

Happy New Year!

May we take this opportunity to convey my very best wishes to you at the start of the Spring term.

In this first term, our Year 5 will be introduced to the Author, William Shakespeare, and will explore one of his plays—The Merchant of Venice. They will use a range of drama conventions whilst studying his work. Year 5 will be working with an amazing creative lead, Mr Leigh Wolmarans, and will spend the day tomorrow exploring the play creatively.

This is a wonderful experience for the whole school to engage in the same text and work to produce writings and art from one of the world's great literary authors.

Look out for the opportunity to purchase tickets for the production of Romeo and Juliet, another one of Shakespeare's writings, here at Blackthorn Primary in February.

Lead Family Support Worker

We will be welcoming the return of our Lead Family Support Worker, Miss Hillyard, from her maternity leave this week. She will be working a couple of mornings and afternoons before returning fully to her role in March.

Uniform

It has been a joy to see our pupils return to school dressed smartly in their school uniform. Just a reminder that in addition to black school shoes, pupils may also wear black trainers, not a range of various colours.

School Lunches

Reminder—Please book and pay for your child's school lunch in advance via your School Grid account.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday—Year 5 Shakespeare Day

Wednesday—Film Club YR's 1-6, 3.15-5.00p—£2/session

Thursday—Homework Club—YR's 1-6, 3.15-4.30pm

Multi-Sports—YR's 1,2 & 3, 3.15-4.30pm

Friday— Netball Club YR's 4,5 & 6, 3.15-4.30pm

Year 5—Swimming (invited children) - returning to school at 3.30pm

PE Days

Wednesday - Years 1 & 2—AM
Year 4—PM

Thursday— Treetops—AM
Year 6—PM

Friday - Year 5—AM
Year 3—PM

Please make sure your child has their full PE kit in school on their PE day.



Orchard Nursery

Are you a working parent of a 3 or 4 year old?

You can get 30 hours of free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year (during school term time).

Eligibility

Your eligibility depends on:

If you are working,

Your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)

Your child's age and circumstances, or

On shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave

To apply, please visit [Apply for 30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-30-hours-free-childcare)

We will also be offering additional paid sessions, starting from 8.00 and ending the day at 5.00pm.

Prices from September 2023 will be -

- £3.00 per breakfast club session (8.00 - 8.30am)
- £3.50 per lunch club session (11.30 - 12.30pm)
- £15.00 per additional AM or PM session (8.30 - 11.30am or 12.30 - 3.30pm)
- £6.00 per afterschool care session (3.30 - 5.00pm)

All sessions must be prebooked and prepaid a week in advance.

Call us on 01604 407254 for more information or to arrange a visit to the Nursery

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Schools Trips

Year 3—Chester House, 21st March, £11.00.

Year 4—Think Tank Museum, Birmingham, 28th February, £24.00.

For further details and to make payment, please log-on to your ParentPay account.

*Mrs Johnson Head of School
Mrs Williams Executive Headteacher
Monday 8th January 2024*