

E-ACT Blackley Academy



March 2024

School Holidays 2024

Easter holiday

School closes: Thursday 28 March 2024

School opens: Monday 15 April 2024

Bank holiday: School closes Monday 6 May 2024

Half term holiday

School closes: Friday 24 May 2024

School opens: Monday 3 June 2024

Summer holiday

School closes: Wednesday 24 July 2024

Dates for the diary...

- **5th March** – No Musical Theatre afterschool club
- **5th March** – Debate mate contest afterschool
- **6th March** – Story in a jar competition deadline
- **7th March** – World book day
- **7th March** – Special lunch
- **7th March** – Rail Programme Primary Engineers Competition
- **8th – 17th March** – British Science Week
- **15th March** – Comic relief – wear something red
- **27th March** – EYFS stay and play
- **28th March** – Break up for Easter holidays



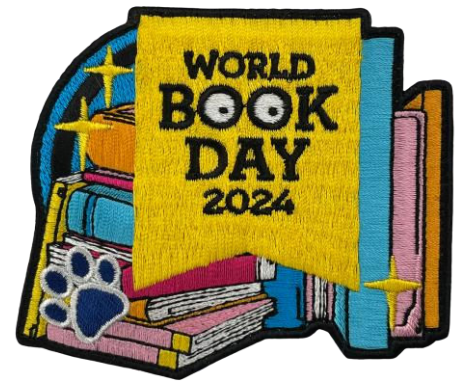
6th March - Story in a jar competition deadline. Pupils have been invited to take part in our story in a jar competition over the holidays. Pupils can create a 'story in a jar' all they need is an old jam jar and their imagination! There will be prizes for the most inventive jar.

8th – 17th March - British Science Week

The Focus for British Science week is TIME. Various visitors have been arranged to come and speak to our pupils to discuss how TIME is important within their daily working lives.



7th March World Book day



All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character



World book day lunch 7th March

Paddington's marmalade glazed sausages with mash and Peter Rabbit's vegetable patch carrots & peas

The cat in the hat's green eggs frittata loaded with borrowed vegetables & served with salad from Peter Rabbits vegetable patch

Charlie's chocolate brownie

Springhill Hospice – Reindeer Run



As you will remember in December E-ACT Blackley Academy participated in Springhill Hospice's Reindeer run. Their mascot recently came back to announce the total raised and we were blown away! We would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of Springhill Hospice. They were so grateful at the amazing fundraising efforts and generosity of everybody who donated. We raised a whopping £1,876.60!! **WELL DONE!**

Comic Relief – Red nose day 15th March

All children are invited to come to school wearing something red. A fundraising page will be live on Parentpay for any donations. Red noses welcome!



Ramadan

Some of our families are going to start to fast during Ramadan next month. Ramadan Kareem to those of you who will be participating. We will be holding a special assembly to mark the beginning of this special time. If your child is fasting, please let your child's teacher know via Class Dojo beforehand.



27th March - EYFS stay and play

Both our nursery and reception class will be offering a stay and play session to parent/carers. This will be an Easter themed stay and play. Come along and join in the fun!



28th March – Last day of term

Half Term

Friday 29th March – Monday 15th April

Happy Easter



7th March – Rail programme – Primary Engineers Competition

Year 1 and Year 5 have been completing their builds to enter into the Rail Programme for Primary Engineer's competition as part of Design Technology. They have been working hard to complete a moving vehicle. This included sawing wood to the right lengths, assembling sides and wheels to the vehicle. A handful of children will visit the competition at The University of Salford on Thursday 7th March where we will take our vehicles to compete with other schools across the area. We are all really impressed with their finished builds! Here are some pictures below;



Useful Information

- Drop off and pick up times

School gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.50am each morning. Gates re-open at 3.15pm for end of day collections. Please ensure children are dropped off and collected on time.

- Breakfast club

Breakfast club is available from 7.45am Monday-Friday at a cost of £1 per day. You do not need to sign up in advance. Simply arrive at the hall before 8.30am. The attendance fee will be then forwarded to your child's Parentpay account. You are able to make payment transactions daily or weekly. If you would prefer monthly, this should be relayed with the school office.

- Medicine

Medication can be dropped off at the school office at the start of the day. We can accept and administer medication under the following conditions;

- Medicine has to be taken 4 times a day;
- Medicine has been prescribed by a doctor, and is in its original packaging complete with pharmacy labels;
- You have completed a medication form (available from the school office).

- School Meals

Schools meals are charged at £2.26 per day, unless the child is entitled to free school meals. Payment for meals to be made via Parentpay. Failure to make regular payments will result in you being asked to provide your child with a packed lunch. Any changes to school meals must be made in writing/email to the school office. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please make an online application via www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims.

Points of Contact

Example Context	Who to contact	Recommended method of contact
General Information: Homework, uniform list, curriculum, school events, holiday dates etc...	Website	Website
General issues relating to class, Learning, uniform, welfare etc...	Class Teacher	Class Dojo
More serious Issues relating to bullying, learning, welfare etc...	Class Teacher Phase Leader	Meeting Appointment via class dojo
Concerns that have not been able to be resolved via class teacher or phase leader. Concerns about the school more generally. Concerns about a member of staff.	James Hughes (Head Teacher)	Appointment via email James.hughes@eba.e-act.org.uk 0161 740 2185
SEND: If you have questions regarding special educational needs.	Class teacher Gemma Spence (SENCO)	Appointment via Class Dojo or Gemma.spence@eba.e-act.org.uk
Attendance: If you need to report your child absent.	Matthew Nuttall	Contact via phone 0161 740 2185
Complaints	Please follow our complaints policy	https://blackleyacademy.e-act.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2022/11/E-ACT-Complaints-Policy-and-Procedure-2022.pdf
Family Support: Early Help, financial support, free school meals, mental health etc...	Tunde King Rhonda Alleyne	Tunde.king@eba.e-act.org.uk Rhonda.alleyne@eba.e-act.org.uk
Safeguarding: If you are concerned about the safety of a child.	Gemma Spence	Gemma.spence@eba.e-act.org.uk
SEND: If you have a query regarding special educational needs.	Gemma Spence	Gemma.spence@eba.e-act.org.uk
General Support – Dropping off medicine, ParentPay, Changes of details, Changes of meals.	School Office	Blackley.Office@E-ACT.org.uk Blackley.Parents@E-ACT.org.uk