BLOFIELD BULLETIN

Blofield Primary School
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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Friday 9th January 2026

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you are all well and settling into the new term.

Thank you for such a lovely start to the year. The snow certainly brought its challenges, and it is never an easy decision to make around opening a school in those conditions. However, our intention is always to open whenever it is safe to do so, and the team worked brilliantly to ensure this was possible. A huge thank you to everyone for your support and understanding. The children had a wonderful time in the snow—definitely one for the memory banks, and exactly the kind of joyful experiences we hope to create during their time at Blofield Primary.

Now we look ahead to the Spring term, which is already shaping up to be full of exciting opportunities. The choir are getting increasingly excited about their upcoming Young Voices performance at the O2—it's going to be a fantastic day. Alongside this, there are trips, special experiences, and several opportunities for you to come into school and take part in activities with your child.

Over the next week or so, we will be sharing a list of key dates for the spring term. Please do pop these into your diary once they are released. Staff are currently finalising the last few commitments now that everything is fully back up and running. We also recognise that not all families are able to send someone to attend events during the school day, and we completely understand. If a wider family member is able to come along in your place, please do feel free to extend the invitation.

Despite the wet and dreary weather outside, the sunshine has certainly been shining inside school. The children have returned with such positivity about the year ahead, and the team could not be prouder. They are absolutely doing things the Blofield Way.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards,
Vicky Buxton
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance stands at 95.55%

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

BEING ON TIME

Our school day starts in classrooms at 08.55 a.m. The teachers take the class registers and then the day begins. 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. , so they are 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 intervention groups. It also creates additional work, as the registers need to be amended to ensure accuracy.

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) 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: Blofield Primary School - Attendance

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.

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FUN IN THE SNOW

The children have been having lots of fun in the snow at the beginning of the week. Here are a few photos.























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Cheese and Potato Pie

This luxury version of cheesy mash is so popular, it gets requested time and time again!



Serves 4–6

Ingredients list

250g Mature Cheddar – grated

1x Egg – beaten

1x Small Onion – finely diced

2.5ml Oil

1kg Potatoes – peeled and cut

35g Margarine or butter

75ml Milk

Pinch Salt and Pepper

1 Tsp Fresh Parsley – chopped (optional)

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to Gas Mark 4 or 180°C.
2. Boil the potatoes for 20-30 minutes. Drain well and mash with the margarine or butter.
3. Whilst the potatoes are boiling, heat the oil in another pan and gently fry the onions until soft without colour.
4. Add the beaten egg, salt, pepper, onions and most of the grated cheese to the potatoes and mix well.
5. Spoon the potato mixture into a suitable baking dish and sprinkle the remaining cheese on top.
6. Bake in the oven for 40-45 minutes until golden brown.
7. Garnish with parsley and serve.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Breaded Chicken in a Wrap with Steamed Rice and a Dip	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Spaghetti (v)	Homemade Bean Burger in a Wrap with Steamed Rice and a Dip (v)	Plant Sausages with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Tex Mex Chilli Loaded Wedges (v)	Spanish Omelette and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Salad Sticks	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Cocoa Mousse	Jam Sponge with Custard	Chewy Krispie Bar	Apple Crunch with Greek Yogurt	Cocoa Oatcake with Orange Wedges
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Cocoa Mousse	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Salad Sticks, Jam Cupcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Chewy Krispie Bar	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Cocoa Oatcake

Week One: 3 Nov | 24 Nov | 15 Dec | 19 Jan | 9 Feb | 9 Mar — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Chicken Burrito Bake with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Cheese and Potato Pie with Gravy (v)	Plant Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Salad Sticks	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Green Beans	Baked Beans	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Cocoa Orange Cupcake	Shortbread with Apple Wedges	Oaty Cookie	Fruit Jelly	Iced Sprinkle Cake
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Cocoa Orange Cupcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Apple Wedges, Shortbread	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Oaty Cookie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Iced Sprinkle Cake

Week Two: 10 Nov | 1 Dec | 5 Jan | 26 Jan | 23 Feb | 16 Mar — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Pork Chilli Loaded Wedges	Chipolata Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Chinese-Style Chicken with Noodles	Breaded Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada with Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Salad	Carrots and Peas	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Flapjack and Apple Wedges	Cocoa Sponge with Cocoa Sauce	Peach Crunch with Greek Yogurt	Vanilla Ice Cream	Carrot Cake
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Apple Wedges, Flapjack	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Cocoa Cupcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Sultanas, Fruit Portion, Ice Cream	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Carrot Cake

Week Three: 17 Nov | 8 Dec | 12 Jan | 2 Feb | 2 Mar | 23 Mar — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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FunTime Vacancies

We have limited spaces,

Please contact Karen on

office@funtime-club.co.uk

07787402187 or call in anytime to FunTime club after 3.30pm for further information and have a look round

All staff are DBS checked and hold a paediatric First aid certificate

Flexible booking

£20 annual registration per family

£12.50 per session, sibling discount if attend same session

Arts& crafts, construction, role play, outside play socialising even homework.

If you complete registration FunTime club can be used in emergencies or for last minute if space available

Gives you more flexibility to have some me time

We accept most childcare vouchers and the government tax free childcare scheme, Bacs transfer

Children can attend other school activities then can come to FunTime club after