BLOFIELD BULLETIN

Blofield Primary School
Headteacher:
Mrs V Buxton
Tel: 01603 713386

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
Friday 26 September 2025

Headteacher Message

It's hard to believe I've already been in post as Headteacher for three weeks. In many ways, it feels much longer—perhaps because so much has happened already, and all in such a positive spirit.
I've been genuinely touched by the warmth and politeness of our pupils. Regularly, children stop and say hello or ask how I'm doing, which speaks volumes about the culture of kindness here.
Around school, it's heartening to see students showing care and respect for one another—whether it's walking safely on the left in our corridors or simply looking out for each other.
Assemblies have quickly become a highlight of my week, full of energy, reflection, and community.
Wishing everyone a happy, restful, and safe weekend.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you for the improved uniform this week.
The uniform poster is attached for you to refer to should you need to.
Many thanks for parking more considerately and not in our staff car park or doctors surgery car park.

BOOKING FOR PARENTS EVENING

Please log into the Pupil Asset Parent Portal to view available slots for your Parent Evening on either **Tuesday 14 or Tuesday 21 October 2025.** This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and any concerns with their teachers. We encourage all parents and carers to participate and make the most of this valuable time. If you have any questions or need assistance with the booking process, feel free to contact the school office. We look forward to seeing you there!

ATTENDANCE



This week's overall attendance stands at 96.6%

Please see below information regarding Penalty Notice Fines and how they may impact you in the case of any unauthorised absence.

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTA Meeting – Monday 6th October, 6pm
School Meeting Room – All Welcome.
Please join us for our next PTA meeting, where we'll be discussing upcoming events and funding for new school equipment. We'd love to see you there!

Could You Be Our Next Fete Committee Chair?
Our wonderful Leanne Gedge has decided to step down after leading the team to an amazing, fun-filled 2024 fete. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Leanne and her team for all their hard work and dedication.
We're now looking for someone new to take on this exciting role. If you'd be interested, please do get in touch – the PTA team will be on hand to support you in planning and running future fetes.
Please email: blofieldschoolpta@gmail.com blofieldschoolpta@gmail.comieldschoolpta@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 30.9.25 Year 3 visiting TSA for Disney fun morning
- Parents' Evening: Tuesday 14th October and Tuesday 21st October 2025.
- 06.10.25 PTA Meting - All Welcome
- 15.10.25 Donations for Harvest
- 20.10.25 Y3 trip to Gressenhall -
- 24.10.25 Y1 trip to Bridewell Museum
- 14.11.25 Y6 trip to Gressenhall -
- 05.12.25 Y5 trip to Ancient House Museum

Half term Monday 27th October 2025 to 31st October 2025
Back to school Monday 3rd November 2025

PARENT TRAVEL SURVEY

AtoBetter are working with us to improve the school journey, and they'd appreciate your help in understanding how families travel to and from school each day. Whether you walk, drive, cycle, or hop on a bus—they want to hear from you!

As a thank you, everyone who completes the survey (approx. 5 minutes) will be entered into a prize draw to win one of five £10 Amazon Vouchers.

Please complete this survey by 10th October 2025.

AtoBetter School Travel Survey - https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AtoBetterSchoolSurvey/

Learn to Fix Your Bike – Workshop in Blofield!

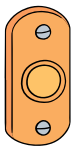
AtoBetter's popular Learn to Fix Your Bike workshops are back — and we're excited to be heading to Margaret Harker Hall, Blofield on Saturday 11 October, 1–4pm!

Join Joe from Mace Cycle Services for a hands-on session where you'll learn how to tackle common bike problems and leave feeling confident to handle quick fixes on your own.

Whether you're a regular rider or just getting started, this workshop is a great way to build your skills and keep your bike in top shape.

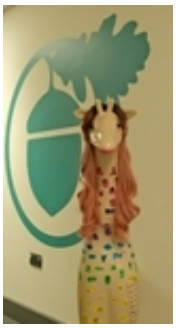
Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid missing out! Click here for more info & to sign up or scan the QR code: https://bit.ly/3LLcXM0.

FUNTIME CLUB INFORMATION



Please ring the bell or call from your mobile phone the number on the poster just inside the main entrance of school. please do not attempt to use the phone in the entrance as that is for the alarm system.

AMY THE GIRAFFE IS BACK



It is lovely to see Amy the Giraffe has returned from her adventures standing in Pure Brides during GoGo Safari. She is happily sitting just inside the main school sliding doors if you have not spotted her.

BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION!

📚 The BBC 500 Words Competition is Now Open!

500 Words is one of the UK's largest and most exciting story-writing competitions for primary-aged children. It celebrates literacy, imagination, and creativity in young writers of all abilities.

✨ Key details:

- Age categories: 5–7 years and 8–11 years
- Focus: Creativity only — spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked
- Prizes: Fantastic prizes to be won
- Final: Finalists will be invited to a very special celebration at Windsor Castle in February 2026, hosted by Her Majesty The Queen 👑

📖 How to get involved:

- To learn more about the rules, visit: The ultimate guide to 500 Words 2025/26 - BBC Teach
- Children are welcome to bring their stories into school to share with Miss Srokowski
- Or they can join her on Thursday lunchtimes in the Year 3 classroom for a dedicated 500 Words workshop.

🗓️ Deadline: Friday 7 November. Entries must be submitted via the link or th QR code on the poster attached.

DOGS AT SCHOOL GATE



When bringing your child to school, please tie up your pets a little further away from the entrance to school as some children are quite nervous of dogs. This is having a negative impact on the start of the day for some children. Many thanks













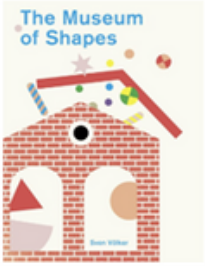
Dracula and Daughters - Emma Carroll
This is the start of a new gothic adventure series, in which three cousins who are descendants of Dracula form a vampire healing company. This story has the reader on tenterhooks throughout, with chases through the dark streets of Temstown, the spine-tingling threat of attack from vengeful creatures and the need for the three brave heroines to complete their dangerous mission before the new moon deadline. Recommended for Key Stage 2.



The Girl Who Raced Around the World - Nat Harrison
Maggie has recently escaped from a workhouse after losing her mum. Her mum had given her a letter to deliver to a Monsieur Passepartout and said that he would help her. In tracking down Monsieur Passepartout, Maggie also finds Mr Fogg, a gentleman who has made a wager that he can travel around the world in only eighty days. She also discovers that Mr Fogg is believed to have stolen a lot of money from a bank in London. Maggie accompanies Mr Fogg and Monsieur Passepartout on their journey around the world and tries to prove Mr Fogg's innocence along the way. Their journey is not a straightforward one – they encounter lots of people along the way, some helpful and some not so helpful. Not everyone wants Mr Fogg to succeed in his endeavour. The story moves at a pace and is a fantastic adventure for Y4 and up.



There Was A Roman in Your Garden - Bettany Hughes
The underpinning idea of this non-fiction book is that an imaginary time capsule has been buried by a Roman child and dug up in the reader's garden. By taking objects as a starting point, Hughes can roughly mirror the processes followed by archaeologists. The book encourages children to think about sources in a critical way, rather than accepting facts on trust. The objects themselves are carefully chosen to enable explanations of different aspects of the Roman world and explore connections and differences between then and now.



The Museum of Shapes - Sven Volker
From its shape-inspired front cover, reminiscent of wooden building blocks found in a playroom, Volker introduces the reader to our curator (what a great word to start building early vocabulary), Alma. The book simply explains what she does and the illustration uses simple shapes to show Alma, complete with a square handbag, bowl haircut, her line lead and her dog, Max, a triangular tag hanging from his collar. A core part of any early years learning is to make maths fun, part of play time and exploration, and the Museum of Shapes is a perfect encapsulation of this principle.



Bear - Natalia Shaloshvili
Bear is a charmingly illustrated story that explores themes of sharing and when it is acceptable to let others know exactly how you feel. When you first pick up Bear you are immediately captivated by the delightful illustrations. Bear is furry, cuddly and has an amusing selection of facial expressions. His friends are a range of other animals who are all drawn by the author in the same charming style. The illustrations immediately make the reader smile and also want to study the pages. Bear is a story that can be shared with very young children. They will enjoy the pattern of the story combined with the delightful illustrations and the humour throughout.

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Norfolk County Council



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued **after 19th August 2024**.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.
For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.
These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.
The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

- The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

BBC

500 WORDS

Fun creative writing competition
for children of all abilities

Tues 23 Sept – 9pm Fri 7 Nov 2025

Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked

BOOKS to be won for schools

Ages 5 – 11



Find out more and enter at
bbc.co.uk/500words

BBC BITESIZE FOR TEACHERS

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Uniform Expectations



School Uniform

Navy-blue crewneck sweatshirt or navy-blue cardigan either plain or with school logo
Navy-blue or dark grey trousers or navy-blue skirt or navy-blue pinafore dress
White polo shirt either plain or with logo
Black shoes



PE Kit

Navy-blue shorts
Polo shirt in the child's House Team colour (either plain or with the school logo)
Trainers
Tracksuit/jogging suit/fleece jacket in cold weather (no logos)
Drawstring PE bag - spare socks

Please ensure clothing doesn't have brand logos and EVERYTHING is named.

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INVITATION
TO PARENTS OF NEW ENTRANTS
FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

We are pleased to invite you to our
OPEN MORNING
on
WEDNESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2025
09:30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

If you wish to attend, please email the school office:
office@blofield.norfolk.sch.uk
or phone school on 01603 713386

Important:
Information regarding the Admission procedure for 2026/27, is available on our school website, www.blofieldprimary.co.uk
Click on the tab 'Key Information'. Full details of how to apply for a place for your child is given under 'Admission Arrangements'.

QUIZ NIGHT



BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY OR JOIN OTHER PARENTS,
AND SEE IF YOU CAN BEAT THE TEACHERS!!

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

SCHOOL HALL
7PM DOORS OPEN - 7:30PM START

£6 PER PERSON - INCLUDES SNACKS
TEAMS OF UP TO 8 PEOPLE
BAR AVAILABLE WITH ALCOHOLIC & SOFT DRINKS
INTERVAL GAMES:
HIGHER & LOWER + HEADS & TAILS (£1 A GO)
CASH & CARD ACCEPTED

TO BOOK YOUR TEAM:

GRAB YOUR TICKETS AT THE WEBSITE BELOW:
BLOFIELD-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-PTA.SUMUPSTORE.COM/PRODUCTS
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.
THEN EMAIL BLOFIELDSCHOOLPTA@GMAIL.COM WITH YOUR
TEAM NAME AND NUMBERS,
SO WE CAN HAVE YOUR TABLE READY
SEE YOU THERE

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Sweet and Sour Chicken with Noodles	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Lentil Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Plant Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons 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	Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Vanilla Cupcake	Beetroot Brownie	Flapjack with Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Shortbread Biscuit
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Vanilla Cupcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Salad Sticks, Beetroot Brownie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Flapjack	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Fruit Bread, Salad Sticks, Fruit Jelly	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Shortbread Biscuit

Week One: 21 Apr | 12 May | 9 Jun | 30 Jun | 21 Jul | 15 Sept | 6 Oct — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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Hot Option 1	Cheesy Pasta (v)	BBQ Chicken with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Potato Wedges	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet and Sour Plant Balls with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Vegemince Cottage Pie (v)	Plant Sausages in Tomato Sauce with Potato Wedges (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada 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	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas and Carrots	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Orange Cupcake	Oaty Cookie	Toffee Cream Shortcake	Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Cocoa Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Orange Cupcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Sultanas, Salad Sticks, Oaty Cookie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Toffee Cream Shortcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Fruit Bread, Fruit Portion, Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Melon Wedge, Cocoa Shortbread

Week Two: 28 Apr | 19 May | 16 Jun | 7 Jul | 1 Sept | 22 Sept | 13 Oct — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Swirl with Potato Wedges (v)	Lasagne (Pork and Lentil) with Garlic Bread	Chipolata Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Breaded Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo in a Wrap with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta (v)	Loaded Bean Bake with Garlic Bread (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Tomato and Courgette Frittata with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel 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	Mixed Salad	Cabbage and Carrots	Crunchy Salad Sticks	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Blueberry Cupcake	Vanilla Ice Cream	Carrot Cake	Cocoa Oatcake with Orange Wedges	Vanilla Crunch Bar with Apple Wedges
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Blueberry Cupcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Salad Sticks, Vanilla Ice Cream	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Carrot Cake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Pot, Fruit Bread, Orange Wedges, Cocoa Oatcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Apple Wedges, Vanilla Crunch Bar

Week Three: 5 May | 2 Jun | 23 Jun | 14 Jul | 8 Sept | 29 Sept | 20 Oct — 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

DRINKS AND TREATS

1st Blofield & Brundall Sea Scout Group

Scouts

CHOCOLATE HAMPER

HALLOWEEN SPOOKRUN

COME IN FANCY DRESS

1 NOVEMBER 9AM

BRUNDALL COUNTRYSIDE PARK NR13 5RF

IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED: HTTPS://WWW.PARKRUN.ORG.UK/REGISTER/?EVENTNAME=BRUNDALL

You can find us at: fundraising@1stblofieldandbrundall.org.uk

Fundraising for Scout Adventures

Fundraising for Scouting adventures

TABLETOP SALE

AT 1ST B&B SCOUT HQ: YARMOUTH ROAD, BLOFIELD NR13 4LE

ONLY £7 A TABLE



Refreshments Available

SUN 26 OCTOBER 2025, 9.30-1.30

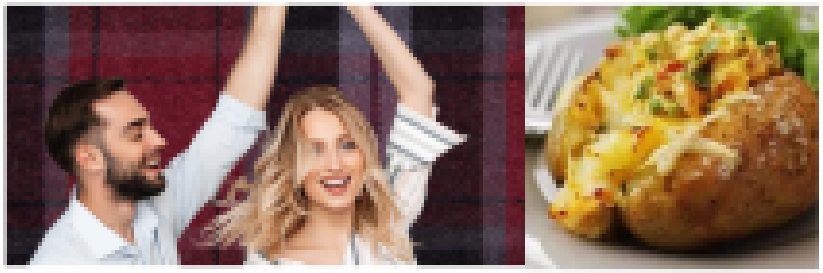
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S&S Mitchell Newsagents, Blofield
Please leave £7 cash with the completed form to secure your table. First come first served.
Any queries email:
fundraising@1stblofieldandbrundall.org.uk

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www.margaretharkerhall.co.uk

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Dance, Dine & Drink
£15 inc Jacket Potato Supper



Bar Open: 6-10pm Dancing starts: 7pm
22 NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY!
Bike Revival Café

FREE & FRIENDLY Bike Repairs, Bike Washing and Advice From Experienced Mechanics

CyclingUK

Non-profit and 100% Volunteer run

Pilling Park Community Centre
Sun 28th Sept. 10-12. Last bikes in by 11:30am

@lionwoodcycleproject /lionwoodcycleprojectandcafe

Children accompanied by adults welcome. Guide dogs only. Email us at lionwoodcycleproject@gmail.com.



