



**John Blow Primary School**  
**Weekly Bulletin Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

We've had a positive start to the term, and it's been great to see the children settling so well into their new routines. The recent changes to playtimes have been managed smoothly, and the pupils have adapted with their usual enthusiasm and resilience. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support, particularly in helping the children transition into school so successfully while the building works continue. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

**Anti-bullying week 2025**

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week in school, and the children will be taking part in a range of activities linked to this year's theme, "Power for Good." To launch the week, we will be hosting Odd Socks Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique and to promote kindness and respect. We look forward to seeing everyone's colourful and creative odd socks as we start the week with a positive message about using our individual differences to make a difference!

**Working with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**

This academic year, we are working closely with our local **Mental Health Support Team (MHST)** to help promote positive wellbeing across the school. Recently, pupils in **Years 4–6** completed a wellbeing survey, and one of the key areas that emerged was **sleep**.

To support families, the MHST has created a helpful **parent workshop video about sleep**, which you can watch here:

[MHST Sleep Workshop for Parents / https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcbj\\_qPO6Tw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcbj_qPO6Tw)

We also have a **sleep diary template** available from the team, which can be a useful tool if you'd like to monitor and improve your child's sleep patterns.

The MHST offers **specialist workshops for children who struggle with sleep**, and referrals can be made through school.

If, after watching the video, you feel your child (aged **8 years or above**) would benefit from some additional support, please let us know and we can make a referral to the service on your behalf.

**Children in Need 2025**

We will be hosting a non-school uniform day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – please see the link below to donate directly to Children in Need (we will not be taking cash donations again this year).



<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

### *Key dates and upcoming events*

#### **Autumn Term 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates**

##### **w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> November**

- Odd Socks Day
- Sue Leplanche Anti-Bullying chat with children – 9.00am
- Assembly – Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day – BC
- 3.40 – 5.30pm – Family Update Evening

##### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

- Assembly – Remembrance, BB

##### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

- Assembly – Share a story, CN
- Y1 phonics drop in – 9.15am
- Y2 phonics drop in – 1.00pm

##### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

- Children in Need – non-school uniform and donations via Just Giving (no cash donations please)
- Assembly – Above & Beyond, Kind & Thoughtful Acts

##### **w/c Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 – BB to finalise plans.

BSL – Alphabet

##### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

- Assembly – Healthy Lifestyles, KTB

##### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

- Assembly – Creative Arts Week, BC

##### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

- Assembly – Share a story, TS

##### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

- EYFS visit to Forest School

##### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, Creativity

##### **w/c Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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

##### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

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

##### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

- Assembly – Share a story, KTB

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **w/c Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> December**

- Assembly – Disability Value & Inclusion, BC

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

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

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

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

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

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

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

- Cinderella Pantomime (in school) – 1.30pm

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Whole School STEM Day, KB to finalise plans

### **w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December**

- Assembly – Year end & Reflection, BC
- FOJBPS Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm – 6.00pm

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

- Assembly – Celebrating Diversity, TS

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

- Assembly – Share a story, EH

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.00am – Merit Assembly (invitation only)
- FOJBP Class Parties*
- 10.30am – EYFS & KS1
- 1.30pm – LKS2
- 2.30pm – UKS2
- 3.30pm – break up for Christmas Holidays



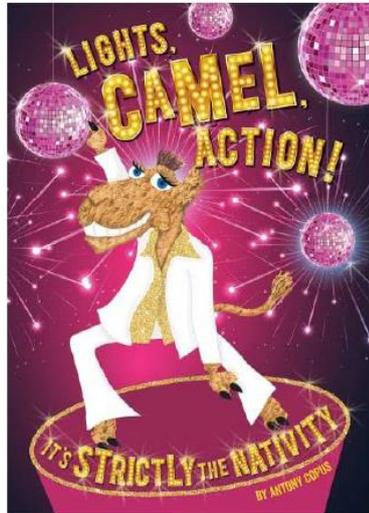
**JOHN BLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL -  
CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES  
DECEMBER 2025**



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

MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 –  
9.30AM

TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 –  
2.30PM



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

TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 –  
5.00PM

WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 –  
9.00AM



## An Inspired Christmas

For those of you who will be attending this event, please see ticket booking details for parents below:



*An Inspired*  
*Christmas*  
**CONCERT** 🎵🎵

**Royal Concert Hall Nottingham  
& Online**

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER | 7 PM - 9 PM

£5 ADULTS  
£3 ONLINE, CHILD & CONCESSIONS

Join us as we celebrate the start of the festive period with this showcase of amazing performances from a host of talented young singers from Nottinghamshire schools and choirs.

Book tickets at TRCH or online at [inspireculture.org.uk/inspiredchristmas2025](https://inspireculture.org.uk/inspiredchristmas2025)



Want to give rugby a try.....and looking to join a thriving girls section?

We have created a "Girls only" free rugby "taster program" The sessions are fun, safe, and non-contact for newcomers, focusing on skills development through playing games. Open to 7-14 year old Girls – Beginners and

Girls who have been introduced to rugby as part of our schools festivals!

Starting Thursday 6th November from 7pm – 8:30pm for 5 weeks here at Kelham Road. The 6th and final session is on Wednesday 10th December with two times world cup winner Emily Scarratt!!

The sessions are all about developing essential life skills. Over the six weeks, you will make new lifelong friendships, build confidence and fitness all while having lots of fun. We teach rugby's core values- Teamwork,

Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, and Sportsmanship.

Register your place today via [events@newarkrugby.com](mailto:events@newarkrugby.com)

Please bring trainers or boots and a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing.

We can't wait to welcome you to our fantastic inclusive family here at Newark Rugby Club!