will inform you when we have undertaken the exercise, to ensure that you are aware for when your children come home.

Thank you for your understanding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Ryder-Smith'.

Mrs H Ryder-Smith

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