



Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

It's been lovely being back at Blanche Nevile this term and meeting so many of the pupils. I have had the privilege of visiting classrooms and watching pupils learn and it has been great fun to watch their enthusiasm in lessons. I have found out about exciting trips to the Natural History Museum, Frank Barnes for the international Day of Signing and all the singing for Harvest Day. The pupils are happy to ask me questions and and tell me about what they enjoy at school. They definitely enjoy watching themselves on videos!

It has been a long half term and the pupils have gone from lovely break and lunch time weather to some cold and rainy days. They are definitely ready for a rest but we all look forward to having them back in November, recharged and ready to go!

Jo Davey
Interim Headteacher

Conor's Class

We've had such a fun and busy half term in Year 1! Our big focus has been on developing our language skills - learning lots of new words, talking with different adults and friends, building sentences and sharing how we feel. We've done all of this through exciting activities like reading and roleplaying stories in literacy, creating art, cooking, and of course, plenty of structured play! Everyone has settled into our new classroom so well and we're getting really good at understanding what's expected in Year 1, especially our class rules. While we were busy settling in, we also went on an exciting trip to Frank Barnes School for BSL Celebration Day. This year's theme was 'BSL Bake Off', inspired by The Great British Bake Off. On the day, we made no-bake recipes and took part in a variety of fun activities, including meeting a guest chef and making our own chef hats. It's been a fantastic half term and now we're ready for a little break so we can come back refreshed and excited to keep learning!



Claire's Class

Our brand new Early Years class have had a hugely positive start to their journey at Blanche Nevile. They are building lovely relationships with each other, and we are so impressed with how well their language and communication skills are already coming along in both BSL and English. This term, they have been busy learning new vocabulary and concepts through stories including Owl Babies, Oliver's Vegetables and The Little Red Hen, which have allowed us to explore themes of Autumn and Harvest. A highlight of the term was using apples from the allotment to bake apple crumble - yum!



Jodie's Class

We began the new school year with our topic, 'Palaeontology to Archaeology'. The children have been learning about Stone Age life, exploring how early humans lived and how their discoveries shaped the world today. We also learnt about Prehistory and how palaeontologists and archaeologists help us understand the past.

Our trip to the Natural History Museum was fun — the children loved seeing Mary Anning's fossils and the animated T-Rex! We also watched 'Prehistoric Planet' at the Lightroom in BSL. It's been a fantastic start to the term!



Simon's Class

What a wildly wonderful start to our Animal Kingdom adventure! We have tiptoed past tigers at London Zoo, met cheeky monkeys at Hertfordshire Zoo, and gone bug-hunting at Hampstead Heath's minibeast workshop. Safari Pete also dropped by, snake dinner included! Apologies if your child now wants a lizard for a pet. In Science, we have been exploring habitats and microhabitats, discovering where all our animal friends live and why. Meanwhile, Literacy has taken us down the farmyard path with The Little Red Hen. Our classroom is now brimming with brilliant habitat dioramas and wild artwork, well done to our children and thank you to Mandy! The children have settled beautifully, and we are so proud of their curiosity, creativity and courage when it comes to creatures great and small. We cannot wait to see where the rest of the year takes us!



Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome back all of the children to a new school year at Blanche Neville school and what a busy time they have had! We have also welcomed lots of new pupils to the school who have settled in well to their new classes.

Thank you to all of those parents who were able to join us for our parent/teacher consultations last week. I'm sure you all appreciate the hard work of our school team and enjoyed receiving the updates from your child's class teacher. We are very proud of all of your wonderful children and the progress they are making!

It was lovely to see so many of you join us for our wonderful Harvest celebrations this week. Thank you too for the kind contributions which will be going to our local food bank.

BSL lessons for families are continuing to happen via Zoom or in person so please do sign up if you haven't already.

This half term we will be saying a sad farewell to a one of our CSWs, Emily Smith. She has been a valued member of the team for the last 3 years and we wish her all the best as she continues her new role as an interpreter full time. We suspect we will still continue to still see her in the future in her new role.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support and I hope you and your families have a lovely break over half term.

Best wishes,

Kathryn

Head of School



Sarah's Class

The Key Stage 2 class have kicked off the year nicely and have been extremely busy. We've really enjoyed our topic 'Ancient Greece' this half term. We have created our own Gods and Goddess in class and presented them to everyone for an official, formal vote... Ariella won with her Goddess whose powers include dentistry and being in charge of a huge prison! The Year 4 team did us proud in their assembly alongside their mainstream peers to conclude this topic.

For Black History month the class have really enjoyed reading and retelling the story Amazing Grace. We have had many important, open discussions in class and shown true maturity as we discussed the importance of Black History month together. Our Teacher of the Deaf student, Alex, tricked us in computing and made us very aware of 'fake news.' Everyone was extremely shocked as they discovered whole websites can be fake and how careful we have to be with the information we trust.

A very busy Autumn 1 for us...We are ready for Autumn 2!



Important Dates

End of Autumn 1 2025	Friday 24th October
Half term	Monday 27th - Friday 31st October
Halloween	31st October
Start of Autumn 2 2025	Monday 3rd November
End of Autumn 2 2025 Half Day Early Close	Friday 19th December 12.30pm finish
Christmas Holidays	Monday 22nd Dec— Monday 5th Jan
Start off Spring 1 2026	Tuesday 6th Jan 2026
End of Spring 1 2026	Friday 13th Feb 2026