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THE BLACKMOOR BULLETIN

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'Keeping Parents Informed and Involved'

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ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: 91.02 % ●

Nursery:	77.5 %	●
Willow (RR):	93.1 %	●
Sycamore (RM):	95.2 %	●
Elm (RT):	91.9 %	●
Olive (1H):	90.7 %	●
Cherry (1B):	99.6 %	●
Maple (1BC):	92.8 %	●
Oak (2F):	93.3 %	●
Hazel (2Wa):	89.9 %	●
Rowan (2W):	93.3 %	●

- 96% +
- 93% - 95.9%
- 90.1% - 92.9%
- 90% and below



Good attendance is essential for your child's learning, confidence, and friendships. Please ensure children arrive on time each day.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and rewarding week at Blackmoor. We have been delighted to welcome new children into both Reception and Year 1, and I would like to extend a warm 'Blackmoor Welcome' to them and their families. It is always a pleasure to see new children settling in so well and becoming part of our school community.

A gentle reminder to all families about the importance of arriving at school on time each day. When children arrive promptly, they start the day calm, prepared, and ready to learn. Regular lateness, even by a few minutes, can cause children to miss key parts of the day and affect their confidence.

As the autumn season progresses, there has been a sudden change in the weather. Please ensure that children are now bringing a suitable coat to school each day, as we aim to make the most of outdoor learning and play whenever possible. Also, a gentle reminder to all families about school uniform and PE kits: children should be wearing the correct uniform each day, including on PE days. PE kit should consist of the appropriate school colours - it is not a non-uniform day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a sense of pride across our school.

Mr E Naylor
Headteacher



Happy Diwali



This week, our whole school assembly focused on Diwali, the Festival of Lights. We shared the story behind the celebration and reflected on its deeper meaning — the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.

It was a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about the traditions and values at the heart of Diwali, and to appreciate its importance to many of our families and members of our wider community.

At our school, we value and celebrate the rich diversity of our community, and assemblies like this help us to grow in understanding, respect and unity.

To all who are celebrating — we wish you and your families a joyful and peaceful Diwali.



Reflections of the Week

Day Nursery:

This week, the toddlers have shown a keen interest in bear-themed stories. Following last week's tale of "Bear Feels Sad," their curiosity has continued with "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

They visited the Acorn Hub, where they used large loose parts to build a bed for Goldilocks. The children enjoyed sharing the story together inside the teepee.

"We have been learning lots of sounds - we have learned the sound 'c'. My favourite sound is 'c' as it is the start of my name."

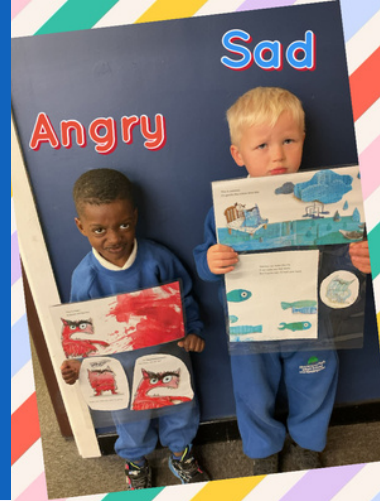
Charlotte (Reception)



Nursery:

This week, Nursery have been exploring emotions through the story *The Colour Monster*. The children learned how different colours represent feelings such as happiness, sadness, and anger, and took part in creative activities like painting, sorting coloured objects, and making their own colour monsters.

They talked about what makes them feel happy, sad, or calm, and discovered that it is ok to experience lots of different emotions.



"Happiness is helping someone else smile."



Reception:

This week, Reception have been writing captions in speech bubbles to describe where Zibbo the dragon has been hiding. Zibbo is a character in our Literacy book 'Amazing'. We have been using our 'Fred Fingers' to spell words to describe his position such as 'in', 'on' and 'up'. We have been busy using our writing area to practise our sentences.



"I love to draw pictures of my family. My Mummy, Daddy and my brother and sisters."

Flossie (Reception)



"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

Year 1:

This week, Year 1 explored painting on iPads and with watercolours. After experimenting with both, the children agreed they preferred using real paint, enjoying the tactile experience and seeing their creations come to life on paper.

Year 2:

Year 2 have emerged themselves into the lives of Victorian children. This week we explored Victorian schools and all they had to offer.

We used photographs of artefacts and of schools themselves to explain how Victorian schools were different to modern-day schools. We also choose which school we would have chosen to attend and why.



Headteacher's Recommendation



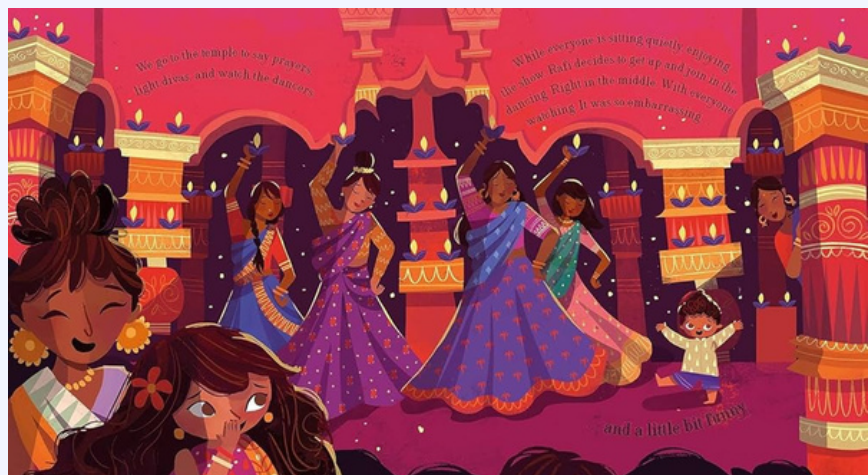
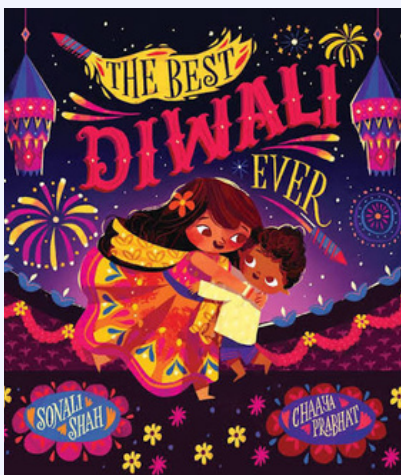
This week's Headteacher's Recommended Book is the heart-warming and thoughtful story:
The Best Diwali Ever by Sonali Shah

This beautifully illustrated story follows a young girl named Ariana as she prepares for Diwali with her family. Things don't quite go to plan – and that's where the real message of the book shines through. It gently explores emotions such as disappointment, frustration, and joy, while celebrating family, tradition, and the importance of togetherness.

While Diwali is a time of light and happiness, the story reminds us that it's perfectly normal to feel a mix of emotions – and that those feelings are worth talking about.

Sharing stories like this helps children understand their emotions, build empathy, and develop emotional resilience – all part of our ongoing work to support wellbeing in school.

I highly recommend reading this book at home. It's a wonderful way to talk with your child about feelings, celebrations, and what really makes special moments meaningful.



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Farewell and Thank You

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After 22 years of dedicated service to our school community, Mrs Harrison Tankard will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Although she has been away for a period of time recently, we want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for her many years of commitment, care, and support for our children.

Mrs Harrison Tankard has made a lasting difference to the lives of countless children and families, and her kindness and professionalism will be greatly missed.

We wish her every happiness and good health as she embarks on her new venture.

Thank you, Mrs Harrison Tankard, for everything.

Breakfast/After-School Club

We are pleased to share that our Breakfast and After-School Club is continuing to grow and develop. As part of this, we are always looking for ways to enhance the resources available to the children during their time with us.

If you are having a sort out at home and come across any games or toys that are in good condition and would be suitable for After-School Club, we would love to hear from you. However, to ensure we do not become overwhelmed with donations, please check with the school office first before bringing anything in. They will be able to let you know whether we are currently accepting items.

We really appreciate your generosity and support — and we would hate for you to make the effort only to have to take items back home.



Late Collection and Charges



We understand that there may occasionally be times when parents are running late to collect their children at the end of the school day. Whilst we appreciate that these situations can arise, it is important to ensure the smooth operation of the school, including after-school clubs, parents' meetings, and staff meetings.

If a child is not collected on time, they will be placed in our after-school club. Please note that a charge will be applied for this service. This policy ensures that all children are safely supervised while allowing school activities to continue without disruption.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and well-organised environment for all.

Awards at Blackmoor Park

Writer of the Week:

We value the importance of English through various initiatives, including the weekly **'Writer of the Week'** award. This award recognises children who demonstrate exceptional writing skills, creativity, and a positive attitude towards developing their English.



Maths Champion:

We highlight the importance of mathematics through various initiatives, including the weekly **'Maths Champion'** award. This award recognises children who demonstrate outstanding mathematical skills, enthusiasm, and a positive attitude towards learning maths.



Rooted in Respect:

We promote positive behaviour and school values through the weekly **'Rooted in Respect'** award. This award recognises children who consistently demonstrate an awareness of the school rules - Ready, Respectful, and Safe.



Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

It is always a pleasure to sit down with the children to hear about what they have been up to this week, and celebrate their achievements. Well done to the following children.

RT - **Elm:** - Carter Richardson
RM - **Sycamore:** - Joey Wooding
RR - **Willow:** - Ivy Dunbar

1B - **Cherry:** - Frankie Szczepanski
1BC - **Maple:** - Lilli Hughes
1H - **Olive:** - Toby Barry

2F - **Oak:** - Luna Baker-Jones
2Wa - **Hazel:** - Teddy McCarrick
2W - **Rowan:** - Harper Lam

Keep up the fantastic work everyone - I am already looking forward to next week's group!





Halloween and Bonfire Safety



As we head towards the exciting half term filled with Halloween fun and Bonfire Night celebrations, it is very important that our children understand how to enjoy this time safely.

We are very pleased to let you know that our local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), Reece and Dan, will be visiting school on **Friday 24th October 2025**. They will be delivering special safety sessions to all our children, helping them learn how to keep safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night in a fun and age-appropriate way.

Please continue to remind your child about the importance of staying safe, whether they are out trick-or-treating, watching fireworks, or enjoying time with friends and family. A few simple rules can make a big difference:

- Always stay with a grown-up
- Keep a safe distance from fireworks and bonfires
- Wear something bright or reflective if going out in the dark
- Be kind and respectful while trick-or-treating

We are looking forward to a fun and safe half term for everyone!

TRICK
OR
TREAT



Fundamental British Values



At Blackmoor, we actively encourage children to embrace Fundamental British Values in everything we do. Through our curriculum, assemblies, and everyday school life, children learn about:

- **Democracy:** sharing their views and participating in decision-making.
- **The Rule of Law:** understanding rules, fairness, and responsibility.
- **Individual Liberty:** making safe choices and expressing themselves confidently.
- **Mutual Respect:** valuing others' opinions and differences.
- **Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs:** appreciating diversity through learning about different religions and cultures.

By embedding these values, we aim to develop thoughtful, responsible, and caring citizens who contribute positively to school and society.





Correct use of Class Dojo



We would like to remind all parents and carers about the correct use of Class Dojo for communication. Class Dojo is a great way for teachers to share class updates, celebrate children's achievements, and keep you informed about what is happening in school.

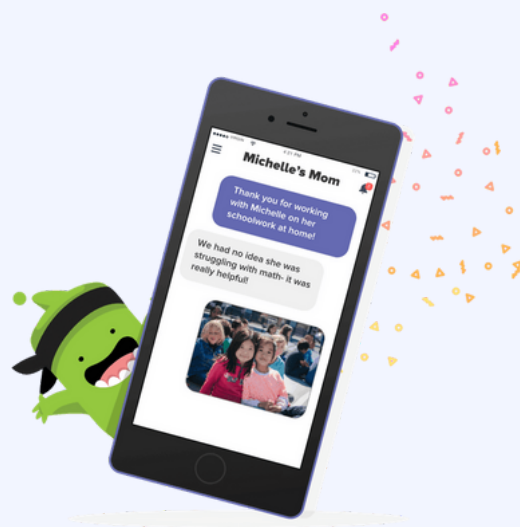
Please note that the messaging service on Class Dojo is not a demanding or instant-response platform. Staff will respond to messages as and when they are available, usually during school hours. For any urgent matters or absences, please contact the school office directly rather than using Class Dojo.

Also, do not forget to check the school calendar, which is regularly updated with key dates and events. The Class Dojo calendar will automatically send reminders to help you keep track of what's happening in school.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping communication clear and effective.



ClassDojo



Use of Mobile Phones



We would like to remind everyone that mobile phones must not be used when entering the school building.

Recently, a number of parents have been seen using their phones in the entrance hall whilst waiting for children/waiting to speak to members of staff.

Please ensure that all calls are ended before you come into the entrance hall. This is an important part of our safeguarding policies and procedures, which are in place to protect all children and maintain a safe, focused school environment.



Parent/Carer Feedback Questionnaire

Recently, we shared a questionnaire on Dojo, and we would love to hear from you! Your thoughts and suggestions help us understand how we are doing and identify areas where we can provide even more support for our students and community.

Please take a few moments to complete the questionnaire if you have not already - your feedback truly makes a difference in shaping the future of our school.

Please click the link below:

<https://forms.gle/1sThFG5U72Pde8oP8>



Christmas Fair



We are excited to invite you to our Christmas Fair on **Friday, 12th December 2025**, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. A number of our staff and PTA members will be supporting this festive event, which promises fun for the whole family.

Please note that there will be no after-school club on this day as the school hall will be used to showcase this event.

The fair is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate the festive season, and raise significant funds to support our school.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the joy and spirit of Christmas!



Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal



As we approach Remembrance Day, we are proud to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal once again this year. This week, our entrance hall display has change to reflect this important focus, honouring those who have served and continue to serve.

We would love to see a sea of poppies across our school, showing our collective respect and remembrance. Poppies will be available for children to purchase with a small donation, and every contribution helps make a difference.

Your child's donation and poppy will not only support a worthy cause but also help fill our school with a wonderful display of remembrance and gratitude.

Do not forget our 'Wear Red for Remembrance Day' on 11th November 2025

INSET DAY - Friday 21st November 25

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Friday 21st November 2025 for essential staff training. This includes training in first aid and pastoral care, which are vital in supporting the safety and wellbeing of all our children.

The closure will also apply to the Day Nursery, as well as our Breakfast Club and After School Club.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to ensure the highest standards of care and safety across our school community.



Curriculum Spotlight: Mathematics



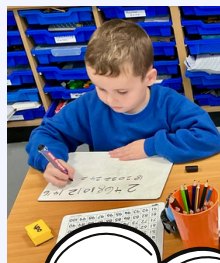
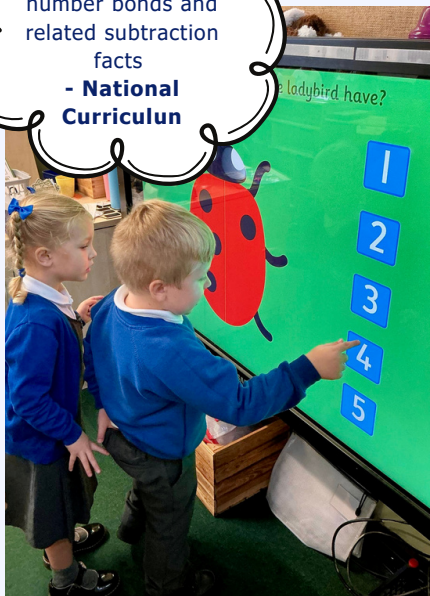
Represent and use
number bonds and
related subtraction
facts
- **National
Curriculum**



Brilliant beery
shapes



Recognises simple
shapes; creates and
talks about simple
patterns
- **EYFS**



Read, write and
interpret mathematical
statements involving
 $+$, $-$ and $=$
- **National
Curriculum**





Safeguarding Spotlight: Safe Games and Devices at Home



As technology becomes part of everyday life – even for our youngest children – it is important to make sure they are using it safely and appropriately.

Choosing Age-Appropriate Games

Not all games are suitable for young children. When selecting games or apps, always check the PEGI age rating and make sure the content is age-appropriate. Some games that may appear harmless can include violence, in-app purchases, or online chat features.

Look for games that:

- Are designed for children aged 3–7
- Support creativity, learning and fun
- Don't include adverts, chat functions or in-game purchases
- Can be played offline or with family

Encourage your child to tell you if something online makes them feel worried or confused.

Together, we can help children enjoy the digital world safely and confidently.



School Committee Feedback:



Last week Mr Bromilow, one of our school committee members, joined us for our weekly celebration assembly.

"It was wonderful to see how well the children embodied the school's mission statement, "Learning and Achieving Together." There was a clear understanding among them of what this means in practice, and it was evident in their engagement and behaviour. The environment felt inclusive and supportive, allowing all children to participate, learn, and enjoy the experience. I was particularly impressed by how well-behaved and respectful the children were throughout."

Mr Bromilow - School Committee Member



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We hope you all enjoy a calm and restful weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone bright and ready on Monday morning for the final week of this half-term. Please remember that class doors close promptly at 8:50am.

Best wishes,

Team Blackmoor

Learning and Achieving Together

Key Events - Autumn Term 2025



On **Friday 24th October 2025**, we will take part in Wear Pink Day to show solidarity, raise awareness, and collect donations for cancer research - a cause especially close to us as one of our valued members of staff is currently undergoing treatment and is away from school. Children and staff will wear pink and make donations, with all proceeds going to pioneering research that offers hope and life-changing treatments to people across the country.

On **Tuesday 11th November 2025**, our school will observe 'Wear Red for Remembrance' in honour of Remembrance Day, encouraging children to make a donation for a poppy and wear it with pride. This important tradition allows us to reflect on, and pay our respects to, those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present. Children will be invited to wear red clothing alongside their poppies as a visible symbol of remembrance.



On **Friday 14th November 2025**, we will take part in 'Wear Spots Day' to support BBC Children in Need, encouraging children to come to school dressed in spotty clothing and to make a small donation. This fun and colourful tradition helps raise vital funds for projects that support children and young people across the UK, particularly those facing illness, poverty, or other challenges.



Dates to Remember - Autumn Term 25

Monday 19th October 2025	School Photograph Day
Tuesday 21st October 2025	Parents Evening (Afternoon 1:30pm – 6pm)
Friday 24th October 2025	Wear it Pink – Breast Cancer Awareness Day
Friday 24th October 2025	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 3rd November 2025	School Opens to Children
Tuesday 11th November 2025	Wear Red for Remembrance Day
Friday 14th November 2025	Wear Spots for Children in Need
Friday 21st November 2025	INSET Day – School Closed
Monday 8th December 2025	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Panto Visit
Tuesday 9th December 2025	Year 2 Nativity – Hazel Class
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Year 2 Nativity – Rowan Class
Thursday 11th December 2025	Year 2 Nativity – Oak Class
Friday 12th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12th December 2025	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 15th December 2025	Reception and Year 1 Nativity
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Reception and Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Reception and Year 1 Nativity
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Nursery Carols
Thursday 18th December 2025	Christmas Party Day
Friday 19th December 2025	PTA Santa Dash
Friday 19th December 2025	School Closes for Christmas





BOBBY ZONE RULES

Bobby Zones are designated areas around schools aimed at enhancing road safety for children. Established in memory of six-year-old Bobby Colleran, who tragically lost his life in a road accident near his school in Liverpool in 2014, these zones are part of the initiatives by **The Bobby Colleran Trust** to prevent such incidents.

The aim of these measures is to create **a safer environment around schools**, reducing the likelihood of accidents and ensuring the well-being of students. The Bobby Colleran Trust aspires to implement a 20 mph Bobby Zone outside every school in the country, promoting consistent road safety standards nationwide.



STICK TO THE SPEED LIMIT

A maximum speed limit of 20 mph is enforced within the zone to ensure drivers maintain a safe speed near schools.

NO STOPPING OR PARKING

Drivers are prohibited from dropping off or picking up children within the Bobby Zone, even if traffic is stationary. Parking on pavements is also forbidden, as it can force pedestrians onto the road, increasing the risk of accidents.



STAY VIGILANT

Motorists are urged to be extra cautious, recognising that the area is populated with children and families during school hours.



For more information or to support the initiative, you can visit The Bobby Colleran Trust's website at www.thebobbycollerantrust.org.uk.