



Newsletter – October 2026

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



Message from Ms Benson

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to thank all our families for your continued support. It has been a fantastic start to the school year, and I have been incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their classes and embraced all the opportunities on offer.

The children have worked hard, shown great enthusiasm for their learning and represented our school brilliantly. Thank you to our staff, parents and carers for the part you play in supporting our children and helping our school community thrive.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful half-term break, and we look forward to seeing you all back in school ready for another busy and enjoyable term.



Governor Vacancy

Could you help shape the future of our school?

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Board and are looking for a new governor to join our team.

Being a school governor is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference to the children, staff and wider school community. No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm, commitment and a desire to support the school.

Please email Linda Stainsby (stainsby@risemat.co.uk) for further information. The closing date for applications is 26th October.



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.



Breakfast Club Update

Thank you to everyone for your support in helping us make these changes to our Breakfast Club provision. We are pleased to see so many children enjoying the service each morning.

A gentle reminder that all sessions should be booked in advance via Arbor. Please ensure your child is booked into Breakfast Club before attending, rather than simply arriving on the morning, as this helps us to manage staffing, places and catering arrangements effectively.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Harvest Festival Success

Thank You for Your Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for our Harvest Festival collection.

We were delighted to pass your generous donations on to Ashby Food Bank, who were extremely grateful for your support. The food bank does amazing work within our local community, helping individuals and families when they need it most.

Thank you for helping us make a difference.



Coat Reminder

Colder Weather is Here

As the weather begins to turn colder and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a suitable coat.

We like to get the children outside to play whenever possible, so having a warm and waterproof coat helps them stay comfortable while enjoying the fresh air.



EYFS Open Event

New Starters Open Event

Do you know a child due to start school next September?

We will be holding an EYFS New Starters Open Event on 9th November from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. This is a great opportunity for prospective families to visit the school, meet staff and find out more about life at Blackfordby.

Please help spread the word to family, friends and neighbours who may be interested.



Rocksteady Concert

Ready to Rock!

Our talented Rocksteady musicians have been working incredibly hard learning their instruments and performing together as bands.

We are excited to announce that Rocksteady will be holding a concert in the school hall this December to showcase all their hard work and progress. More details will follow soon.

It's not too late to join and become part of a rocking band!



Year 5 & 6 Class Assembly

Save the Date

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Year 5 & 6 Class Assembly on Friday 30th October at 9:15am.

As our first class assembly of the year, the children are very excited and can't wait to share some of their experiences and photographs from their recent residential visit.

We hope you can join us!



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Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 16th-20th November

We will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week from 16th-20th November. Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities and events designed to promote kindness, respect and inclusion. Please keep an eye out for further information and updates nearer the time as we share our plans.



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.



Children in Need

Non-Uniform Day

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a voluntary donation. We look forward to raising money for this fantastic cause.



Healthy Snacks Reminder

A polite reminder that we are a nut-free school. It is extremely important that all food brought into school, including snacks and packed lunches, is checked carefully to ensure that it does not contain nuts or traces of nuts.

We are also committed to promoting healthy eating habits and ask that any snacks brought into school are healthy options. Suitable examples include:

Fruit and vegetables

Crackers

Cheese

Yoghurt

Protein-based snacks suitable for children

Thank you for helping us to keep all of our children safe, healthy and ready to learn



School Uniform

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



Our local branded uniform supplier can be found here:

[Pupils Schoolwear](#)



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. ☀️

OCTOBER

16th - Inset day

19th - 23rd - Half Term

29th - School photo day

30th - Year 5/6 class
assembly

NOVEMBER

9th - EYFS New Starters Open
Evening 15:30 - 16:00

13th - Children in Need - Non
School Uniform

16th - 20th - Anti-Bulling Week

DECEMBER

2nd - EYFS/KS1 Nativity

3rd - Santa fun run

14th - KS2 carol service

16th - Pantomime in school

8th - Close 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!



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find out more!*

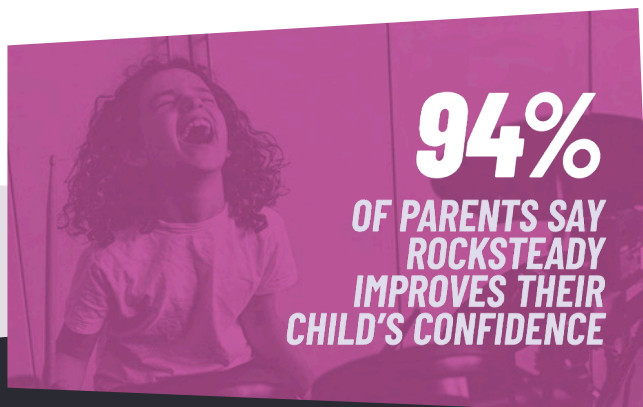
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