



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin Friday 12th September 2025

We have had a brilliant start to the new academic year; it has been wonderful to see the children back in school and exploring their new environments and building new and positive relationships with staff. We are pleased to have added Rob Evans to our assistant teacher team, Rob has played an instrumental role in setting up our Forest School Provision during 2025; he will predominantly be supporting learning in LKS2!

Our highlights of the week from across the school (identified by the staff):

EYFS (Reception): Playing a listening game with Mr Wizard in our first PE session.

Year 1: Learning the poem "Chop, chop".

Year 2: Being creative and making Christmas cards!

Year 3 and Year 4: The LKS2 trip to the Hands on History Museum in Hull where the children saw a "real life mummy!"

Year 5: Our 'Tell me a dragon' poems and Science with Ronnie and Florence

Year 6: PGL (obviously)!

Mr Carver's highlight of the week: waking the children up at PGL with his speaker!

Please ensure that your child comes into school each day with a drinks bottle which is labelled. We have had a number of items appear in lost property without names in them; please ensure that all items brought into school are labelled – 30 red jumpers are hard to distinguish and identify the owner and the sniff test is not always effective with the children at this time in the year!!

Start of the day arrangements (a reminder)

As we begin the new term, we kindly remind all parents and carers not to enter the school building in the morning. This is a vital part of our safeguarding procedures, ensuring that the site remains secure and that staff are available to welcome and support children as they start their day. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please come to the school office from 8.30am, where someone will be happy to help. It is essential that classroom staff are with the children promptly at the start of the day, and any access to the building (if required) must always be via the school office. Thank you for your support in helping us start the term as we mean to go on.

We are keen to promote independence for our learners when coming into school in the morning. Please refrain from crowding around the door, as this can feel overwhelming for some children who are eager to walk in by themselves. A few of our pupils have been very keen to do this recently, and we want to give them the space and confidence to do so. As the children become more settled, we will also be asking parents not to enter the playground at the start of the day, as this will further support independence and a smooth start for all.

Dropping off to breakfast club

Parents are reminded not to use the car park to drop children off at Breakfast Club, as this helps us to keep everyone safe. Please park on the street and walk your children into school.

Forest School opportunities @ Slate Farm Wilderness

We are excited to offer children in Years 1–6 the opportunity to take part in a full day Forest School visit, following the successful launch of our provision in partnership with Slate Farm Wilderness. There will be no charge for the day itself, but we will need to cover the cost of transport. Coaches to North Clifton are £260 per class, which will be split evenly between the number of children attending.

To help us confirm arrangements, I will be approaching a parent from each WhatsApp group in Y1-Y6 on Friday 12th September to ask them to set up a quick poll to support the planning process. As this is an additional enrichment opportunity, we may not be able to proceed if we do not have sufficient numbers willing to contribute. If you have any concerns about the payment, please contact the school office. Once we have confirmed contributions, we will finalise arrangements and share the dates for visits, which we plan to complete before October half term.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Slate-Farm-Wilderness-61577664841467/>

Home School Partnership

Our **Home School Partnership Booklet** for this academic year is attached to this bulletin. This important document outlines the key information, expectations, and agreements that support a strong partnership between home and school. We kindly ask all parents and carers to take the time to read through the booklet carefully before completing the accompanying Microsoft Form to confirm your agreement: <https://forms.office.com/e/VFFPNSLUw6>. Your support in this process helps ensure we are working together to give every child the best possible start to the year.

Update – 11.09.25 – so far we only have 39 completed agreements; please complete this at your earliest convenience.

A request to families...(a reminder)

We are in the process of updating our school displays and would love your support in helping us celebrate our children's achievements and experiences.

- International Schools Award – Mr Newberry is creating a new display as part of our International Schools Award journey. We would love families and friends from around the world to send us postcards to add to our board and help us “explore the world.” If you are visiting anywhere in the UK or abroad (including during October half term), please pick up a postcard to share with us.
- Reading – We are building a reading display and would like to feature our children enjoying books. Please email photos of your child reading to office@collingham.notts.sch.uk. These could be everyday reading moments or something more unusual such as “extreme reading” up a tree!
- Sporting Success – Mr Straw is updating our sports display to celebrate the wide range of achievements across the school. Please send in any photographs of your child's sporting successes so we can showcase and celebrate them. How many different sports can we celebrate together this year?

Clubs for Autumn Term

Clubs commence next week – you will have received an email confirming your child's place. Reserve lists are in place for some of our clubs so if your child no longer wishes to attend a club, please let the school office know.

Club Overview:

- **Monday** – *Reading Club* with Miss Milner (lunchtime, EYFS & KS1).
- **Tuesday** – *Chess Club* with Mr Barnard (after school, Years 4–6, 3:30–4:15pm).
- **Wednesday** – *Football* with Coach Callum (lunchtime, open to selected groups; after school sports club available), *Choir Club* with Ms Reid (after school, Years 2-6, 3.30-4.15pm).
- **Thursday** – *Baking Club* with Miss Ball & Miss Hollingsworth (after school, Years 3 & 4, 3:30–4:30pm, limited to 10 places);
- **Friday** – *Run Club* with Mr S (before school, all year groups, 8:15–8:45am); *Multi-skills* with Mr West (8.15-8.45am, Years 1–3).

Please note that **Mr Newberry's football club will continue by invitation only**; an email has been sent out inviting children to attend this club – this will form part of our school football squad training on a Friday lunchtime.

Hannah Simmons Dance Club (HSDC) @ John Blow Primary School

Recommencing Friday 12th September, HSDC is returning to John Blow for an after school club on a Friday - a fantastic club at a bargain price – please see the flyer below for more information and contact details:



w/c Monday 15th September

Mentoring – if you could have one superpower, what would it be? Discussion – how do we use our strengths for good?

Music Journey Focus – Pop, Vianney (France)

Enrichment – Class Ambassador and Reading Ambassador voting

BSL – School / Classroom / Teacher

Monday 15th September

- Assembly – International Day of Democracy, School Council Voting, BB
- International Dot Day – Ben C to finalise resources
- The Book Bus is visiting school

Tuesday 16th September

- Assembly – National Coding Day / jobs in coding, CN

Wednesday 17th September

- Assembly – Share a story, BC

Friday 19th September

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, respect
- 8.40-9.30am, EYFS Stay & Play

w/c Monday 22nd September

Mentoring – what's your favourite memory from school so far? Discussion – what makes a school community strong?

Music Journey Focus – Pop, The Beatles (UK)

BSL – Lunch / Toilet

Monday 22nd September

- Assembly – European Day of Languages, KTB

Tuesday 23rd September

- Assembly – We are kind & thoughtful, EM

Wednesday 24th September

- Assembly – Share a story, EH

Friday 26th September

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, looking after our school
- 9.30am – Autumn term Sports Day (internal only), House Competition
- 8.40-9.30am – KS1 drop-in

w/c Monday 29th September

Mentoring – if your mood was a colour today, what colour would it be? Discussion – how do we recognize and discuss other people's feelings?

Music Journey Focus – Pop, Stevie Wonder (USA)

BSL – numbers 1-10

Monday 29th September

- **Individual & Sibling Photos – please arrive at 8.30am if you have younger siblings who are not in school**

Tuesday 30th September

- Assembly – National Poetry Day (2/10), BB

Wednesday 1st October

- Assembly – Share a story, EM

Thursday 2nd October

- National Poetry Day
- 8.15-9.00am – Poetry Café

Friday 3rd October

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, looking after our school
- 8.40-9.30am – LKS2 drop-in

w/c Monday 6th October

Mentoring – if you could swap places with someone for a day, who would it be? Discussion – what is it important to see the world from different perspectives?

Music Journey Focus – Pop, review of genre explored

BSL – review of all signs learnt

Monday 6th October

- Assembly – Celebrating diversity, BC

Tuesday 7th October

- Assembly – Libraries Week, BB

Wednesday 8th October

- Assembly – Share a story, KTB

Thursday 9th October

- LKS2 Trip to Eureka! Halifax

Friday 10th October

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, looking after our school
- World Mental Health Day
- 8.40-9.30am – UKS2 drop-in

w/c Monday 13th October

Mentoring – what have you learned about your group this half-term? Discussion – what goal could we set for next half-term?

Music Journey Focus – Pop, review of genre explored.

BSL – review of all signs learnt.

Monday 13th October

- Assembly – Diwali, BC

Tuesday 14th October

- Assembly – Recycling Week, looking after our environment, CN

Wednesday 15th October

- Assembly – Share a story, KB

Thursday 16th October

- FOJBP School Disco, Wear What Makes You Feel Wonderful Day (not Halloween themed)

Friday 17th October

- 9.00am – Merit Assembly (invitation only)