



BLACKFORDBY  
ST. MARGARET'S  
C of E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

# Blackfordby Newsletter

**Rise**  
Flourish & Succeed

MARCH 2025

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

## From Mrs Ryder-Smith



We have had a busy few weeks with World Book Day, a Science Week and getting ready for and the Easter Service on 7th April. There is certainly always something happening at the moment. Thank you to everyone that made the time to come to our parent evenings, it is lovely to share your child's successes. You will see that this newsletter is full of dates. We are trying to be as organised as we can to allow you plan ahead without missing anything.

We are excited that we will be celebrating VE Day with a Street Party picnic in the playground for the whole school. This special event will give the children a chance to come together, enjoy a picnic-style lunch, and learn about this important moment in history in a fun and memorable way. Thank you.

## Festival of words



We are delighted to welcome author Rob Walton to Blackfordby St. Margaret's on Friday 21st March as part of the Swadlincote Festival of Words! Rob will be running engaging workshops and giving talks to the children about his new book, Please Don't Read the Footnote.

There will be a special price on the day of £8.00 for the book, and children will have the chance to get their copy signed by the author. If your child would like to purchase a book, please ensure they bring cash with them.

We're looking forward to an inspiring and exciting day! 📖🌟



## Collective Worship

Within Collective Worship, we have been exploring the period of Lent and some of the things that Christians may choose to give up. We also considered how Lent is celebrated in different ways around the world. Our value of 'forgiveness' has been a focus. We heard about the parable of 'The unforgiving servant' as part of this.



Perseverance



Patience



Constancy



Hope

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Our Year 1 and 2 pupils are currently taking part in the Rise Charter and have all painted portraits which are being displayed for parents in a mini Art Gallery on 19/03/25 straight after school in the Hall



21st March - Festival of words - Author Visit

12 - 16th May - Yr6 SATs

26th & 28th March - Book Fair at school

26th - 30th May - Half Term

7th April - 14:30 - Easter Service at Church - All welcome

2nd - 13th June - Multiplication tables check

11th April - FOBs Easter Treasure Hunt

9th - 13th June - Phonics screening check

8th April - Year 6 Orienteering

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

14th - 25th April - Half Term

18th June - Sports Day

29th April - Years 5 & 6 Warning Zone Visit

26th June - Life Education visit to school

5th May - Bank Holiday

11th July - Summer Holidays Begin

7th May - Rise Voices

25th August - Bank Holiday

8th May - VE Day - Children having a "Street Party Picnic" in the playground

26th August - School Re-Opens

