



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin Friday 26th September 2025

Another brilliant week in school, the children have settled into the routines of their new classes and it has been wonderful to see lots of collaborative learning taking place throughout the school.

Forest School

Forest School days for Y1 – Y6 have now been booked and are as follows:

- Year 1 Friday 26th September
- Year 2 Thursday 2nd October
- Year 3 Friday 3rd October
- Year 4 Tuesday 7th October
- Year 5 Friday 10th October
- Year 6 Friday 17th October

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

EYFS (Reception): *Letter formation has improved so much this week! We have been practising it at home which has helped so much!*

Year 1: *Phonics with brilliant knowledge and blending!*

Year 2: *Creating our own scrolls, inspired by Jewish Torah scrolls.*

Year 3: *Sharing stories with Y1 children on Tuesday afternoon.*

Year 4: *Writing our names in hieroglyphics.*

Year 5: *The 500 words live lesson and KS2 sports day!*

Year 6: *Making hearts out of Play-Doh.*

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.

Start of the day arrangements

Thank you for your ongoing support in making the start of the day as smooth as it has become – it is wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and independence as they come into school to start their learning.

On a Thursday morning at 9.00am, all children and staff engage in a mentoring session – please ensure that children are in school for 9.00am – Mrs Sim has a mentoring group so the office is not manned between 9.00am and 9.15am – we are still contactable via the telephone during this period.

Website

Make sure you regularly check your child's class page on the website as we are using this platform to share learning and photographs this academic year. Share the link with your families and friends too!

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=45>

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Celebrations+at+John+Blow+Primary+School&pid=46>

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?

Key dates and upcoming events

Autumn Term 1 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

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
- Y2 Forest School Day

Friday 3rd October

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, looking after our school
- 8.40-9.30am – LKS2 drop-in
- Y3 Forest School Day

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
- Y4 Forest School Day

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
- Y5 Forest School Day

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

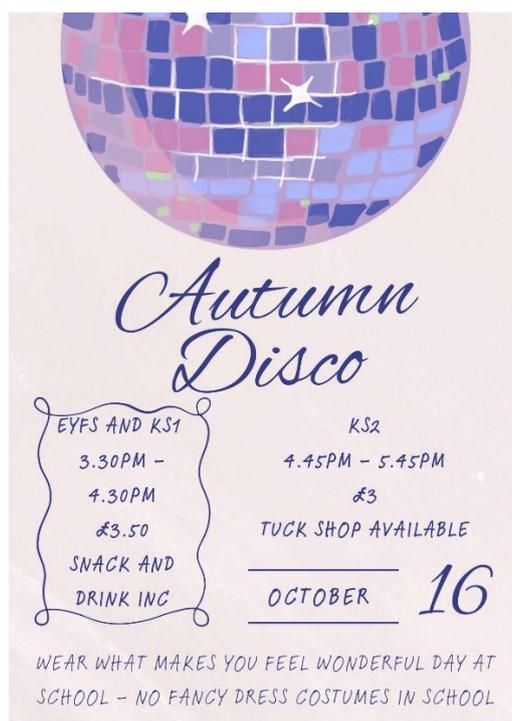
Thursday 16th October

- Y2 Trip to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- FOJBP School Disco, Wear What Makes You Feel Wonderful Day (not Halloween themed)

Friday 17th October

- 9.00am – Merit Assembly (invitation only)
- Y6 Forest School Day

FOJBPS School Disco



FAMILY COFFEE MORNING

**TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
2025
9AM - 10AM**

We are hosting a family coffee morning including:

- ✔ A drop in clinic hosted by Kerry Macadam from the Bassetlaw Behaviour Partnership (BPBP) who will be offering advice on all things linked to behaviour at home and at school:
 - Top tips for supporting positive behaviour at home
 - Sleep and bedtime routines
 - A listening ear for any concerns
- ✔ Parent / Carer voice capturing - share what is going well and what could be even better at JBPS.
- ✔ A chance to catch up with other members of the JBPS community.





'Be the best you can be' at John Blow Primary School!

Was your child born between 1/9/2021 to 31/8/2022?

If they were, you need to apply for a school place to commence in September 2026. The Nottinghamshire County Council's application window is live between the 3rd November 2025 and 15th January 2026.

Before completing your application, why not come along to see why John Blow Primary School is an excellent place to learn at one of our EYFS open day sessions on Tuesday 4th November 2025?

We are hosting sessions at the following times:

- 9.15am - 10am

- 4pm - 4.45pm

There will be an opportunity to explore the EYFS provision, have a tour of the school, learn about our vision and what it means to be part of the John Blow Team!

To book a place either call the school office (01636892485) or email - office@collingham.notts.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you and your little ones in attendance!

The John Blow Team

