



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin Friday 10th October 2025



Safeguarding update

We have been made aware that several titles in the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Pup*, and *Spy Cat series* by Andrew Cope contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

We have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.

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

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2: *“The EYFS and KS1 Harvest Festival.”*

Year 3: *“Our trip to Eureka!”*

Year 4: *“A fantastic day in the forest including den building, tree climbing and fire starting!”*

Year 5: *“Escher tessellation pictures in Art and their Science investigation into water resistance.”*

Year 6: *“Practising our tag rugby skills”*

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 9am, all children and staff engage in a mentoring session – please ensure that children are in school for 9am – Mrs Sim has a mentoring group so the office is not manned between 9am 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 little something different for a home learning activity

Why not check out the RSPB's website for birds to look out for in October: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/birds-of-the-month/october-birds-of-the-month>

We would love to see photos of you exploring the outdoors – send them into the school office – office@collingham.notts.sch.uk

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
- MHST- UKS2 sleep hygiene workshop – 9.30-10.30am – in hall

Thursday 16th October – Wear what makes you feel wonderful

- Y2 Trip to The Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- LKS2 wellbeing workshop – 9.30am – in hall
- 3.00pm – Introduction to Little Wandle, EYFS parents invited
- 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



Autumn Disco

EYFS AND KS1

3.30PM -

4.30PM

£3.50

SNACK AND

DRINK INC

KS2

4.45PM - 5.45PM

£3

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE

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WEAR WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL WONDERFUL DAY AT
SCHOOL - NO FANCY DRESS COSTUMES IN SCHOOL



'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





**JOHN BLOW PRIMARY
SCHOOL CHOIR -
FESTIVE PERIOD 2025**

DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD, THE SCHOOL CHOIR WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

OUR DEMENTIA CHOIR - TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER @ NEWARK YMCA

SINGING AT WILLIAM BAILEY HOUSE - WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER - 2PM

AN INSPIRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT - MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025 @ THE ROYAL CONCERT HALL IN NOTTINGHAM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE EVENTS (THEY DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND THE AFTERSCHOOL CHOIR), PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE!



JUNIOR FREE TENNIS TASTER SESSIONS

4-7 YEARS
8-10 YEARS
11-18 YEARS

Try Tennis at any of our weekly sessions for 2 weeks for free
You won't even need a racket as we will provide them
All takes place at Caunton Tennis Club, Maplebeck Rd,
NG23 6AS



TO BOOK A SPACE PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE or SCAN THE QR CODE
www.tennis4all.org.uk

For More info

Email james@tennis4all.org.uk

Phone 07771 962964

THESE SESSIONS FEATURE A massive SELECTION OF games AND activities!

They're perfect for children who like to be active and on the move and will incorporate a huge range of sports as well as team-work activities and fun games to keep your child active and smiling during the holidays!

THEY WILL NEED:

- A packed lunch
- A refillable water bottle
- Suitable clothing for the weather
- Loads of energy!

AVAILABLE TIMES & PRICING:

9am-4pm - £30.00 per day

8am-5pm - £35.00 per day

Early Years AM booking 8am to 12pm - £18

Early Years PM booking 1pm to 5pm - £18

(4 year olds only)*

* Parents are able to bring their child for any 4 hour period, please book the slot that is most accurate and then inform us of the times your child will attend.

DISCOUNTS:

Parents also get a 7.5% sibling discount when booking online at: www.premier-education.com

OTHER INFORMATION:

All bookings are to be made through www.premier-education.com

Any enquiries please call: 01522 704387

or email office-167@premier-education.com

All venues are Ofsted registered and therefore we can accept childcare vouchers and the gov.uk tax free childcare scheme.



Childcare Vouchers Accepted.



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NEAR YOU...



BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY

MONDAY 27TH OCT TO FRIDAY 31ST OCT (No BG Club on the 28th)

BOURNE WESTFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY

MONDAY 27TH OCT TO FRIDAY 31ST OCT

FOSSE WAY ACADEMY

MONDAY 27TH OCT TO FRIDAY 31ST OCT

NEWARK MAGNUS C OF E ACADEMY

WEEK 1 MONDAY 20TH OCT TO FRIDAY 24TH OCT
WEEK 2 MONDAY 27TH OCT TO FRIDAY 31ST OCT

TICKHILL ST MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

MONDAY 27TH OCT TO FRIDAY 31ST OCT

WELTON ST MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

MONDAY 27TH OCT TO FRIDAY 31ST OCT

HALLCROFT INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL

MONDAY 27TH OCT TO THURSDAY 30TH OCT

TRAVIS ST LAWRENCE C OF E

MONDAY 27TH OCT TO FRIDAY 31ST OCT

DATES
All of these venues will have dates running in October, Christmas and February.



DISCOUNTS: Parents also get a 7.5% sibling discount when booking online at: www.premier-education.com

Childcare Vouchers Accepted.





October Half Term at Collingham Library



Crafts...

Thursday October 23rd



Make a Ghost Necklace

Friday October 31st



Room On The Broom

Wand Decorating



**Both crafts are completely free, just
drop in between 10am and 12pm!**



And more...

- **Lego Club**
on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Saturday's throughout the half term
- **Halloween Treasure Hunt**
with all entries going into a prize draw to win some fangtastic prizes!
- **Halloween Colouring Sheets**
in the children's area every day that we're open
- **Trick or Treat**
on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st October