



## Bloxham CE Primary School

### End of Year Letter to Families July 2024

Dear Families

We have reached the end of what has been an amazing year at Bloxham CE Primary. We really couldn't have asked for better weather than last Wednesday when we were able to hold our rescheduled sports day. Thank you to all families who managed to rejig diaries to support the event, to Mrs Ducker and all the staff and of course to our army of volunteers who supported to make the events so successful.

The last few weeks have been absolutely jam-packed. On Tuesday, there was much excitement as the children joined their new class teachers for transition, to find out about class expectations, planned learning and of course to get to know their new teachers. We were delighted that Mrs Kidman was also able to join us on Tuesday and we extend a very warm welcome to her. Mrs Kidman will be teaching 3K next year where she joins our Year 3 teaching team, working alongside Mrs Williams and Mrs Ducker in 3W.



A reminder that we will be running our **Meet the Teacher events Wednesday 11 September at 3:30 and 4:00pm**, for families to meet new class teachers and receive curriculum information for the term. Curriculum Maps and knowledge organisers for the Autumn term will shortly be available on our website, as we know that some families enjoy having the opportunity to consider these in advance.

Next year, you may already be aware, all schools are required to provide a 32.5-hour week for pupils. To ensure we meet this statutory requirement, from September, the school gates will open at 8:30 and will close promptly at 8:40. A whistle will then be blown for pupils to line up outside classrooms, after which they will be led into class by teaching staff. Parents will then be required to leave the playground by the fire track exit. All pupils arriving late will be required to report to the office, where a late register will operate, supporting new attendance regulations also coming in to force from August 2024. Once class teachers assume responsibility for pupils at 8:40, they will be unable to have conversations with families and as such any morning messages should be given to office staff.

End of year progress reports have now been shared, if you haven't received your child's report, please check your SPAM or Junk folder and, if there is still no report, please alert us.

After school clubs will resume in September more details will be sent in the new term. Clubs are open to pupils in Year 1 and above. There will be a charge for some clubs to cover the cost of resources or because the clubs are being run by an outside agency. A daily lunchtime sports club will run in addition to our after school offer. All after school clubs run by staff are done so on a voluntary basis, we will be aiming to offer 10 weeks of clubs during the autumn term however some clubs may not run for the whole year. The Leadership Team including governors wish to thank our staff team for the time they give in providing these opportunities for pupils.

Provisional timetable

	Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Year 1	Choir	Lego			Art	Football	Yoga
Year 2		Pokemon			Sports	Bloxham School Clubs	
Year 3		Uno		Art and Textiles			
Year 4		Drama					
Year 5							
Year 6							

Following the recent General Election, we would like to support the children at Bloxham to develop understanding of British Values and in particular democracy which is relevant to them. One of the strategies we will be using will be to ask the children who wish to be considered to be members of our Pupil Parliament, to present a manifesto to their class. Please feel able to support your child with this over the summer holidays if they are interested in standing.

Our class assemblies will continue to take place on Wednesdays 8:55 – 9:30 (approx), please see the table below for dates.

25 September	4S
2 October	4C
9 October	2J
16 October	2B
27 November	6H
4 December	6B
6 November	3W
13 November	3K
22 January	5S
29 January	5D
5 February	1A
12 February	1B
2 April	Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes
14 May	Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes
11 June	F1A
18 June	F1D
3 July	Year 6 Kilvrough
16 July	Year 6 Leavers

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Following parental feedback, both the Upper and Lower Phase Celebration assemblies will now take place on Mondays. Upper School will be held at 9:00am and Lower School at 2:40pm. Parents will be notified on the previous Thursday if their child is to receive an award. We recognise that for some families, there may continue to be a difficulty in gaining leave from work, however, to ensure awards are relevant to current achievement it is not possible to create a further increased time-frame. Please do remember we invite you to extend this invitation to grandparents or other family and friends if you are unable to attend yourself.

In addition to our celebration and class assemblies we will be extending our offer to families by introducing House curriculum assemblies, initially for families in Upper Phase. These assemblies will be led by Houses, rather than a year group or class and will focus on a specific curriculum subject. These assemblies will build upon internal assemblies held this year which have allowed the children the opportunity to gain a sense of context surrounding their learning by hearing how their curriculum builds upon and leads to that of the year groups above and below them. More details and dates to follow in September.

Open Classrooms will also continue take place in T1 and T3 in the fortnight preceding our Consultation Evenings.

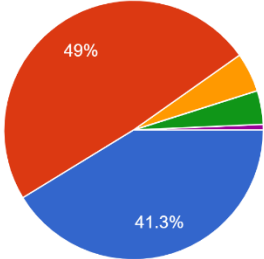
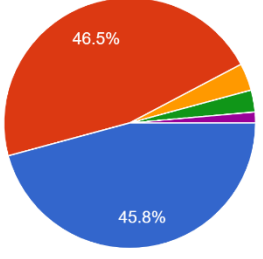
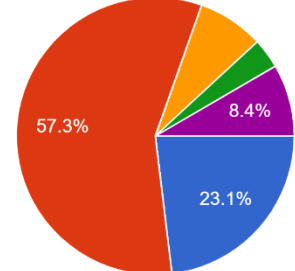
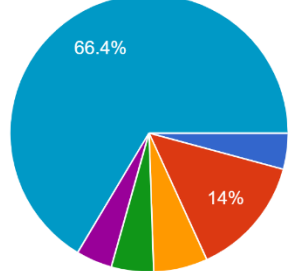
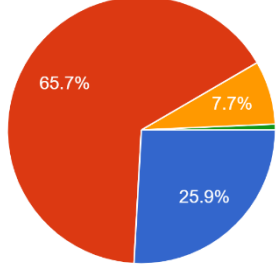
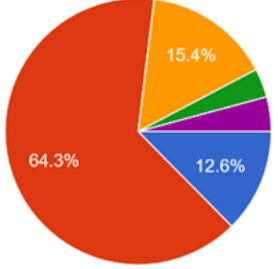
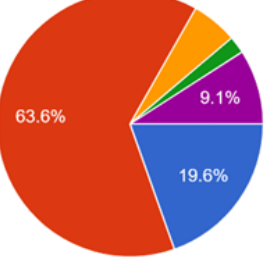
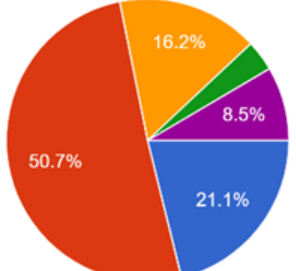
**Term1 – Thursday 10 October**

**Term 3 – Tuesday 11 March**

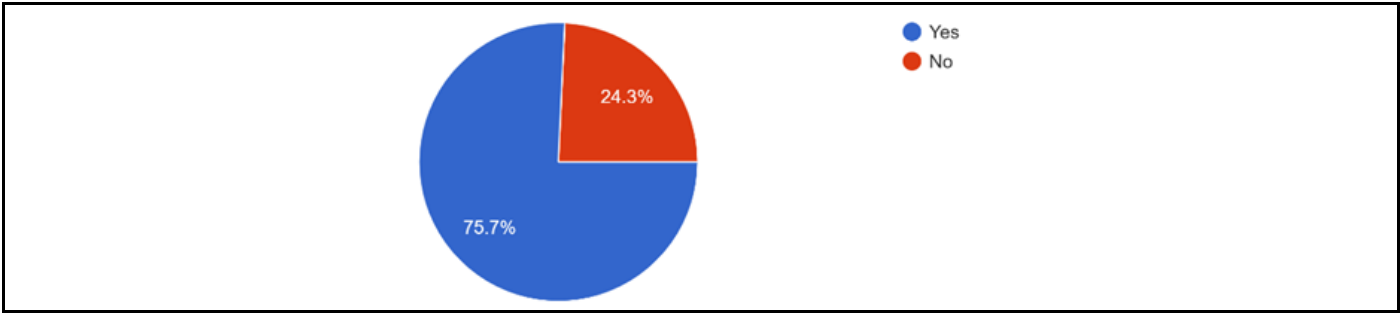
For families new to the school, Open Classrooms is an opportunity for families to join their children and share learning in books, alongside an informal opportunity to chat with teaching staff. The subsequent consultation evenings are held online using our school cloud portal, which enables us to ensure an equitable and on time offer to all families. Progress Reports will be sent in T2, T4 and T6.

Thank you to all families who took the time to feedback to us about the year, both the successes and the areas which you would value us spending further time developing. In total we received 143 responses, almost double the response from last year. It is clear, that the areas we have worked on this year – driven by your feedback from last year, have impacted positively on our pupils and we look forward to achieving similar improvements next year. The results for this year are detailed below where you will be able to see the 2023 score against those of this year. Focus areas are shaded in green.

Strongly Agree		Disagree		Don't Know	
Agree		Strongly Disagree			
<b>My child is happy at this school</b>			<b>My child feels safe at this school</b>		
2023	Agree or Strongly Agree 90.2%		2023	Agree or Strongly Agree 93.9%	

<b>2024</b> <b>Agree or Strongly Agree</b> <b>90.3%</b>		<b>2024</b> <b>Agree or Strongly Agree</b> <b>92.3%</b>		
<b>The school supports its pupils to behave well</b>		<b>I have raised concerns about bullying and the school has dealt with these quickly</b>		
2023	Agree or Strongly Agree 81.7%	2023	Disagree or Strongly Disagree 12.2 %	
<b>2024</b>  <b>Agree or Strongly Agree</b> <b>80.4%</b>		<b>2024</b>  <b>Disagree or Strongly Disagree</b> <b>11.2%</b>		
<b>The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year</b>		<b>The school provides regular information and opportunities to share in the progress of my child</b>		
2023	Agree or Strongly Agree 83.8	2023	Agree or Strongly Agree 78%	
<b>2024</b> <b>Agree or Strongly Agree</b> <b>91.6%</b>		<b>2024</b> <b>Agree or Strongly Agree</b> <b>76.9%</b>		
<b>There is a good range of subjects available to my child</b>		<b>The school supports my child's wider personal development</b>		
2023	Agree or Strongly Agree 69.1%	2023	Agree or Strongly Agree 55.5%	
<b>2024</b>  <b>Agree or Strongly Agree</b> <b>83.2%</b>		<b>2024</b>  <b>Agree or Strongly Agree</b> <b>71.8%</b>		
<b>I would recommend this school</b>				
2023	64.9% Yes		<b>2024</b>	<b>75.7% Yes</b>

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A key area for focus next year will be strengthening communication.

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## Goodbye and Good Luck

Finally, it just remains to wish everyone a safe and hopefully sunny summer break. We wish all our Year 6 pupils every success and happiness, as they move to the secondary schools and hope they will continue flourish building upon everything they have learned and enjoyed at Bloxham. For staff leaving, we wish them well in their new adventures, Mrs Akers in her headship, Mrs Lee in her new school, Mrs Best in her retirement and also to Ms Oatridge who has made the decision not to return to Bloxham in September. May all our leavers take as many happy memories with them of us as we will retain of them.

**We look forward to welcoming the children back to school Tuesday 3 September 2024.**

Oxfordshire 2024/25 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days		Bank holidays		School holidays		Proposed inset day - 4 more inset days can be set by the schools	
<b>Sep-24</b>	Mon: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tue: 3, 10, 17, 24 Wed: 4, 11, 18, 25 Thu: 5, 12, 19, 26 Fri: 6, 13, 20, 27 Sat: 7, 14, 21, 28 Sun: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	<b>Oct-24</b>	Mon: 7, 14, 21, 28 Tue: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wed: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Thu: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Fri: 4, 11, 18, 25 Sat: 5, 12, 19, 26 Sun: 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>Nov-24</b>	Mon: 4, 11, 18, 25 Tue: 5, 12, 19, 26 Wed: 6, 13, 20, 27 Thu: 7, 14, 21, 28 Fri: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sat: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sun: 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>Dec-24</b>	Mon: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Tue: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Wed: 4, 11, 18, 25 Thu: 5, 12, 19, 26 Fri: 6, 13, 20, 27 Sat: 7, 14, 21, 28 Sun: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
<b>Jan-25</b>	Mon: 6, 13, 20, 27 Tue: 7, 14, 21, 28 Wed: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Thu: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Fri: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Sat: 4, 11, 18, 25 Sun: 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>Feb-25</b>	Mon: 3, 10, 17, 24 Tue: 4, 11, 18, 25 Wed: 5, 12, 19, 26 Thu: 6, 13, 20, 27 Fri: 7, 14, 21, 28 Sat: 1, 8, 15, 22 Sun: 2, 9, 16, 23	<b>Mar-25</b>	Mon: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Tue: 4, 11, 18, 25 Wed: 5, 12, 19, 26 Thu: 6, 13, 20, 27 Fri: 7, 14, 21, 28 Sat: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sun: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	<b>Apr-25</b>	Mon: 7, 14, 21, 28 Tue: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wed: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Thu: 3, 10, 17, 24 Fri: 4, 11, 18, 25 Sat: 5, 12, 19, 26 Sun: 6, 13, 20, 27
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Students 190 days  
Teachers 195 days

Pupil days shown include four to be selected by schools as additional INSET days  
Teacher working days include five INSET days

Autumn Term :74 Days  
Spring Term : 67 Days  
Summer Term : 53 Days

**Please note that school will close at 1:15pm on Friday 20 December 2024 and Friday 18 July 2025.**

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