



Bloxham CE Primary School

April 2025 Newsletter

Enjoying the Sunshine – Staying Safe and Healthy!

We have been truly blessed with glorious weather this week! The sunshine has lifted everyone's spirits, and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying outdoor activities, lunchtime games, and lessons in the fresh air. It feels like summer has arrived early, and the school has been buzzing with energy and excitement.

To help children enjoy the outdoors safely, we kindly ask families to support us by ensuring that children come to school prepared for sunny days. Wherever possible, please apply a high-factor, long-lasting sunscreen before the start of the school day. Children are welcome to bring a labelled bottle of sunscreen if they are able to reapply it themselves under supervision. Children who require medication for hayfever or other summer allergies should be given medication before they arrive at school.

We also encourage children to bring a refillable water bottle each day to help them stay hydrated and a sun hat with a wide brim or neck covering is strongly recommended to provide extra protection. Please ensure all hats and water bottles are named so that they can be easily returned if misplaced. Please also ensure that jumpers and cardigans are labelled to enable them to also be returned to the correct owner.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep everyone safe, happy, and healthy as we embrace the sunshine together.

Year 4 at Whitemoor Lakes

Our Year 4 pupils have enjoyed a wonderful few days on their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes, and they could not have timed their adventure better with such beautiful weather. Spirits were high as the children set off on Monday, proudly wearing their new trip hoodies and sharing their excitement about the days ahead.

Over their stay, they have been embracing a wide range of outdoor activities, from paddle boarding on the lake to team challenges and high-ropes adventures. Throughout, they have shown fantastic determination, teamwork, and resilience – perfectly demonstrating our vision to "encourage one another and build each other up" as well as living out our school values of ambition, creativity, and trustworthiness. Please do see the photos on Threads.

The encouragement, support, and honest effort they have shown one another has been truly inspiring. We look forward to welcoming them home and celebrating their experiences together.

Encourage one another and build each other up.

A Compact Half-Term

As we move further into the term, we would like to remind families that this half-term is a little more condensed than usual.

There will be an **INSET day this Friday, 2 May**, followed by the **Early May Bank Holiday on Monday 6 May**. As a result, school will be closed to pupils on both days.

We appreciate your support in planning ahead for these closures. We hope the extended weekend offers families an opportunity for some extra rest, reflection, and family time — helping everyone return recharged and ready to embrace the ambitious learning and creative opportunities ahead this term.

Year 6 – The Final Stretch

Year 6 have made a strong and determined start to their final full term at primary school. Their current focus is preparing for the forthcoming SATs assessments, and we have been so proud of their ambition, honesty, and resilience throughout their preparations.

After SATs, attention will turn to a variety of exciting transition activities, designed to help them feel confident, included, and excited about the next steps in their educational journey. Highlights will include celebrating achievements, strengthening friendships, and participating in the Kilvrough Manor Residential visit later in Term 6 — a fantastic opportunity to develop creativity, courage, and teamwork.

Throughout this important term, we are confident that Year 6 will continue to encourage one another and build each other up — showing trust, ambition, and care in all that they do.

Whitemoor Lakes Assembly Invitation

We are delighted to invite families of Year 4 pupils to a special assembly on **Tuesday 14 May at 9:00am**, where children will share their Whitemoor Lakes experiences through stories, reflections, and photographs.

We would also like to warmly welcome families of current Year 3 pupils. Attending the assembly will provide a wonderful opportunity to gain a flavour of next year's residential and hear first-hand from Year 4 about the inclusive, caring spirit that makes trips like Whitemoor Lakes so memorable and special.

We hope you can join us as we celebrate the adventure, creativity, and friendships that have been built along the way.

Inset Days 2025/2026

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 1st May 2026

Be . Build . Become

Friday 17th July & Monday 20th July

Please also note that the school will close at 1:15pm on the last day of each of the main terms (T1, T3 and T6)

Mrs Dwyer

It is with sadness that we need to inform families that Mrs Dwyer will be leaving us at half term. Having spent the last 10+ years at Bloxham, she is now ready for the challenge of setting up a new nurture unit at another school. We wish her all the best and hope she will be able to put the expertise she has developed with us to support children and families in a different county. We will advise parents on her replacement in due course.

Access Reminder – Fire Track Surface

Finally, we are aware that the soft gravel surface recently added to the fire track may make access more difficult for some pushchairs. If needed, families are very welcome to use the **Courtington Lane gate next to Cherry Trees** to access the playground and Foundation Unit at the beginning and end of the school day.

We hope this helps to make access more manageable for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and for continuing to show care and consideration towards all members of our school community.

Together, as a school, we continue to encourage one another and build each other up — living our values of being *inclusive, caring, ambitious, trustworthy, honest, and creative* each and every day.

Be . Build . Become