BLOFIELD BULLETIN

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

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

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Happpy Friday

A huge well done to everyone on a fantastic start to the new school year. We were delighted to achieve almost 100% attendance on our first day back, and it has been wonderful to see the children return excited and ready for the year ahead. A special well done to our new Reception children and all those who have joined Blofield Primary this week - what a great start you have had, and already have become part of our school community. Thank you to our staff team for all their hard work in ensuring such a positive start to term. We also hope our former Year 6 pupils have enjoyed a successful first week at their new secondary schools. Wishing all our families a happy and safe weekend.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - FREE SCHOOL MEALS



As from this month, September 2026, free school meals eligibility has changed.
You **MUST** apply for free school meals if you receive certain benefits or support.

There are two types of entitlement:

- **Targeted:** you receive Universal Credit and earn under £7,400 a year or another qualifying benefit: your children are entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- **Expanded:** you receive Universal Credit and earn above £7,400: your children are entitled to FSM only

Universal infant free school meals

All children attending Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically receive Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).
If you think you might be eligible for benefit related FSM, you should still apply as you may be able to help your child's school get extra funds (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities.

Children in Year 3 or above

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the qualifying benefits listed to get benefit-related Free School Meals.

For the link and QR Code, please see below.

ATTENDANCE

This week's overall attendance 97.41%

TENNIS



Next Tuesday (8th September) there will be a FREE taster session for any pupil in Year 2 & 3 to come and try tennis. This will run from end of school to 4.15pm and will have space for 16 pupils to attend. Follow on weekly club lessons will begin from **Tuesday 15th September** at a cost of £5 per week, paid in blocks each term directly with Tennis Edge.

To book your FREE taster space please email Mr Stocker at cstocker@blofield.norfolk.sch.uk (Please title the email TENNIS)
Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

BADMINTON

Next Friday (11th September) there will be a FREE taster session for those in year 5 & 6 who have not previously attended Badminton club with Ian Murphy. There is space for 12 pupils to attend, with follow on lessons to start weekly from the **2nd October** after school each week from end of school until 4.10pm. The cost of Badminton club will be £5 per week, paid in blocks each term directly with Ian.

To book your FREE taster space please email Mr Stocker at cstocker@blofield.norfolk.sch.uk (Please title the email BADMINTON)
Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For those who have previously attended Badminton Club, groups on Friday will also start back on the 2nd October, further details will follow.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

More information to follow regarding further after school clubs will be announced soon!



Norfolk County Council

Free School Meals is changing: here's what you need to know

Free School Meals (FSM) is changing from September 2026. Please read each point, as this may affect your eligibility.

1. More families are becoming eligible

All households on Universal Credit are becoming eligible, with two tiers of entitlement:

- **Targeted:** if you earn under £7,400 a year, your children will be entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- **Expanded:** if you earn above £7,400: your children will be entitled to FSM only

All households who receive other qualifying benefits will also receive Targeted FSM. A full list of qualifying benefits is available on our webpage: www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
You will only need to apply once per child.

2. Protected entitlements are ending

Children who were previously assessed as eligible for FSM had their eligibility protected. This meant they could not lose their FSM, even if the household was no longer eligible. These protections are ending in September, meaning some children may lose their existing eligibility. We will contact you to confirm your eligibility before the end of the summer holiday.

3. Annual eligibility rechecks

We will recheck the eligibility of all children on an annual basis. **Parents already in receipt of benefits related FSM do not need to reapply**, as your eligibility will be rechecked and confirmation of this will be sent to you before the end of the summer holiday.

4. No Recourse to Public Funds

Due to these changes, **all households that qualify as No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and receive FSM must reapply** or you will lose your entitlement.

Questions

If you have any questions following receipt of your updated eligibility, please contact us at:
fsm@norfolk.gov.uk

Applying online

www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

The easiest and quickest way to apply is online via Norfolk Education Online (NEO).
Scan the code or visit the link and click 'Apply for free school meals'.

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Operation Encompass – Supporting Our Children

What is it?

Operation Encompass is an early intervention partnership between police and schools. It aims to ensure that children and young people who are subject to domestic abuse are offered appropriate support within the school environment following a police incident.

How it works

1. Police attend a domestic abuse incident where a child is present or usually resides.
2. During the morning of the next school day, police notify the school's trained Key Adult.
3. The Key Adult ensures the child receives immediate and appropriate emotional or practical support within the school setting. The key adult may also check in with grownups too to make sure everyone is ok.

Why it matters

Ensures immediate emotional and practical support is available during trauma and distress.

Allows for timely intervention and provides safeguarding measures before difficulties escalate.

Creates a safe, supportive school environment, enhancing the child's overall well-being and educational engagement.

Our Key Adults

- Sarah Barber - Deputy Headteacher and DSL
- Victoria Buxton - Headteacher and alternate DSL

Trained to receive notifications and provide support.

Contact: 01603 713386 | Website: www.blofieldprimary.co.uk

THE 4:30 FAMILY SERVICE

@ Blofield Church

Starts 20th September

A short service of storytelling, singing, creative prayer and activity for families, followed by a shared meal.

Every third Sunday of the month, 4:30pm at Blofield Church

For more information, contact Revd Andrew:
revandrewtapsell@gmail.com





Family fun day
Sat 5th Sept

Join us for a day of free special activities to help you discover Strumpshaw Fen and all of its wonderful nature. Including bug hunting, meadow sweeping and nature crafts in our stretch tent.

Normal reserve entry fees apply.

Find out more

events.rspb.org.uk/strumpshawfen

COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS!

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THE SPOOKIER, THE BETTER!

DESIGN A HAUNTED HOUSE!



OPEN TO PUPILS AT
BRUNDALL, HEMBLINGTON & BLOFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOLS

YOUR DESIGN

- Design a haunted house on an A4 piece of paper.
- Draw and colour using pencils or felt tip pens.
- The spookier, the better!

SPOOKY PRIZES!

Spooky surprise prizes, including vouchers!

★ VOUCHER ★

THREE WINNERS!

One winner from each school!

- Brundall Primary School
- Hemblington Primary School
- Blofield Primary School

Please add your name and class to each design.

Hand this to your headteacher by

MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2026

GOOD LUCK!

We can't wait to see your spooktacular creations!

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Blofield Primary School Term Dates 2026-2027

Norfolk County Council **2026-2027** Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Chicken in Tomato Sauce with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork Bolognese with Pasta Twists	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Chinese-Style Plant Balls with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Cheese and Potato Pie with Gravy (v)	BBQ Loaded Bean Bake (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans **or** Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans **or** Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans **or** Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans **or** Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans **or** Tuna
Served with	Mixed Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Peas **or** Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Summer Berry Cupcake	Vanilla Ice Cream	Beetroot Brownie with Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Lemon Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
Packed Lunch	Ham, Tuna **or** Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Summer Berry Cupcake	Ham, Tuna **or** Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Sultanas, Vanilla Ice Cream	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Beetroot Brownie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Ham, Tuna **or** Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Melon Wedge, Lemon Shortbread

Week One: 13 Apr | 4 May | 1 Jun | 22 Jun | 13 Jul | 14 Sep | 5 Oct — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Chipolata Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy	BBQ Shredded Chicken in a Wrap with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers **or** Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel and Chips (v)
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Served with	Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Salad	Peas **or** Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Fresh Fruit Platter	Marble Shortbread	Summer Berry and Apple Slice with Greek Yogurt	Orange Cupcake	Apple Flapjack
Packed Lunch	Ham, Tuna **or** Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion	Ham, Tuna **or** Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Orange Wedges, Marble Shortbread	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Orange Cupcake	Ham, Tuna **or** Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Apple Flapjack

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Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Hot Dog with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Mashed Potato and Gravy	**"Build your Own"** Chicken Taco with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Tex Mex Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Plant Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip (v)	Vegetable Pastry Plait with Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	**"Build your Own"** Vegetarian Taco with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Frittata and Chips (v)
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Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Broccoli and Carrots	Sweetcorn	Peas **or** Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Banana Muffin	Shortbread	Apple Crumble and Greek Yogurt	Oaty Cookie	Chewy Krispie Bar with Orange Wedges
Packed Lunch	Ham, Tuna **or** Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Banana Muffin	Ham, Tuna **or** Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Shortbread	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Melon Wedge, Flapjack	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Oaty Cookie	Ham, Tuna **or** Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Chewy Krispie Bar

Week Three: 27 Apr | 18 May | 15 Jun | 6 Jul | 7 Sep | 28 Sep | 19 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