

Autumn Term

Class Welcome

Welcome to Blake Class!

We've had a lovely, calm and positive start to the term. The children have settled beautifully, filling our classroom with smiles, engagement, and wonderful moments of connection. We've been exploring our *Feelings* topic through lots of sensory experiences—soft textures, gentle movement, music, and calming lights.

Next, we're looking forward to exploring the fun and imaginative world of David Walliams in a sensory and interactive way. There will be plenty of opportunities for laughter, character-themed activities, and sensory play as we bring his stories to life for everyone in Blake Class!



Communication and interaction

This term, Blake Class has been busy exploring Feelings in the most sensory way possible! We've enjoyed colourful sensory stories, calming massage tales and lovely Tacpac. The children have loved exploring different textures, sounds, and movements as we learned all about emotions.



Cognition and Learning

This term, the children have loved taking part in our Sensology sessions, exploring lights, sounds, movement, and different textures. These calming sensory routines have helped pupils build awareness, anticipation, and engagement. Through these activities, they've also experienced early maths concepts such as more/less, simple patterns, and cause and effect. It's been wonderful to see their confidence and responses grow each week.



Independence, social and emotional development

This term, Blake Class has loved getting hands-on in the kitchen, exploring lots of tastes and textures while making brownies, cheesecake, cupcakes, porridge, smoothies, and jelly. The children enjoyed mixing, pouring, and tasting as part of their sensory cooking sessions.

We've also enjoyed community visits to the local shop, giving pupils the chance to explore new environments and practise simple independence skills. Hopefully, once the weather improves, we'll be able to go out even more!



Physical and Sensory

This term, the children have enjoyed a range of physical and sensory activities to support their movement and body awareness. We've had lovely group sessions with the physiotherapists and OTs, where pupils explored stretching, positioning, and movement in a calm and supportive environment. Alongside this, the children have engaged with lights, sounds, and tactile resources to help with regulation and sensory engagement. It's been wonderful to see their confidence and participation grow.



Special news and upcoming events

Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day

Friday 12th December

Parents' Week – Celebrate Progress

Families are warmly invited to visit school, celebrate achievements and discuss progress - please begin to arrange these with all families.

- 8–13 December 2025

Merit Assemblies

- Upper School: Monday 15th December, 1.45pm
- Sixth Form: Tuesday 16th December, 2pm
- Lower School: Wednesday 17th December, 1.45pm
- PMLD: Thursday 18th December, 2pm

Christmas Grotto & Harlow Brass Band

Wednesday 17th & Friday 19th December