



Blackshaw Moor CofE First School

Weekly Newsletter

Learning together, rooted in God

21st - 25th September 2026

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A Note From Mrs Crawfordth

As we settle back into the new school year, can I please remind parents, and inform any new parents, of our school Heroes of Change Challenges. I have attached a copy of the original letter that we sent out when we launched the challenges and we have attached the booklet of challenges to the email with this newsletter. Any new parents will find a copy of the booklet in their child's reading bag. It was really good to see the children completing the challenges last year and children were happy to achieve badges for their lanyards in the celebration worships on Fridays. We will continue to work with the children on some of the challenges that can be completed at school. Once all the challenges are achieved, children will get to keep their lanyard at home and will start again with a new one. We do not expect all the challenges to be completed immediately, they will continue to complete them as they go through school. Thanks for your support with this.



What's New

September 2026 Year of Reading

Thank you to everyone who has sent in photos for the September reading challenge. Please continue to send these in as we love looking at them.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This Friday (25th) we will be having our Macmillan Coffee Morning from 9am to 11am. Everyone is welcome to come along and children will be able to join any family members to enjoy a drink and cake. We would appreciate any donations of cake, bought or homemade. Can these be sent into school on Thursday please so we can see how much we have got beforehand. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you all.

PTFA AGM

PTFA will be holding their AGM on Wed 30th Sept 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Please all come along to hear about the work of the PTFA and share ideas for future event.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 1st October at St. Matthew's Church at 10am. We ask that children bring small gifts of food to be blessed during the service. These will then be given to our elderly and unwell neighbours on the estate and any remaining food will be donated to Leek food bank. Children can bring the food in a small gift bag or box. Please be aware that children need to be able to carry their gifts on and off the bus and into church, so nothing too heavy or too large please. Everyone is welcome to come along to the service.

Churnet View Cross Country Event

Churnet View Middle School would like to invite children from years 1 - 4 to a cross country event on Tuesday 6th October at 4pm. Years 1 and 2 will be doing 600m and years 3 and 4 will be doing 1000m. Churnet View have asked us to let them know numbers of children attending so if you plan to go, can you let us know so we can inform them. Thanks.

Community Forest Service

Please see the flyer later in the newsletter about some free resources to help families embrace autumn through a range of creative and simple seasonal activities to support the health, wellbeing and happiness of the whole family.

Big Bounce

Please see the information later in the newsletter.

This Week's Highlight

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 9am until 11am.



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Awards of the Week

Stars of the week:

Mrs Gordon: Indi M

Mrs Shaw:

Mrs Worrall: Izaak W

Busy Bees: Jack C

Mrs Picken: Isaac W

Mrs Corden:

Forest School award - Jack C

Values:

Courage: Cohen B, Emmy C

Friendship: Ayda R, Rosie G, Cohen B

Respect: Izaak W

Golden Table: Darcey G, Emily S, Isla D, Ava T, Amelia B and they have chosen Rosie G, Edie L, Aubree F, Poppy D & Jack C

Clean plate: Archie B

Team Points: Blackshaw Brigade

Hero Certificates: Charlotte G, Mabel W, Phoebe T, Cohen B

Reading Tree 100:

Heroes of Change challenges:

Worship Council

That you shall have life, life in all its fullness
(John 10:10)

The worship council will be leading a worship this week.

Upcoming Events

Fri 25 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am -11am
Thurs 1 st Oct	Harvest at St Matthew's at 10am
Thurs 1 st Oct	Community First Responder for Restart a Heart Day
Mon 12 th Oct	Parent Consultation Evening
Tue 13 th Oct	Parent Consultation Evening
Fri 23 rd Oct	School breaks up for half term
Tues 3 rd Nov	School opens for children

Club News

Superstars is available every day. Childcare is available 8am - 8.45am and 3.30pm to 5.30pm Mon - Thurs but after school **finishes at 4.30pm on Friday**. Please book this in advance through Arbor. If you need to contact the club when it is running, please use the number **07964 725263** as the school phone may go to answerphone and the message not be picked up in time. Thank you.

The clubs within Superstars are on until 4.30pm and include:

Monday – Loom Band and Lego club

Tuesday – Construction Club starts 15th Sept

Wednesday – Cookery club starts 16th Sept

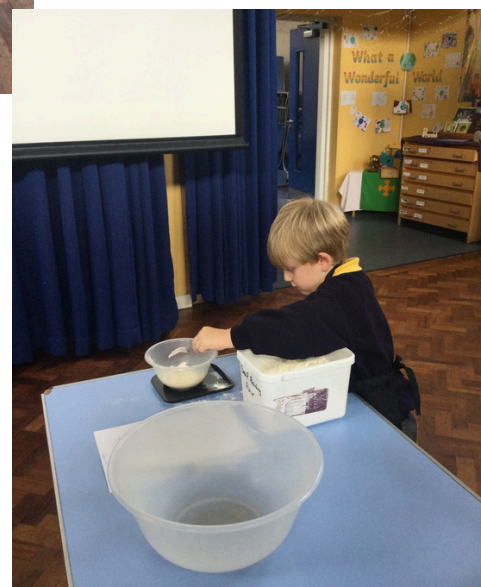
Thursday – Computers and Crafts

Friday - No planned club, session finishes for all at 4.30pm

School News

Cooking club

Children made cheese and tomato muffins.



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Construction Club

Children were set the challenge of who could build the strongest bridge. All children enjoyed working with their friends to achieve the challenge.





Dear Parents and carers,

As you will have seen in recent newsletters, we are launching our new Heroes of Change challenges throughout school. We have created a list of challenges for the children to complete at home and at school. Ten of the challenges are about making a change and having an impact in yourself, ten that are about making a change and having an impact of the school and local community and ten that are about making a change or having an impact on the world.

In school, each child will have a booklet with the challenges in and a record of how many they have achieved. Each child will be given a lanyard to keep in school and when they have achieved 5 challenges, they will be able to choose a badge to attach to their lanyard as shown in the picture.

We are sending home a leaflet for you to keep at home so that you can help your children achieve these challenges. **We do not expect them to complete them all immediately.** They will have the booklets throughout school and we will replace them when they have completed all the challenges. We ask that if your child completes a challenge at home, these are shared through Seesaw so we can praise them and record their completion. Some of the impact on the world challenges will be completed through school as we have recently signed up to become a Plastic Free School and will be working on this together.

Our aim is to develop children's character and instil values, ethics and social skill to help children become responsible, empathetic and ethical individuals.

We look forward to supporting and celebrating the success of children as they achieve their challenges and thank you in advance for your support with this.

Kind regards,

Sam Crawforth

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SECRETS OF THE SEASON AUTUMN EDITION



**4-week online course starting
Wednesday 30th September**

**Discover the beauty of the season! Immerse yourself
in the wonders of Autumn through this online
course, full of flexible ideas to enjoy as a family.**

Families will learn how to make the most of this special time
of year, through a range of creative activities and simple,
seasonal ideas. Drawing upon the Hygge ethos, you will
connect with the season and embrace the changing season,
to support the health, wellbeing and happiness of the whole
family. Suitable for all ages.

This is a 12-hour online course held over 4 weeks, delivered
through an introductory zoom session, themed weekly email
packs and access to digital resources.

Staffordshire residents can join this course for FREE. For
those living outside Staffordshire there is a cost of £30.



**Contact Rebecca to reserve your place or find out
more - 07525 120117 /
Communityforestservices@gmail.com**

2026 BIG BOUNCE

Kids Giant Indoor Inflatable Play Event

Sunday 27th September
MyACTIVE LEEK

LEISURE CENTRE - ST13 6AT

VISIT YOUR NEW CENTRE

**90 Minutes Unlimited Play on a
Huge Indoor Arena Full of Supervised
Inflatables & Interactive Games**

100% Inflatable FUN

Ideal for 4 - 12 year olds

Bouncy Castles - Slides - Leap of Faith
Obstacle Courses - Sports Games - £1 Refreshments
Under 5's Zone - WARRIOR WALL - Disco Dome
Total Wipeout Sweeper - Nerf Gun Shootout
Axe Throwing - Big Bounce Challenges



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