

# BLACK LANE CP SCHOOL

...Aiming high, achieving your best!

## NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



### Wizard of Oz

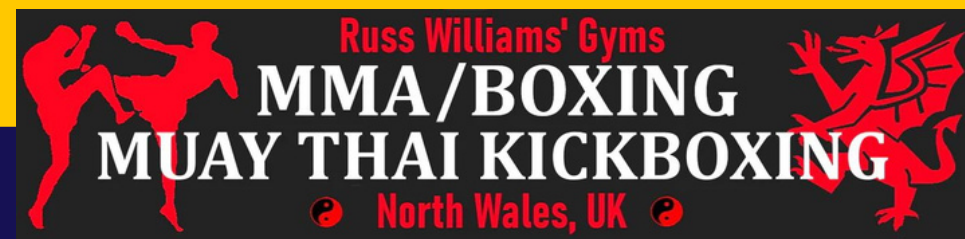
Our pupils recently enjoyed a fantastic visit to the pantomime at William Aston Hall, Glyndŵr University in Wrexham. The children had a wonderful time, and we received an abundance of positive feedback from both pupils and staff. The performance was full of energy, laughter, and memorable moments.

It was especially lovely to spot some familiar faces from our own school community taking part in the show, which made the experience even more special for the children.



### Kickboxing & Martial Arts Taster Sessions

Children in Years 3–6 recently had the exciting opportunity to take part in taster sessions with Russ Williams, learning kickboxing and martial arts skills. These sessions were a fantastic way for pupils to develop confidence, coordination, and discipline while trying something new and fun! A big thank you to Russ Williams for delivering such engaging and energetic workshops. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and came away inspired!



### Teams4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal

As a school, we are proud to have put together 17 shoeboxes for Teams4U, which have now been shipped to children in need this Christmas. Each class focused on a specific age group, ensuring that every box was filled with thoughtful and useful gifts.

A huge thank you to all our families for your incredible generosity and support in making a difference to children's lives this festive season. Your kindness truly matters!



We would also like to extend a special thank-you to Mrs Hughes and her husband for their generous donation towards the oranges used to create our Christingles. Their kindness helped make this year's celebration especially meaningful for the children.

### Christingle Service – A Wonderful Celebration

Children from Reception to Year 6 walked to St. Paul's Church to take part in our Christingle Service. It was a truly special occasion where the children learned about the meaning of Christingle and reflected on Jesus as the Light of the World.

The service was filled with beautiful singing, thoughtful prayers, and the joy of creating Christingles. We are so proud of how well the children represented our school and embraced this important tradition.

A big thank you to St. Paul's Church for welcoming us and to all the staff and volunteers who helped make this event possible. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved!

## Rocksteady Workshops Have Started!

We are thrilled to announce that Rocksteady Music School has begun their exciting workshops here at school! It has been wonderful to see (and hear!) all the pupils currently taking part and enjoying making music together.

If your child is in Reception to Year 6 and would like to join, it's not too late! Rocksteady offers a fantastic opportunity for children to learn an instrument, play in a band, and build confidence through music. For more information or to sign up, please visit the Rocksteady website or contact the school office.

# ROCK STEADY



## KS2 STEM Trip

As part of our Stori Brymbo topic, our pupils recently visited the STEM Lab at Ysgol Clywedog for an exciting hands-on experience. Each class took part in two engaging sessions, where they used Lego Spike Prime to build a Training Tracker and became members of the Invention Squad! This fantastic opportunity allowed our children to develop key skills in computing, problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork.

The STEM Lab, managed by Wrexham Council's Schools ICT team, provides schools with access to cutting-edge Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths resources, and we were thrilled to make the most of this amazing facility.



## Xplore Science and Faith Workshops

Our KS2 pupils recently had the fantastic opportunity to take part in Xplore's Science and Faith activities here. These engaging workshops encouraged learners to explore ideas through hands-on experiences:

- All One Body – Pupils discovered how teamwork helps build a strong community. They investigated different systems within the human body and explored how various roles within faith can support a thriving community.
- Building Wisdom – This session took pupils on a journey to understand how strength and stability are built, including the incredible foundations of places of worship constructed hundreds of years ago.

These workshops were a way to combine science, creativity, and reflection, helping our pupils develop both knowledge and wisdom.



# Come and See/Play sessions

A parent/carer is invited to come and see what the children have been learning about so far. Please see the classes, dates and times below.

**All sessions are limited to 1 adult per child due to capacity.**

## Moel Famau

**3rd March**

**10<sup>th</sup> March**

**9:10am-10:10am**

**Each EE/Nursery child may have one parent attend on one allocated date that you will be invited to closer to the time.**

## Moel Hebog

**12th March**

**13:30pm-**

**15:00pm**

## Moel Siabod

**11th March**

**13:30pm-**

**15:00pm**

## Cadair Idris

**23rd March**

**14:00pm-**

**15:00pm**

## Tryfan

**23rd March**

**14:00pm-**

**15:00pm**

## Yr Wyddfa

**23rd March**

**14:00pm-**

**15:00pm**

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Year 3 – Year 6 Christmas Concert</b>	Wednesday 17th December	09:30AM – 10:30AM	Limit of 2 tickets per concert due to space.
<b>Reception – Year 2 Christmas Concert</b>	Wednesday 17th December	13:30PM – 15:00PM	Limit of 2 tickets per concert due to space.
<b>Training Day</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>ALL DAY</b>	School Closed for Children
<b>Training Day</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	<b>ALL DAY</b>	School Closed for Children
<b>Back to school</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	<b>ALL DAY</b>	School Open for Children
<b>Glan Llyn Residential trip Y 3 &amp; 4</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>TH</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>TH</sup> January	<b>Overnight stay</b>	Years 3 and 4 to attend Residential trip. Overnight stay.
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20th February	<b>5 days</b>	School Closed for Children
<b>Come and Play session (Nursery and EE)</b>	Tuesday 3rd March	09:10AM – 10:10AM	Half of nursery and EE parents will be invited to stay and play with their child. Limited to 1 adult per child.
<b>Eistedfodd</b>	Friday 6th March	<b>ALL DAY</b>	Children to come dressed in Welsh costumes or Welsh Colours
<b>World Book Day</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>ALL DAY</b>	Children can come dressed as a favourite book character and share their favourite book.
<b>Come and Play session (Nursery and EE)</b>	Tuesday 10th March	09:10AM – 10:10AM	Half of nursery and EE parents will be invited to stay and play with their child. Limited to 1 adult per child.
<b>Cardiff Residential Trip – Yr5&amp;6</b>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>2 night stay</b>	Payment plan in place, Families on low incomes may be able to claim remission for cost.
<b>Parents Evening(s)</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> March	15:15pm – 17:00pm	Parents can book a slot using an online booking system. This will be released close to the time
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>ALL DAY</b>	School Open for Children
<b>Training Day</b>	Monday 13th April	<b>ALL DAY</b>	School Closed for Children

### Online payments

Snack, events and trip payments must be made in advance via ParentPay. School meals and Breakfast Club sessions must also be booked and paid for in advance. For help, please see Mrs Blackmore.



### Attendance & Punctuality

We are following Wrexham's new Attendance Policy.

Please visit [www.blacklaneschool.co.uk](http://www.blacklaneschool.co.uk) to view the policy in full. Where possible dental, hospital & other appointments should be made out of school hours and holiday requests will no longer be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.



### Class Dojo

Class Dojo messages may not be seen the same day by class teachers. If you need to share an urgent or important message, please contact Mrs Blackmore or call the school office. If no one is available to answer, please leave a voicemail – someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

### Snack

Snacks brought from home should consist solely of a selection of fruit or vegetables. This is in line with the school's Healthy Eating Guidelines.

### Reporting absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to call us at 01978 757959 and leave a message on the absence voicemail by 9:30 AM.



### Free School Meals

All pupils receive a free lunch through the Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme. However, if you are eligible, we strongly encourage you to still apply. Applications help the Welsh Government direct funding to schools and may also give you access to support such as the School Essentials Grant.

To apply please follow the link:  
<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-meals/free-school-meals>

### Staff Car Park

This is a polite reminder that parents and guardians are not allowed to use the staff car park. This is due to Health and Safety of everyone.



### Water Bottles

We encourage all children to drink regularly throughout the day, please ensure your child has a water bottle every day.

**Contact: 01978 757959**

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