



Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

It has been so lovely returning from Maternity Leave this term, and seeing how much all the children have progressed with their learning.

I am so sad to be leaving Blanche Nevile at the end of the summer. It has been a great privilege to be the Headteacher of this school, and to work with so many fantastic staff and children. Secondary is very excited to receive the fantastic new year 7s from Primary! Unfortunately, family priorities mean that I need to be closer to home.

I will always be rooting for the school! And wish everyone all the best for the next few years. I have every faith in the team to drive things forwards and know that everyone will support Kathryn to keep things running smoothly, fundraise, make things even better and ensure the children have wonderful experiences at school.

Best wishes,
Helen

Conor's Class

As Year 1 wraps up their final term, we could not be prouder of how much they have learned and grown over the past year. From building their confidence in reading and writing to becoming thoughtful, mature members of our school community, they have truly blossomed! This term, the pupils explored their final topic of the year – *Flowers and Insects*. They loved learning about the natural world, from identifying different plants to discovering the fascinating lives of minibeasts. Their curiosity and enthusiasm were a joy to see! To celebrate all their hard work and brilliant progress, we rounded off the year with some exciting and rewarding trips – including a fun-filled visit to Clowntown and a trip to the bowling alley! Well done Year 1 – you have had an amazing year and you are more than ready for adventures that await in Year 2!



Claire's Class

This half term, our EYFS children have been exploring the fascinating topic of *Growing and Changing*. One of the highlights has been observing real caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies! The children carefully looked after the caterpillars, watching each stage of the life cycle with great interest, before setting the butterflies free at the school allotment. Inspired by what they learned, some children have loved dressing up as caterpillars and butterflies, acting out the life cycle through imaginative play and even making up their own songs. It's been a wonderful hands-on learning experience for all! We are so proud of how much the children themselves have grown and changed this year, we hope they have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing all they achieve in Year 1.



Jodie's Class

This half term, we wrapped up our Plants and Growth topic for two more weeks, revisiting how plants grow, what they need to survive, and their importance to our world. We then began our new topic: *Beside the Seaside*! We explored seaside vocabulary and learned about physical features like cliffs and beaches, and human-made ones like piers and lighthouses. We also discussed what it means to have a picnic—creating our own sandwiches and learning about finger foods. A fun class experiment helped us discover why we shouldn't take milk to the beach... especially after smelling it left in the sun for two days! We also worked incredibly hard rehearsing for our performance of Wangari alongside our mainstream class. The children practised their lines, songs, and dance moves with such effort and enthusiasm. They performed brilliantly. It's been a fantastic end to the year. The children have shown so much curiosity, creativity, and joy in their learning. A huge thank you to our families for your continued support. Wishing you all a sunny, restful summer holiday!



Simon's Class

As we come to the end of this academic year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the joy and growth we have shared together. This term, our learning blossomed with *Meadow-song*, a beautiful topic that brought the outdoors into the heart of our classroom. The children explored nature, biodiversity, and poetry with wonder and enthusiasm. In Science, we learned about photosynthesis, which is how plants make their own food using sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide. The children were fascinated by this magical process and loved discovering how trees and plants help our planet. We also brought the natural world to life through poetry, art, and sign language, and performed fantastically in front of our proud and beaming parents. Thank you for joining us and cheering us on as the children were truly stars as they shone and blossomed! As we say goodbye, we want to send a special farewell to our exceptional pupils for the time spent together over the last two years. Each of them has brought something unique and wonderful to our class. From gentle humour to deep thinking, creative energy to kind friendships, we will miss them dearly and know they will continue to shine in their new adventures. To all our children and families, thank you for your support, laughter, and partnership this year. Wishing you a joyful, restful summer holiday. Take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy the sunshine.



Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another academic year. I am so proud of everything that the pupils and staff at Blanche Nevile have achieved this year. Just a quick flick through our newsletters gives just a glimpse of all of the wonderful opportunities our pupils have had this year and that is due to the amazing staff we have. A special thanks to the staff members who volunteered their time and evenings to make all of the residential trips and Year 6 events the success they were. The children have made such amazing progress and we're all very proud of each and every one of them.

We will be saying goodbye to a few of our much loved staff members this summer. Farewell to Giona (CSW), Lizzie (SMA) and Naomi (CSW) as they leave Blanche Nevile for a range of exciting opportunities. We also say farewell and good luck to Karen Khwaja our Interim Headteacher and Helen Taylor our substantive Headteacher and thank them for all of their work and leadership across the school.

Our new interim Headteacher, Jo Davey, will be returning to join us from September and we look forward to her joining the team. We also wish our Year 6 Leavers luck as they transition to Secondary school and congratulate them on all they have achieved whilst at Blanche Nevile Primary.

I'd like to give a special thanks to you all for your continued support to myself and the team this year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing those of you returning in September.

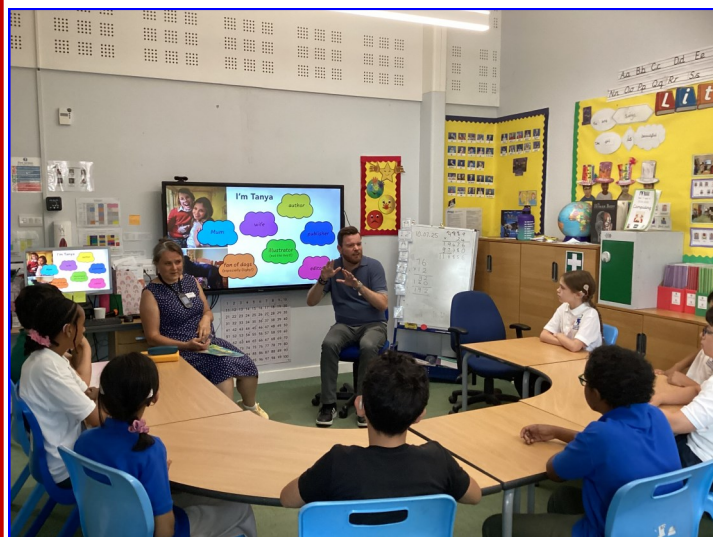
Best wishes,

Kathryn

Head of School

Sarah's Class

This last half term for Year 5 and 6 has been a little different. Year 6 have been busy practising their end of school show whilst Year 5 are busy with lessons as normal. As a whole class we did really enjoy painting our terracotta army figurines that we designed and made from clay. We also really enjoyed our author visit and reading 'Mr Mellow likes Yellow' written by Tanya Saunders who is pictured here reading the book to the class. It's been a busy half term that hasn't followed our normal routine and it is crazy to think this is our last newsletter entry for the year! The children really have worked so hard over the last year and we are very proud of them. Year 5/6 2024-2025 over and out!



Important Dates

Whole School Bowling Trip	Friday 18th July 2025
Last day of Summer 2 12.30pm early close	Monday 21st July 2025
Summer Holidays	Tuesday 22nd of July— Tuesday 2nd September
INSET DAY 1	Monday 1st September (School Closed to pupils)
INSET DAY 2	Tuesday 2nd September (School Closed to pupils)
Start of Autumn 1 term	Wednesday 3rd of September
End of Autumn 1 term	Friday 24th of October 2025

