



John Blow Primary School

Head Teacher: Mr Ben Carver

EYFS Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents.

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Reception class. It's an exciting time for everyone as your child begins their learning journey with us here at John Blow Primary School. We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break. Detailed below is an outline of the key information for our year ahead together.

Areas Of Learning

Your child will be working on the Early Years Foundation Stage areas of learning. These are as follows:

Prime Areas Of Learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Physical Development.

Specific Areas Of Learning: Literacy, Mathematics, Expressive Art and Design and Understanding of the World.

Our outdoor and indoor learning areas has been enhanced and developed over the summer break to enable us to make full use of both environments in a purposeful way. Please ensure that you send your child with appropriate clothing for the weather each day. It would be most useful if all items of clothing and footwear are clearly labelled please with your child's name. A spare set of underwear would be really useful please, in case of any unexpected toileting accidents. Thank you.

During the Autumn Term, your child will bring home a reading scheme book. Some of these will be picture books and some will have words. We recommend that you try to spend time sharing your child's book with them and talking about the pictures. It is valuable for your child to be read to by you as parents and for them to see you as a reader. We have a supply of books that you can borrow from school to supplement any you have at home. Please ensure your child brings their reading folder into school every day as this enables us to share with you the reading aloud sessions they have been involved in during the week.

Later in the term, your child will begin to learn how to use their knowledge of letter sounds (phonemes) and letter shapes (graphemes) to encourage them on their journey to become independent readers and writers.

Tapestry

Look out for an email to set up and access your child's learning via Tapestry – this platform is used to capture and share learning with you. If you complete any activities at home with your children, please share this on this platform to establish and utilise the partnership between school and home in their learning journey.

PPA Cover

Teacher planning, preparation and assessment time takes place every Wednesday morning. Mrs Atkins and Mrs Townsend will be teaching the class at this time.

Water Bottles

Keeping hydrated throughout the day is really important. Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle for their own use. These will be taken home every Friday to be washed.

Your child may bring a healthy snack for morning break. If this could be sent in a reusable box, this will reduce the litter and plastic. Fruit is provided daily for all children in Elm class.

P.E.

P.E. days will be on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday** and we ask that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on both of these days please, to enable us to maximise the learning time in the lesson. No jewellery is to be worn please on P.E. days and longer hair should be tied up securely.

Getting to know me...

I have had the privilege of being Early Years Lead at John Blow Primary School, since September 2023. I am a huge advocate of learning through play and this is reflected throughout the Early Years learning environment (both indoors and outdoors). I am particularly proud of our Early Years team and how their enthusiasm and creativity have impacted the self-esteem and confidence of all our little learners. Our partnership with parents and the community have enabled us to forge strong, meaningful and vital links throughout this year.

Out of school, I am a regular Parkrun marshal and walking volunteer and enjoy seeing the huge impact physical exercise has on a person's mental health and confidence. I have a passion for upcycling vintage furniture and am a regular Vinted clothing seller and charity shop thrifty buyer at the weekends.

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My daughter Florence is studying Veterinary Science at the University of Aberystwyth in Wales. My visits to this beautiful part of the country are highlights of my half term holidays and so are the delicious fish and chips eaten by the sea. I am a qualified Yoga and Exercise to Music teacher and enjoy attending Broadway Boogie dance sessions at the local gym.

As I was a teenager in the 80s my music tastes are very retro and you may often hear the likes of Depeche Mode and Duran Duran beating out from my car and classroom early in the mornings!

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any further queries, questions or concerns. We would love to hear about any achievements your child has made outside of school and these will be celebrated on our 'Wow' wall and during assembly times. We look forward to seeing you all at some time during this first term and appreciate your help and support throughout this exciting journey together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bingham