



Newsletter – Summer 2026

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Message from Miss Benson

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our children, families, staff and FOBS for their continued support and commitment to our school community.

Having now completed my first year as Headteacher, I would like to say how warmly I have been welcomed by the children, staff and families. It has been a privilege to lead the school this year and to see first-hand the enthusiasm, resilience and achievements of our pupils. This has been a busy and rewarding year, filled with many memorable experiences, successes and opportunities for learning. I am incredibly proud of all that our children have accomplished, both academically and personally, and grateful to our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment in supporting them every step of the way.


Thank you for working in partnership with us throughout the year. Your encouragement, support and involvement make a significant difference and help us continue to provide the very best experiences for our children.


As we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, I would like to offer them a special message. You should be extremely proud of all that you have achieved during your time at our school. You have been excellent role models for our younger children and have made a valuable contribution to school life. As you move on to the next stage of your education, take with you the confidence, resilience and friendships you have built here. We wish you every success and happiness in your new schools and look forward to hearing about all you achieve in the future. I hope you all have a safe, happy and restful summer break, with plenty of opportunities to relax and spend time with family and friends. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in August for another exciting year of learning, growth and achievement.

With best wishes,
Miss Alison Benson

Goodbye Year 6 and Good Luck!

What a fantastic last few weeks it has been for our Year 6 pupils. It has been lovely seeing you all in your leavers' hoodies and hearing about your transition days.

We hope you enjoyed the water gun fight  and your final day with us at Blackfordby School.

You will all be missed and we wish you every success as you move on to Year 7. Good luck at your new schools – we know you will do brilliantly! 

Breakfast Club – Childcare Voucher Payments

Don't forget that Breakfast Club can be paid for using eligible childcare vouchers and the Government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

Parents wishing to use Tax-Free Childcare can find more information and register online: [tax free childcare](#)

If you currently use childcare vouchers and need our provider details, please contact the school office.

Changes to Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club – August 2026


We are pleased to confirm that our Breakfast Club will continue next academic year and will run daily from 7:45am–8:40am.


- ✔ The cost will be £4.00 per session, including breakfast, and places should be booked in advance via Arbor.
- ✔ We are also offering subsidised places for eligible FSM, Targeted FSM and Pupil Premium families. Those families will receive separate information directly from the school.
- 📅 Bookings for the 2026/27 academic year will open on 1st August 2026 via Arbor.

For full details of our Breakfast Club provision, please visit the school website or contact the school office.




Thank You, FOBS!

A huge thank you to FOBS for organising another fantastic end of term disco! 

The children had a wonderful time dancing, spending time with their friends and enjoying all the treats  available during the evening.

Events like these wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers.






Thank you, FOBS! 



Get Involved with FOBS

FOBS (Friends of Blackfordby School) is our school PTA and they are always looking for new members and support. Any help you can give makes a difference.

Ways you could help include:

-  Poster design
-  Baking
-  Social media support
-  Helping at events
-  Fundraising ideas

All support is greatly appreciated! Upcoming events and news can be found on their Facebook page

[Facebook Page: FOBS](#)




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School Uniform

Information about school uniform requirements can be found on our website.

 Our local branded uniform supplier can be found here:

[Pupils Schoolwear](#)

Please check requirements before the start of the new term to ensure your child is ready for September.



New Music Lessons with Rocksteady!

We are delighted to announce that Rocksteady Music School will be offering band lessons at Blackfordby School from the new academic year. 🎵

Rocksteady will be visiting school to lead an assembly and workshops, giving children a chance to see what the lessons are all about.

More information about signing up will be sent out in September, but please take a look at the attached flyer for an introduction to what they offer.

We are very excited to bring this opportunity to our pupils! 🎸🎤🎧🎹



School Website

Don't forget there is lots of useful information available on our school website:

[Blackfordby School Website](#)

Under the Community section you will also find flyers and information about local activities and events taking place over the summer holidays. ☀️



Nut Free School Reminder

At Blackfordby School, we are a nut free school.

We have children in school with severe nut allergies, and even small amounts of nuts or traces of nuts can cause a serious allergic reaction.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to support us by not sending any products containing nuts into school, including items in packed lunches, snacks or treats.

The safety and wellbeing of all our children is extremely important to us, and we thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone. ❤️

✅ Please help us keep Blackfordby School nut free. 🥜🚫




Classes for Next Year

We have a few staffing changes for next year.


We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Ms McKay. 🌸


We would like to thank her for all of her hard work in EYFS this year. She will be greatly missed by both staff and children and we wish her every success in her new venture.

 Class Teachers for 2026-27
EYFS

 Ms Benson & Mrs Courtney
Year 1 & 2

 Miss Cole
Year 3 & 4

 Mrs Horne
Year 5 & 6

 Mrs Busby & Mrs Ridley

★ After School Clubs for Next Year

We are pleased to be offering some exciting clubs for the new school year

Monday ⚽

Multi Sports

Tuesday 🎨

Art Club

Wednesday 🎭

Musical Theatre Club

Thursday 🏀

Dodgeball

Details for Art Club and Musical Theatre Club will be emailed out today along with booking information.

The Sports Clubs will continue to be bookable through Arbor and bookings will open on 1st August 2026.

We hope the children enjoy these fantastic opportunities. 😊




Have a Fantastic Summer!

Whatever your plans this summer, we hope you have a wonderful break.

☀️ Stay safe

🍹 Enjoy the sunshine

 Make lots of happy memories

😴 Get plenty of rest

📷 Have lots of fun

We can't wait to welcome everyone back to school on Monday 24th August and hear all about your summer adventures!

See you soon! ☀️😎☀️



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AUGUST

20th Inset Day

21st Inset Day

24th School Re Opens

31st Bank Holiday

SEPTEMBER

3rd Rock Steady Assembly

7th After school Art club starts

8th Multi Sports Club Starts

9th Musical Theatre Club Starts

10th Dodgeball Club Starts

14th Rock Steady Lessons Start

30th - 2nd Oct Year 5 & 6
Residential Trip

OCTOBER

2nd Year 5 & 6 Return from
Residential Trip

9th NHS Flu Vaccination Day

16th Inset Day

19th - 23rd Half Term

NOVEMBER

19th Youth for Christ Assembly

DECEMBER

16th Pantomime Visit to School

18th School closes for
Christmas

**ROCK
STEADY**

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to
find out more!

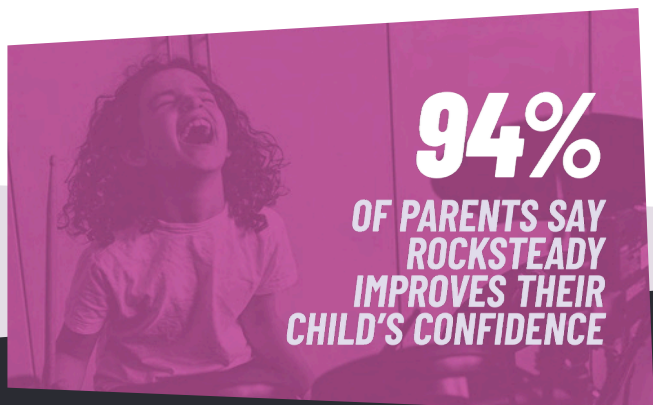
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BAND LESSONS**



94%

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CHILD'S CONFIDENCE**



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

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