



Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers.

After 9 eventful months, my time at Blanche Nevile is drawing to a close. As both interim headteacher and in my latest role, supporting the new Co-Headteachers, it has been an absolute joy to be back at Blanche Nevile. In my current role I have been given the opportunity to join in more with the pupils. My highlight was going swimming with Sarah's KS2 class. It was great fun and I was really impressed by the standard of swimming and how well the children organised themselves.

My overwhelming memory of Primary is of an exceptionally happy place. The children welcomed me the first time I set foot in the building and have continued to ask me questions and show me their work proudly. They thoroughly enjoy all the opportunities that come their way and are excellent participators. Although I have only been a part of their journey for a short while, it has been a privilege and even though I'm leaving, I will be contacting Kathryn for updates!

Jo Davey
Interim Headteacher

Year 1 Class

As part of our 'Amazing Architects' topic, Year 1 have been learning about different types of building structures in DT. After looking at and discussing some images of famous landmark buildings from around the world, we had a go at building our own towers from junk modelling materials. The children worked collaboratively and discussed which materials and techniques to use to make their towers tall, strong and stable, just like the Eiffel Tower! The children have also been working hard on developing their Literacy skills this half term, and followed up their DT work by writing some lovely descriptive sentences about their towers. I wonder if they could apply their learning to build a different structure at home this half term break?...



EYFS Class

This half term, the children in EYFS have enjoyed immersing themselves in four fantastic traditional tales: *The Gingerbread Man*, *The Three Little Pigs*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. They have loved acting out the stories using masks and props, painting a giant beanstalk, collaging porridge bowls and planting their own broad beans, which they have enjoyed watching grow taller each week.

Friday cooking sessions have been a particular highlight this half term. The children have made creamy porridge with a variety of toppings, yoghurt faces, iced cupcakes and beans on toast. They have shown great curiosity about new ingredients and have been very willing to explore different textures and tastes. They have mixed, poured, spread and chopped ingredients safely, while sharing cooking equipment cooperatively with their friends.

Along the way, they have learned lots of new vocabulary and signs, including how to express whether they like or dislike certain foods and how to describe them using words such as *sweet*, *sour*, *soft* and *crunchy*.



Year 3 Class

In Year 3, our topic this term was 'From Source to Sea', where we explored rivers, learnt key geographical vocabulary and discovered where rivers begin and end. We linked this learning to Science through the water cycle, helping to build strong foundations for Year 4. A big focus this term has also been poetry, with the children creating both whole-class and individual poems inspired by rivers and nature, which they are excited to perform at Family Fun Day. In Maths, we have been working hard on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using 2-, 3- and 4-digit numbers, using the column method to show our working clearly. The children have also been writing regularly in their home and school diaries. Thank you to all Year 3 parents and carers for your continued support in helping to maximise your child's learning and progress.



Year 2 Class

This term in Year 2, we have been exploring the topic of *Growing* and discovering how living things change and develop over time. In Literacy, we have enjoyed reading and learning about the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and Titch. The children have worked hard and are now able to confidently retell the story from beginning to end.

In Science, we have been learning about how plants grow and what makes a plant healthy. We explored the outdoor area using magnifying glasses to observe and identify healthy plants around us. The children loved becoming plant detectives and carefully examining what they discovered.

In Maths, we have been learning to use scales to compare the mass of different objects and identify which objects are heavier or lighter. We have also explored the meanings of empty, full, nearly empty and nearly full through practical activities.

Our class has done a brilliant job strengthening their knowledge and understanding across all areas of learning. Well done, Year 2!



Year 4 & 6 Class

Our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils showed great enthusiasm and maturity this term as they explored the stories, challenges and global impact of the Second World War. Their curiosity and thoughtful discussions brought real depth to their learning.

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils, who completed their SATs last week with determination and resilience. As a well-deserved reward, they enjoyed a fantastic trip to Alexandra Palace for ice skating, where they demonstrated the same energy and teamwork they show in class.

Meanwhile, Year 4 headed off to Tolmers, joining their mainstream peers for an activity-packed couple of days. They embraced every challenge, supported one another brilliantly and returned to school with full of stories and pride in what they achieved.



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have now reached the end of Summer Term 1. It's hard to believe we only have one half term left until the end of this school year! It will also be the last half term with the children in their current classes and we will be preparing them as they move up to their new year groups.

Over the last few weeks, the children have continued to work hard and a special well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs last week. Next half term it will be a special time for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to say goodbye to us at primary and transition to secondary. We've also enjoyed a range of class assemblies and performances and it was so wonderful so many of you were able to attend. Our Year 4 pupils are currently away at Tolmers with their Highgate peers for an activity packed few days. Thank you to the staff who have given up their evenings to ensure the trip could go ahead.

It was lovely to celebrate St George's Day and get into the spirit of the day last month. I will be writing to you after half term to invite you to our special BN Family Day celebration on the afternoon of Friday 12th June. We do hope you can join us! So make sure you keep it free. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet our co-headteacher, Laila Doobeh, as well as our newly appointed Deputy Headteacher Nina Dada.

You would have received an attendance letter reminder this week. Attendance is a huge priority for us but also a Government focus, the more children attend school then the more progress they can make! If your child's attendance is below the expected standard of 90% we will be writing to you separately.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking the staff for their continued commitment and support and for working hard with your children to achieve all that they have. We also say a fond farewell to Jo Davey and thank her for her support to the school in her role as Interim Headteacher.

As always, I wish you and your families a lovely holiday and thank you again for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Kathryn

Co-headteacher

Important Dates

Last Day of Summer 1 Term	Friday 22nd of May 2026
Summer Half Term Break	Monday 25th—29th of May 2026
Start of Summer 2 term	Monday 1st of June 2026
BN Family Celebration Day!!!	Friday 12th of June 2026
Early Closure for last day of term	Friday 17th of July 12.30pm
Summer Holidays	Monday 20th of July—Thursday 3rd of September
Start of Autumn 1 2026	Friday 4th of September 2026

