

# Blofield Bulletin

News & information for Parents/ Carers

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## WELCOME TO SPRING TERM 2025

'Happy New Year' to all our children, staff, families and community. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Holiday and feel rested and ready for lots of brilliant activities and learning this term.



## ATTENDANCE

As we start a new term, we would like to remind all parents/carers regarding attendance.



### BEING ON TIME

The school gates open at 08.45 a.m. so **please ensure your child(ren) arrive at school from 08.45 and before 08.55 a.m.** Our school day starts in classrooms at 08.55 a.m. The teachers take the class registers and then lessons begin. The children need to be in their classrooms and ready to start learning at the beginning of the school day. Arriving late distracts the class and may also mean the child(ren) miss some key information for that lesson or days activities. It also creates additional work, as the registers need to be amended.

### ILLNESS/ MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Thank you for contacting the School Office last term if your child(ren) was/were absent from school. It helps us update and complete the registers quickly in the mornings and enables us to complete other key tasks promptly. Please contact the School Office before 08.55 a.m. if your child(ren) is/are going to be absent from school. Remember you can leave a voicemail message anytime before the School Office opens at 08.30 a.m.

The DFE have produced the following document: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) which you may find useful if you are in doubt.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Guidance from Norfolk County Council on School Attendance and Legal Intervention was sent to all parents/carers in September and is available on the school website: <https://www.blofieldprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Attendance&pid=15>



Please ensure you read the document, so you understand the process if you wish to take your child out of school.

**An application for a leave of absence must be made in advance and if the school does not receive an application in advance of the leave, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.**

If you have any queries regarding attendance at school, please contact the School Office and we will be happy to help.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember to book your child's lunch via Parentpay before 8.00 a.m. each day. Can you also remember to make sure your child knows what has been ordered for them so as to avoid confusion and upset at lunchtime.



## SCHOOL MEAL CHANGE 16.01.25

Please note that there has been a change of menu for **16 January** so if you had already ordered a meal for that day you will have to go back in and re-order. Our apologies for any inconvenience.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT



All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals' but if you are in receipt of benefits you may be eligible for extra funding for the school called Pupil Premium, which we in turn use to support the children. This also means that your child may qualify for Free School Meals in Years 3-6 and we can help with subsidizing your child's school trips and other activities.

If you think you are eligible please contact the school office for a form to complete. We can then submit your form to Norfolk County Council and they will confirm if you are eligible. Alternatively you can use the link for more information or to apply on line. <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

## LOST PROPERTY

Our boxes of lost property will be outside the School Office every morning next week and please check the boxes if your child is missing any items. Remaining items in the boxes will be recycled next Friday



## SPRING TERM DATES

As a reminder for the Spring Term dates. The last day of school this term is Wednesday 2nd April 2025, children return to school at the new school premises on Thursday 24th April.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27.01.2025 - Year 6 trip to Tollhouse Museum  
17.02.2025 - .02.2024 - Half Term  
03.04.2025 - 23.04.2025 Easter Holiday

