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*'Encourage one another and build each other up.'* Thessalonians 5:11

## **Bloxham CE Primary School – End of Term Newsletter July 2025**

As we come to the end of another school year, it is a real pleasure to reflect on the many moments of joy, growth and togetherness that have defined our Bloxham Primary year. From inspiring classroom learning and vibrant enrichment activities to community events and whole-school celebrations, 2024/25 has been full of warmth, purpose and achievement. We were proud to be able to share the transformational strengths of our school with Ofsted this term, showcasing what makes Bloxham such a special place to learn, grow and belong.

Our leavers' service on Wednesday was a true highlight of the term—beautifully led by the children and so well supported by families that there was standing room only. To our Year 6 pupils, we say a fond farewell. You leave us ready to shine in your next chapter, and we are incredibly proud of the young people you have become. We also send our very best wishes to other pupils and families moving on, and to staff members who are starting new adventures. You remain part of the Bloxham family, and we wish you every happiness and success.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Annual Parent Survey conducted in June 2025. We were delighted to receive 114 responses, representing a strong level of engagement across our school community. Your feedback plays a vital role in helping us reflect on our strengths and identify areas for continued improvement.

Here are a few of the headline strengths identified through your responses:

- 85.9% of parents said their child is happy at school.
- 86.8% of parents feel their child is safe at Bloxham.
- 86% agree that the school provides a good range of subjects.
- Over 77% feel their child does well at school.
- The majority feel their child can access clubs and activities and that staff have high expectations.

We are incredibly grateful for the positive feedback and are equally committed to acting on the areas where some parents expressed concerns, no matter how small a number this may be. These areas will form part of our continuing work in 2025–26. As a school, we are also using the data to look at trends by year group. This helps us ensure consistency and enables staff to reflect on what's working well and where communication or clarity can be improved further.

Thank you once again for your time, your honesty, and your continued support. We are proud of our school community and remain committed to delivering the very best for every child in our care.

As always, our School Development Plan for 2025–26 is shaped by our ongoing ambition for the pupils in our care, who remain at the heart of every decision we make. Over the past year, Mr Singleton and I have engaged in extensive curriculum development training reviewing assessment in the wider curriculum our work on this will continue into next academic year, when we are refining our approach to ensure that pupils experience a curriculum that is rich in depth and connections. While parents may still see familiar topics in class, the content will be more focused—scaling back the number of concepts introduced in order to allow deeper exploration, stronger knowledge retention, and more meaningful links between subjects. This approach is designed to give children the time and space to build their understanding, revisit key ideas, and secure their learning over time.

We are also delighted that our iCATCH values—Inclusive, Caring, Ambitious, Trustworthy, Creative and Honest—are now so clearly visible in the everyday language and culture of the school. As we move forward, we want to build on this strength by more explicitly linking these values to the Fundamental British Values (FBV) and incorporating explicit references within pupils' learning. These connections will be increasingly visible in our curriculum, assemblies, and whole-school ethos next year.

As a Church of England school, our Christian distinctiveness is fundamental in all we do. We look forward to welcoming our SIAMS inspector in the autumn term and sharing how our vision—“Encourage one another and build each other up”—is lived out each day. We will also be celebrating the many ways in which our values shape the character and culture of our school community.

None of this would be possible without the incredible team of staff who give so much of themselves to this community. Thank you for your commitment, compassion, and care. To all our families, we wish you a peaceful, restful, and joy-filled summer holiday.

A reminder school closes at 1:15pm tomorrow, the school bus will arrive slightly earlier at 1:00pm to ensure the children are safely on board. An ice-cream van should be in the locality for those who wish to celebrate the end of the term.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 2nd September. Please do make a note in your diaries that our traditional **Meet the Teacher** and hear expectations and information for the forthcoming year will be held on **Wednesday 3 September at 3:30 and repeated at 4:00.**

Sarah Marshall