



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin Friday 31st October 2025

I hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable half term break. As we begin this new half term, our main focus will be on keeping our school environment attractive, safe, and welcoming for everyone. With the ongoing building work and the shared use of playgrounds, it's important that we all work together to maintain a calm, tidy, and respectful atmosphere around school. By showing care for our surroundings and consideration for one another, we can ensure that our school continues to be a safe and happy place for all.

Building Work Update

We're delighted to share that the building work taking place over the half term has made excellent progress, and we are incredibly pleased with the results so far. Gusto Construction Ltd have worked efficiently and to a high standard – the new room is looking fantastic, and we are now able to begin planning for Collingham and District Preschool to join us on site in 2026.

A separate classroom space has also been created for our Reception children, which they will be using during this phase of the project. Below, you'll find some photos showing how their new temporary classroom looks — it's a bright, welcoming environment where learning can continue seamlessly.



To ensure everyone's safety while the final stages of work are completed, a few temporary changes to drop-off and collection procedures will be in place:

- Years 1–6: Children should enter school via the Key Stage 2 playground, walking down the side of the building next to the car park.
- Years 1 and 2: Children will enter through the school hall (accessed across the black area between Year 5 and Year 6). Staff will be on hand to greet and guide them. At the end of the day, these classes will exit through the same hall doors. Parents are asked to wait on the playground when collecting their children. As four classes will be leaving from this area, please be patient and help staff by ensuring they know who is collecting each child.



- Reception: Reception children will be the only group accessing school via the small green gate. Due to the narrow access point, we kindly ask that adults do not come beyond the green gate when dropping off. Staff will be there to support children entering school safely — we really appreciate your understanding and support in following these arrangements.

At the end of the day, please vacate the school premises promptly. Construction vehicle movement and deliveries will be paused during drop-off and collection times to prioritise safety. Please do not access the outdoor learning area or use playground equipment before or after school. The bikes, which have been moved to the quiet area of the Key Stage 2 playground, are for Reception use only during supervised playtimes.

With the EYFS and KS1 playground being out of bounds during this period, the children will be having staggered playtimes and the MUGA will be utilised at lunchtime to separate the children and keep them in their usual groups during their times.

This is an exciting time for our school community, and we can't wait to share the completed project with you soon. Thank you for your continued support, cooperation, and patience as we work towards an improved and expanded school environment for all.

Poppy Appeal 2025

We are proud to once again support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A range of poppy items will be on sale before and after school (outside the school office) from Tuesday 4th to Monday 10th November, subject to stock availability. Items range in price from 50p to £2, and will be sold by our Year 6 learners. Stock is limited, so please bring along some change early in the week if you'd like to purchase an item and support this important cause.

Autumn Term 2 – 2025-2026



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)

Monday 3rd November

- Start of Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 4th November

- 4.00 – 6.20pm – Family Update Evening

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)

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

Thursday 13th November

- Reception Class visit to Forest School

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)

Enrichment – Creativity Week, Just Write Day

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)

Tuesday 25th November

- UKS2 Trip to Newstead Abbey

Friday 28th November

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

w/c Monday 1st December

SEND – SEND Review Meetings

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)

Tuesday 2nd December

- School Choir performing alongside Our Dementia Choir @ Newark YMCA

Wednesday 3rd December

- 2.00pm – Choir performing @ William Bailey House

Friday 5th December

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- 9.15am –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

Monday 8th December

- 9.30am – EYFS Nativity @ All Saints Church
- An Inspired Christmas Concert @ Royal Concert Hall

Tuesday 9th December

- 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

Thursday 18th December

FOJBP Class Parties

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

Friday 19th December

- 9.00am – Merit Assembly (invitation only)



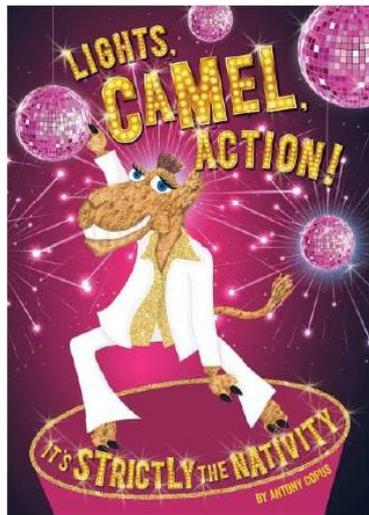
JOHN BLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES DECEMBER 2025



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





**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!**