

Blackhall Primary School



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Friday, 29th August, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last time, it was a welcome to our new children and families and now it's a welcome back to our P7s, as they return from camp! They have returned safe, sound and spent from a week of climbing, canoeing, caving, snowboarding (yup!), gorge-walking, eating, talking, laughing... You may notice that 'sleeping' is not listed among these things! All part of the experience.



Calendar

The table below has an outline for events happening throughout our school year. Please make a note of those relevant to you and your family. Any additions or changes will be made and shared with you as soon as possible.

SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday, 2nd September	4-5pm – Meet the Teacher for P7
Wednesday, 3rd	4-5pm – Meet the Teacher
Friday, 5th	ASN Coffee Morning in Staff Room
Wednesday, 10th	Parent Carer Council Meeting at 7pm in Blackhall Staff Room – all parents and carers welcome!
Friday, 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">11am – P7 Parents and Carers invited to the Lagganlia Assembly in the big hall"DREAM About Festivals" - All Parents and Carers invited to see the learning, 11:30am in the playground.
Monday, 15th	SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY – School Closed
Wednesday, 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flu Vaccines in schoolJRSO Group attend City

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	<p>Chambers Event with Mr Jackson and Mrs Hazel-Dunn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Blackhall PSA Meeting of the session in the School Staff Room at 7:30pm.
Friday, 19th	Royal High School Open Afternoon for Parents/Carers
Sunday, 28th September	Parents Booking system open for Parent Consultation appointments
OCTOBER	
Thursday, 2nd	Parent/Carer Consultation 4-7pm
Friday, 3rd	Parent Consultation 1-4pm
Saturday, 4th	PSA Autumn Fair - tbc
Tuesday, 7th	P7 ASN Coffee Morning in School with Laura Paterson (RHS Transition Teacher)
Friday, 10th	Autumn House Event in School – house colours encouraged
Monday, 13th – Friday, 17th	OCTOBER HOLIDAY
Monday, 20th	School closed to pupils. INSET Day for Staff.
Tuesday, 22nd	All Pupils Return
Week Beg 27th	Termly Newsletter Home
Monday 27th	Sports Hall Athletics Meadowbank Stadium P6 Event for 30 children
Tuesday, 28th	SWIMMING SESSIONS BEGIN – P5F (9 Sessions)
NOVEMBER	
Wednesday, 5th (TBC)	New P1 Parents Open Day: 9:15am-10:15am and 1:15pm-2:15pm
Thursday, 6th and Friday, 7th	School Photos – Family and Individual

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Friday, 7th November (TBC)	PSA Hallowe'en Discos: P1+2 – 3-4:30pm P3, 4, 5 – 5-6:30pm P6+7 – 7-8:30pm
Wednesday, 12th	P7s to the Risk Factory
DECEMBER	
Monday, 1st	House Event – Winter Banners Parent/Carers welcome to come along to help!
Friday, 5th	9:30am – P1 Nativity
Monday 8th	P7 Girls' Netball Competition New Meadowbank
Friday, 12th	9-10:30am Winter Wonderland Walkabout and Open Morning – all parents and carers welcome.
Monday, 15th	Whole School to Blackhall St Columba's Parish Church for Assembly (P6 Parents/Carers welcome to join us)
Monday 15th	P7 Girls' Netball Competition The Oriam
Tuesday, 16th	WHOLE SCHOOL TO PANTO, ALHAMBRA THEATRE (Snow White)
Friday, 19th	P7 to Interactive Nativity Trail at St Columba's END OF TERM
JANUARY	
Tuesday, 6th	New Term Starts
Week beg 12th	Termly Newsletter home
Monday 26th	P6 Girls' Netball Festival New Meadowbank
FEBRUARY	
Monday 2nd	P6 / P7 Wardie Cross Country Race

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Monday 9th	P6 / P7 Saughton Cross Country Race
Thursday, 12th	P7 School Show at RHS, 7pm.
Monday, 16th – Friday, 20th	FEBRUARY BREAK
MARCH	
Monday 16th	P6 / P7 Mixed Netball Tournament New Meadowbank
Thursday, 26th	Parent Consultation, 4-7pm
Thursday 26th	Swimming Gala Commonwealth Pool
Friday, 27th	Parent Consultation, 1-4pm
APRIL	
Thursday, 2nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School to Blackhall St Columba's Parish Church for Spring Assembly (TBC) • End of Term
Tuesday, 21st	All return to school
Thursday, 23rd April	Open Afternoon for Parents and Carers – Come in and see the learning!
Week beg 27th	Termly Newsletters home
Monday 27th	Inverleith Cross Country Race
MAY	
Monday, 4th	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 5th	No Pupils – Staff INSET
Thursday, 7th (TBC)	Edinburgh Evening News to take P7 class photos
Monday 11th	Interscholastics (P7 Event) Meadowbank
Monday, 18th	VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 19th	Walk to School Week – Sponsored active week at BPS (TBC)
Wednesday, 20th	New P1 Parents and Carers Induction Evening

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Friday, 22nd	Sports Day
Friday, 29th	Sports Day – alternative day
Friday, 29th	P5, 6, 7 Reports home by this date
JUNE	
Monday 1st	P7 Girls' Netball Competition
Friday, 5th	P2, P3, P4 Reports home by this date
Thursday, 11th - tbc	Parent Carer Council and Parent Staff Association AGM 7-8:30pm
Friday, 12th	"STeAM Ahead in Sports" Event for Parents and Carers
Monday 15th	P6 Girls' Netball Competition
Tuesday, 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P7s to transition day at RHS • New P1 Meet the Teacher Event for new Parents/Carers and children
Wednesday, 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P7s to transition day at RHS • New P1 Meet the Teacher Event for new Parents/Carers and children - tbc • New House Captains Hustings
Thursday, 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P7s to transition day at RHS
Friday, 19th	P1 Reports – Home by this date
Monday, 22nd	'Blackhall's Got Talent'
Wednesday, 24th	END OF TERM OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY
Friday, 26th June	LAST DAY OF TERM

We have started to post some of the sporting events planned for 2025-26 and Mr Gardner will keep you updated throughout the year.

Please note these upcoming key dates:

- **Tuesday, 2nd September, 4-5pm** – P7 only for Meet the Teacher
- **Wednesday, 3rd September, 4-5pm** – P1-6 Meet the Teacher Event. All Parents and Carers welcome into school to meet your child's new

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teacher. We are trialling a slightly earlier time and will be asking for your feedback on that evening.

- **Wednesday, 10th September, 7pm** – Parent Carer Council Meeting in school staff room. All welcome!
- **Friday, 12th September** – Whole School DREAM Assembly in our playground at 11:30am to share our Drama, Expressive Arts and Music learning. Our theme this year is: "DREAM About Festivals!"
- **Wednesday, 17th September, 7:30pm** – Parent Staff Association (PSA) Meeting in school staff room. All welcome!



Parent Carer Council Meeting – Wednesday, 10th Sept at 7pm

The PCC has invited Jackie Reid, Director of Education in Edinburgh, to join the meeting, discussing our goals to improve the playing and sports facilities for our children. How might these be better supported centrally? The Meeting will begin at 7pm with Ms Reid joining us at 7:30pm. It is sure to be an interesting and productive meeting and all are welcome, as ever.



Please come along to share your views and be heard. We are aiming to have some strong pupil voice support to ensure some input from the most important of stakeholders!

Parent Staff Association – Wednesday, 17th September at 7:30pm

Our PSA is such an active and vital part of our Blackhall Community and, with the Autumn Fair only 5 weeks away, why not come along and hear the plans to raise money in a fun way for our school and children.

There are 2 vacancies to be filled: Vice-Chair and Secretary. Many hands make light work and if either of these roles appeals to you, please come along and get involved! Thanks!



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Captains' Log!

Knowing that they would be freshly (?) returned from Camp at the time of today's Newsletter, our ever-resourceful Captains wrote a blurb before they went! Brilliant!



Here is the House Captain update.

Lagganlia was amazing (well, we have not been yet but we are optimistic!).

We have recently had our first official meeting where we went round the classes to organise portraits for the lovely teachers and staff in our school.

We have also been busy delivering milk and counting house pennies. All Houses have already passed £1 so keep it up!

We, and all the P7s, have also really enjoyed visiting and playing with our Primary 1s.

That is all from the House Captains – at least for now...

Edie, Holly, Jessica, Faith, Sam, Rory, Fraser and Henry

Have a lovely weekend, Blackhall. See you on Monday!

Kirsty

