



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin Friday 17th October 2025

Thanks for a great start to the academic year, we will be sending out class newsletters when we return in November – below are the PE days for next half term.

EYFS – Wednesday and Friday

Y1 – Monday and Friday

Y2 – Thursday and Friday

Y3 – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Y4 – Tuesday and Friday

Y5 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6 – Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

See you all back in school for the start of Autumn Term 2 on Monday 3rd November – have a brilliant half term!

Match Report: John Blow 4–0 Thorpe on the Hill



John Blow made the perfect start to their league campaign with a dominant 4–0 victory over Thorpe on the Hill. It was an all-round team performance full of energy, quality, and determination — setting the tone for the season ahead.

The home side started brightly, controlling possession and pressing high. Their early pressure paid off when **midfielder Noah J** fired home a brilliant opening goal, showing great composure to put John Blow 1–0 up. The team continued to build momentum, with **Evie** causing constant problems for the Thorpe defence through her tireless running and clever link-up play — she was unlucky to see a fine first-half effort come back off the post. Before half-time, **Harry W** doubled the advantage with a sharp finish to make it 2–0, giving John Blow a well-deserved lead at the break.

The second half saw the hosts continue to dominate. **Harry W** was in unstoppable form, adding two more well-taken goals to complete a superb hat-trick and secure the match ball. His movement and finishing were a constant threat throughout.

Behind him, **Jack W** produced a commanding display in midfield, dictating play and breaking up attacks with intelligence and composure. **Ronnie S** was excellent at the back — strong in the tackle, calm on the ball, and consistently accurate with his passing — while **Freddie D** put in a solid performance full of determination and defensive steel.

In goal, **Harry D** made several key saves to keep Thorpe at bay and preserve the clean sheet. Up front, **Harry G** provided a brilliant assist and was unlucky not to score himself, forcing some fine stops from the opposition keeper. **Noah L** also impressed with his excellent link-up play, creating numerous chances and keeping the attack ticking smoothly.

It was also a **competitive debut for our Year 4 players** — **Harry W, Jack W, Noah J, and Noah L** — who all rose to the challenge superbly against older Year 5 and 6 opponents. Their composure, skill, and teamwork were outstanding throughout.

Overall, it was a superb team performance — 2–0 up at half-time, 4–0 at full-time — and a fantastic way to kick off the league season.

Final Score: John Blow 4–0 Thorpe on the Hill

Goals: Noah J (1), Harry W (3)

A great start to the league campaign! Check out the match report on our school website



Poppies

Thank you to everyone who submitted their poppies – they look wonderful!



Looking after your child's vision

Regular eye tests are an important part of every child's health and development. Good vision supports learning, reading, concentration, and confidence in and out of the classroom. Routine eye checks can identify common issues such as short- or long-sightedness, as well as underlying conditions that might otherwise go unnoticed, such as lazy eye or squint. Early detection means these problems can often be treated effectively, helping children reach their full potential. With the October half term approaching, it's a perfect time to book an eye test and ensure your child's eyesight is supporting them to see and learn clearly every day.

Mystery reader

In order to encourage a love of reading and promote reading for pleasure, we would like to invite parents and carers to take part in our 'Mystery reader of the week' across EYFS and KS1. Over the next half term, the children will have a special visitor who will be our 'mystery reader' to come in and share a story before the end of the day. We ask that if you are the mystery reader, you do not share this with anyone (including your child!) to keep the element of mystery! If you would like to volunteer, please email the office or speak to Miss Milner to arrange. Thank you and we can't wait for some storytelling adventures!

Safeguarding update (a reminder)

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 and Year 1: "Our shared Rangoli inspired afternoon on Tuesday."

Year 2: "Our Art Day on Wednesday and Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Thursday."

Year 3: *"Sharing the facts we have learnt about Egyptians this half term."*

Year 4: *"Correcting Mr Carver's maths calculation (he said it was a deliberate mistake)!"*

Year 5: *"Being Victorian chimney sweeps and crawling through chimneys (chairs)"*

Year 6: *"Forest School!"*

October Half Term Challenge

Mr Straw has signed Y1-Y6 up to a Sum Dog Challenge over half term – when your child logs into their account between 17th October and 23rd October, they will be competing in the East Midlands Challenge – let's see if we can get John Blow on the leaderboard!

Year 6 parents

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place is Friday 31st October – we have received notification that some places have not been applied for so please ensure that this task is completed before the deadline.

Poppy Appeal

After half term, we will be selling Poppy Appeal items before and after school near the school gate. Items will range from 50p- £1 and will be sold between Tuesday 4th and Friday 7th November 2025.

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>



Key dates and upcoming events

Autumn Term 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

w/c Monday 3rd November

Mentoring – If you could visit any country, where would you go and why? Why is it important to learn about cultures different from our own?

Music Journey Focus – Classical, Beethoven (Germany)

BSL – Alphabet

Monday 3rd November

- Assembly – Preparing for World Hello Day, CN

Tuesday 4th November

- Assembly – Empathy, TS
- 4.00 – 6.20pm – Family Update Evening

Wednesday 5th November

- Assembly – Share a Story, BC

Friday 6th November

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, our school values

w/c Monday 10th November

Mentoring – If your name had a secret meaning, what would it be? How do our names and backgrounds shape who we are?

Music Journey Focus – Classical, Florence Price (USA)

BSL – Alphabet

Enrichment – Intra-house football competition

Monday 10th November

- Assembly – Anti-Bullying Week, BC
- 3.40 – 5.30pm – Family Update Evening

Tuesday 11th November

- Assembly – Remembrance, BB

Wednesday 12th November

- Odd Socks Day
- Assembly – Share a story, CN

Friday 14th November

- Children in Need
- Assembly – Above & Beyond, Kind & Thoughtful Acts

w/c Monday 17th November

Mentoring – What does fairness mean to you? How can we stand up for fairness and equality?

Music Journey Focus – Classical – Evelyn Glennie (Scotland)

BSL – Alphabet

Monday 17th November

- Assembly – Healthy Lifestyles, KTB

Tuesday 18th November

- Assembly – Creative Arts Week, BC

Wednesday 19th November

- Assembly – Share a story, TS

Friday 21st November

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, Creativity

w/c Monday 24th November

Mentoring – if kindness were a food, what would it taste like? How can small acts of kindness change someone's day?

Music Journey Focus – Classical, Tan Dun (China)

BSL – Alphabet

Monday 24th November

- Assembly – Family & Community – What does it mean to be part of a community? KB

Tuesday 25th November

- Assembly – Human Rights & Children’s Rights, EH
- UKS2 Trip to Newstead Abbey

Wednesday 26th November

- Assembly – Share a story, KTB

Friday 28th November

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, being the best, you can

w/c Monday 1st December

Mentoring – What is something you wish people understood better? How can we be better allies to each other?

Music Journey Focus – Classical, Reena Esmail (Indian-American)

BSL – Alphabet

Monday 1st December

- Assembly – Disability Value & Inclusion, BC

Tuesday 2nd December

- Assembly – Languages & Communication, EM
- School Choir performing alongside Our Dementia Choir @ Newark YMCA

Wednesday 3rd December

- Assembly – Share a story, KB
- 2.00pm – Choir performing @ William Bailey House

Friday 5th December

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- 9.15am – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

w/c Monday 8th December

Mentoring – What makes you feel welcome and included? How can we make our school more inclusive for everyone?

Music Journey Focus – Classical, review of genre explored

BSL – review of all signs learnt

Monday 8th December

- Assembly – LGBTQ+ Families & Acceptance, BB
- 9.30am – EYFS Nativity @ All Saints Church
- An Inspired Christmas Concert @ Royal Concert Hall

Tuesday 9th December

- Assembly – Kindness & Community, CN
- 2.30pm – EYFS Nativity @ All Saints Church
- 5.00pm – KS1 Nativity Performance – Lights, Camel, Action!

Wednesday 10th December

- 9.00am – KS1 Nativity Performance – Lights, Camel, Action!

Thursday 11th December

- Cinderella Pantomime (in school) – 1.30pm

Friday 12th December

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Whole School STEM Day
- FOJBPS Christmas Fayre

w/c Monday 15th December

Mentoring – What have you learned about empathy and inclusion? How have we change since September?

Music Journey Focus – Classical, review of genre explored

BSL – review of all signs learnt

Monday 15th December

- Assembly – Year end & Reflection, BC

Tuesday 16th December

- Assembly – Celebrating Diversity, TS

Wednesday 17th December

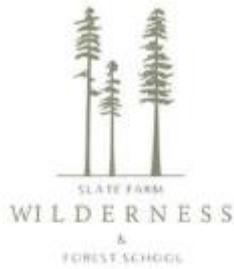
- Assembly – Share a story, EH

Thursday 18th December

- 9.00am – Merit Assembly (invitation only)

FOJBP Class Parties

- 10.30am – EYFS & KS1
- 1.30pm – LKS2
- 2.30pm – UKS2



OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB

TUESDAY 28TH & WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2025



FROM DEN BUILDING, BUSHCRAFT AND FIRE LIGHTING TO WOODLAND CRAFTS, BUG HUNTS, SCAVENGER TRAILS AND MARSHMALLOW TOASTING, EVERY DAY IN THE WOODS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVENTURE, CREATIVITY AND CONNECTION WITH NATURE.

 Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th October

 9am–3pm | £30 per child, per day

 Slate Farm, Hall Farmyard, North Clifton (NG23 7AZ)

EMAIL HELLO@SLATEFARMWILDERNESS.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION

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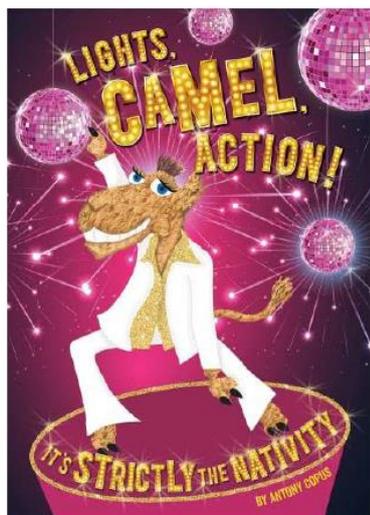
JOHN BLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES DECEMBER 2025



EYFS WILL BE PERFORMING "THE FIRST CHRISTMAS" AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025 -
9.30AM

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025 -
2.30PM



KS1 (Y1 AND YEAR 2) WILL BE PERFORMING "LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!" ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2025 -
5.00PM

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025 -
9.00AM





'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!