



Blanche Nevile Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Children,

It has been a really busy half term (I know I say that every half term!) .

There have been lots of exciting and educational trips and enrichment experiences and I would like to commend our pupils for their great behaviour and being good role models for the school .

They are great ambassadors for our school when they are out and about. I would also like to thank our wonderful and dedicated staff for all their hard work . Trips and enrichment take additional work and our staff go that extra mile to make these happen. Thank you ! There are lots of exciting events to look forward in the last half term of the academic year —please do see the key dates in this newsletter . This term we said goodbye to Ben and Fernanda who have now left Blanche Nevile. We are delighted to be welcoming Helen Taylor , the substantive Head back after the half term . I know she is looking forward to catching up with staff and students and she will be attending some of the events to see parents too .

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our wonderful school and wish you all a very happy half term break.

Best wishes,

Karen Khwaja

Interim Head

Conor's Class

This half term, Year 1 have been making the most of the beautiful weather with some exciting and adventurous trips! As part of our class topic *Amazing Architects*, we visited Kenwood House and Highpoint, where the pupils explored different styles of buildings and learned more about the work of famous architects. Linking with our *Plants* topic in Science, we also enjoyed a fantastic visit to Kew Gardens, where we explored a wide variety of plants and were amazed by the stunning glasshouse. Plenty of outdoor learning gave us the perfect chance to investigate building features and identify parts of plants in real life - what a brilliant way to bring our topics to life! We look forward to continuing with these exciting topics for a couple of weeks after the half term break before diving into our brand-new topic!



Claire's Class

Our Early Years class have enjoyed getting stuck into acting out and retelling classic stories as part of their 'Traditional Tales' topic. To top this off, the Reception children put on a stellar performance of 'The Magic Paintbrush' in their first ever class assembly for the whole school. They put a lot of work into rehearsals and everyone was very impressed with how confidently they performed their roles. We are all very proud of our little stars!



Jodie's Class

In Year 2, our topic has been *Growing Up*, and we've really enjoyed learning all about how plants grow. We explored seeds and bulbs, and even planted our own. Our bean plants are already climbing, and our bulbs have just started to sprout—very exciting!

In Maths, we've been learning about length, height, and mass. We've used this knowledge to measure our plants and discuss whose is the tallest or shortest plant. We ended the half term with a lovely trip to Kew Gardens alongside Year 1—it was the perfect way to bring our learning to life and look at the many different types of plants!



BSL Sessions (enquiries to primary@blancheneville.org.uk)

Mondays	10am-12pm On zoom	BSL Level 1
Tuesdays	10am-12pm On zoom	BSL Level 2
Thursdays	9.30am—10.30am In school	BSL for beginners

Simon's Class

This half term, the children have been swept away by our From Source to Sea topic, with learning flowing through every subject. We explored famous rivers, recalling facts about the Nile and the Thames and diving deep into the Amazon River. The children created brilliant fact sheets packed with information about the river's journey through the rainforest.

In literacy, we wrote powerful river poems using metaphor, personification, and rhyme to bring the water to life. In maths, we continued our learning about fractions, building confidence with unit fractions, non-unit fractions, and adding and subtracting.

We ventured out on two exciting trips! At Queen's Wood, we discovered the source of the Moselle River and spotted one of its tributaries. Our big adventure to Lee Valley Country Park let us observe river wildlife with binoculars, learn more about ecosystems, and see river features like meanders and tributaries up close. We have one more trip coming up after the half-term linking to this topic.

It's been a term full of creativity, curiosity, and connection to the natural world. We're so proud of the children's enthusiasm and progress. We wish you a restful and refreshing break from the Year 3 team.



Sarah's Class

Although this half term has been short, Year 5 and 6 have managed to be just as busy as usual. In Literacy we are really enjoying The Fire Work Maker's Daughter and taking on the role of Lila through our writing. Please check Seesaw for our performances of the letters we wrote from Lila's perspective... and please note although they seem very angry, the children are just showing off their amazing performance and acting skills! Last week was testing week and all of the children did very well and coped with the formality of the tests superbly. They really showed how much they have matured over this year as well as what they have learned academically.

Then, as an end of testing week treat, the class went ice skating, which was a fun and challenging way to end the week! Go team 5 and 6!



Important Dates

End of Summer 1	Friday 23rd of May 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 26th of May 2025
Half term	Monday 26th—Friday 30th May 2025
Start of Summer 2	Monday 2nd of June 2025
Blanche Nevile Family Day (Primary)	Friday 13th of June 2025
Year 6 Transition Days	Wednesday 9th of July and Thursday 10th of July 2025
Last day of Summer 2	Monday 21st of July 2025 12.30pm finish

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!

Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed a range of trips and visitors and the lovely weather has been an extra treat. They also loved their skateboard and scooter training and we hope they can apply their newly learnt skills over the half term.

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.

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.

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 celebration day on the afternoon of Friday 13th June. We do hope you can join us! So make sure you keep it free.

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.

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

Best wishes,

Kathryn

Head of School

