



Newsletter 6 – May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we have nearly reached the final half term of the academic year! As always, this is an incredibly busy and exciting time for our school community. Alongside our usual classroom learning, we have a packed calendar ahead including Sports Day, Summer Fair, themed weeks, end-of-year plays, and supporting the children as they prepare to transition into their new classes. We know there is a lot to keep track of so we will be sending out regular reminders to ensure you don't miss a thing. Thank you for your continued support as we head into our final half term.

Local Authority Visit

Recently we were visited by a Local Authority School Inspector. As part of her visit she conducted a learning walk of the school. We were very proud of the children and how well they communicated their learning to our visitor. Below you will find some of the comments that she wrote in her report.

“From the moment you enter Black Horse Hill Infant School, the warm, caring ethos is immediately evident. Leaders greet visitors with genuine warmth, and it is clear that the school’s vision, “Learning for Life”, sits at the heart of everything they do. This vision is beautifully displayed near the entrance alongside a values display celebrating Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Excellence, Resilience, Friendship and Courtesy. Children’s photographs surround the display, each celebrating moments where they have shown these values in action.”

“Black Horse Hill Infants is a calm, nurturing and purposeful school. Classrooms are thoughtfully organised, with consistent learning walls and displays that both celebrate pupils’ achievements and guide them in their learning. The environment communicates high expectations while offering reassurance to children; this balance allows pupils to persevere, make mistakes and try again.”

“Early Years provision is a strength at Black Horse Hill Infants. The learning environments in Nursery and Reception are carefully considered, well resourced and designed to develop children’s curiosity, vocabulary, independence, oracy and early academic skills.”

“Black Horse Hill Infant School provides a warm, nurturing and aspirational learning environment. High-quality Early Years provision, strong teaching across Key Stage 1, and a clear focus on reading, vocabulary and personal development ensure that pupils are exceptionally well cared for and well prepared for the next stage of their education.

“Children are unmistakably happy at school.”

The school’s caring leadership, deep knowledge of its children and commitment to helping every pupil flourish make Black Horse Hill Infants a thriving, joyful and forward-thinking school.”

School Roof

After a long wait, our school is getting a brand-new roof! While we will certainly miss the unique charm of hearing the pitter-patter of raindrops inside the building we are thrilled to finally be getting a watertight upgrade.

Because the project will involve scaffolding and roofers working on-site during school hours, we have already met with the Local Authority and contractors to discuss arrangements for health and safety matters. A full site visit has been conducted and robust risk assessments are in place to ensure our primary goal is met: keeping all children and visitors completely safe.

While everything has been carefully planned, the school grounds will look a bit different for a while. We ask that parents and carers take extra care and closely supervise children at all times when they are on school premises. If you ever notice anything that looks amiss or have any safety concerns at all please report them to the school office. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Tree Planting



Every class in school enjoyed their hands-on experience working with the charity Grow-Wellbeing to plant trees in our school grounds. They were absolutely fascinated to learn about the different species of trees, the specific soil and sunlight conditions each one needs to thrive and the benefits they bring to our environment. Beyond the educational learning the children took great pride in knowing that the trees they planted will grow to provide a vital natural shield offering shelter, absorbing emissions and creating a protective barrier from the nearby road for many years to come.

Thank you to the volunteers from Grow Wellbeing for providing us with the trees and helping us plant them out.

Year 2 Assessment Tests

The KS1 Assessments are no longer mandatory for our Year 2 pupils. We have chosen to deliver the optional Statutory Assessment Tests to our children in order to support our teacher assessment judgements and to provide as much information as possible on where our children are working to support the transition to the Junior School. The information about where your child is working across the curriculum will be reported to you in your child's annual report which will be sent to parents on 3rd July.

The government have a leaflet explaining the optional SATs for this year if you require any additional information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/optional-key-stage-1-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Phonic Screening Check

The phonic screening check for Year 1 pupils is still a statutory requirement. Pupils in Year 1 will take the phonic screen w/c 8th June.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb573dad669f061d46b58/Phonics_screening_check_information_for_parents.pdf

Pupils in Year 2 who did not meet the expected standard last year will retake the check again this year.



Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is being held on Saturday 6th June 1-3pm. It will take place at the Junior School. FOBHHS are looking for volunteers to help on the day so if you are able to help, then let Jenn Merrin know. I hope to see lots of you there. This year, children in F2, Yr1 and Yr2 were able to go to the theatre because of the money raised at FOBHHS events. We are also looking to purchase additional equipment for the playground with money raised.

Ready Steady School Meeting 16/6/26 at 9.15am

Parents of children starting F1 or F2 in September 2026 are invited to attend this meeting without their child. There will be an opportunity to meet the EYFS staff and lots of information about the F1 and F2 routines and expectations.

There will also be a team of visitors available should you wish to speak with them. There will be representatives from the Wirral Mental Health Support Team (MHST), School Readiness Officer, school nurses and information from Koala North West and Branch. The visitors can support with toileting, sleeping and much more.

Please confirm with the school office if you intend to attend this meeting.

Uniform

Children should wear school uniform at all times except when it is their PE day. PE day for everyone is a Friday and children should wear black or blue shorts/leggings and a white t-shirt. For safety reasons children need to wear appropriate footwear to school. Sliders, crocs, flip-flops or strappy sandals are not permitted. Socks should also be worn.

Sun Hats

On sunny days all children should wear a sun hat. If your child does not already have a sun hat in school please could a *labelled* hat be sent in, which can be left in school for the remainder of the Summer Term. If you wish to purchase a Black Horse Hill sun hat these are available to buy on ParentPay at a cost of £8.00.

Sun Cream

Parents are requested to apply appropriate sunscreen to their children. This should be applied before the children come to school in the morning. Children should not bring sunscreen into school. If you have any concerns about this please speak to your child's class teacher. We do encourage children to find a shady space on hot days and we do limit time outside if it is extremely hot.

Water Bottles

Children should always have a water bottle in school. These can be refilled throughout the day from the water cooler. Children should only have water in their bottles.

Healthy Body and Healthy Mind week

During the week commencing 22nd June, our children will take part in a variety of activities focused on promoting physical and mental well-being.

Throughout the week, a number of additional activities will take place, each designed to help children learn more about how to take care of their health.



On Wednesday 24th June we will be having our annual Sports Day (weather permitting) and you will find below the times for your child's year group.

- 9am – 10.30am Yr1/Yr2 parents/carers
- 10.45am - 12noon F2 parents/carers

Parents/carers are invited to attend to watch their child take part in a carousel of sports activities. Those of you who have attended before will know that sports activities are set out on the field for children to attempt. They are set out in a circular shape and the children move round the activities on a given signal. Parents/carers can take photographs at the event but they should not be uploaded to social media. If any spectators require seating for the event then please contact the school office or bring your own camping type chair if you can.

If the weather is bad, a decision on whether the event will run will be made at 8.15am on the morning of Sports Day. Parents/Carers will be informed if the event is cancelled via our text to parents system.

Mrs McLeod will be organising activities for F1 across the whole week so that children attending on different days will not miss out.

Please can all children come to school in PE kit on **Monday 22nd, Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th June.**

Mental Health Support Team -Yr2 Workshops

Year 2 will be working with the Wirral Mental Health Support Team (MHST) participating in a series of workshops, based on the 5 ways to Wellbeing. A letter will be emailed to parents prior to the sessions starting to give further information.

The sessions will be on the following dates

Wednesday 10th June - Connect Workshop

Wednesday 24th June - Be Active Workshop

Friday 3rd July - Keep Learning Workshop

Wednesday 8th July - Keep Learning Workshop

Wednesday 15th July - Give Workshop

Wirral Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are offering four drop in 1:1 sessions for parents on Wednesday 3rd June.

The 4 sessions will run from 1pm until 3pm.

1-1.30pm

1.30-2pm

2-2.30pm

2.30-3pm

Please phone or email the school office if you would like to book a session.

The poster is titled 'COME ALONG TO OUR MHST Drop-Ins or 1:1 Discussion' and is part of the NHS Cheshire and Wirral Partnership. It explains that the MHST offers drop-ins and confidential 1:1 discussions to help parents and children. It lists areas of support: Worries, Low Mood, Fears, and Behaviour. It also details what to expect at a drop-in (a relaxed conversation, space to share concerns, practical ideas, guidance on support suitability, and signposting) and at a 1:1 discussion (a confidential 30-minute discussion if you speak to the school's mental health lead, or booking directly with MHST). The poster includes a date '11.29.23' and a website 'www.mymind.co.uk'.

Attendance

I would like to remind parents and carers that, in line with Department for Education (DfE) guidance, we are unable to authorise holidays during term time except in exceptional circumstances. Good attendance is vital to every child's education, as each day builds on the last within our carefully sequenced curriculum. Missing even a few days can disrupt learning and make it harder for children to keep up with their peers.

Year 2 Talent Show

Year 2 children are invited to perform in the end-of-year Talent Show. This will take place on the last day of school and will be performed in front of the younger pupils.

June

- Monday 1st June - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 2nd June - Children return to school
- Wednesday 3rd June - Mental Health support team - drop in for parents
- Friday 5th June - Non Uniform Day- Bottle donation

- Saturday 6th June - Summer Fair 1-3pm
- w/c 8th June - Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
- Monday 8th June - Breakfast Judo club
- Tuesday 9th June - Photographer in school for class photographs
- Friday 12th June - Year of Reading Pyjamarama event (Children to come to school in their pyjamas on this day - book related activities) £1 donation for Booktrust
- Tuesday 16th June - Ready, Steady School presentation for F1 and F2 parents @9.15am
- Thursday 18th June - New F1 and F2 children classroom visit 3.30pm-4.30pm
- w/c 22nd June - Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Week
- Wednesday 24th June Sports Day - (9-10.30am Yr1/2 parents, 10.45-12 F2 parents)
- Monday 29th June - Open Classroom for F2, Yr1 and Yr2 Parents 2.40pm
- Tuesday 30th June - Welcome to F2 picnic (details to follow)

July

- Wednesday 1st July - Welcome to F2 picnic (details to follow)
- Wednesday 1st July - Yr3 teachers to visit Yr2 am and Yr2 visit Juniors pm
- Friday 3rd July - Reports out to parents/carers
- Wednesday 8th July - F2 Class Assembly at 2.15pm
- Thursday 9th July - F1 Crafts and Summer Sing Along at 9.15pm
- Thursday 9th July - New F1 and F2 children classroom drop in 4.30pm-5.30pm
- Friday 10th July - School Disco
- Monday 13th July - Year 1 Assembly at 2.15pm
- Tuesday 14th July - Year 2 Class Assembly at 2.15pm
- Wednesday 15th July - Rock Steady Concert at 2.15pm (invited guests only)
- Friday 17th July - Year 2 Talent Show
- Friday 17th July - Finish for Summer- Non Uniform Day

September

- Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September - Staff Development Days
- Thursday 3rd September - Children return to school
Please note children starting in F2 children will be in school on Thursday **or** Friday this week.
All F2 children will be in school on Monday 7th September.

Staff Development Days for academic year 2026-27

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027
- Wednesday 21st July 2027

Yours sincerely,

Julie Morris
Headteacher