



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin Friday 5th December 2025

This week has been filled with unforgettable opportunities that have enriched our children's cultural capital, from singing alongside Our Dementia Choir at the YMCA, to performing at the Royal Concert Hall with KS1 children from across the county and taking part in the festive Jingle Jog at Sherwood Pines. None of these inspiring experiences would have been possible without the generosity, time, and support of our wonderful parent volunteers. Your willingness to step in, help out, and cheer us on truly makes a difference. Thank you for everything you do!

Supporting children during the festive period

As we move through the festive period, we know this is an exciting and joyful time for many children. However, it's also important to recognise that some children can find this time of year more challenging. Changes to routine, busy environments, and heightened emotions can feel overwhelming. In school, we work hard to maintain structure and consistency to support all pupils, and we appreciate your continued understanding as we help children navigate this busy period in a calm and reassuring way.



There are a number of simple things parents can do at home to help children manage the festive period more smoothly. Keeping routines as consistent as possible—such as bedtime, mealtimes and homework habits—can make a big difference. Giving children advance warning about changes or busy days can also help reduce anxiety. Some children benefit from having a quiet space they can retreat to if things feel overwhelming. Encouraging regular breaks, fresh air and time to unwind can help them regulate their emotions. Most importantly, keeping communication open and reassuring children that it's okay to feel excited, worried or unsure will support their wellbeing during this busy season.

School Council Christmas Art Competition (reminder)

The School Council are holding a Christmas Art competition for all classes in school.

The top three entries from each class will be chosen, and the artists will receive a certificate in assembly. Entries will be displayed in the school hall.

Please can all entries be handed into class School Council representatives or Mr Barnard by Monday 15th December.

Many thanks,
The School Council

Celebrating learning

We regularly update our school website – please visit the class pages to see what the children have been up across the school.

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

Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to Amelia of Lincs Window Cleaning for donating a Christmas tree for the second-year running.



Key dates and upcoming events

Autumn Term 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

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
- Non-Uniform Day, please bring a Tombola item for the Christmas Fayre
- Whole School STEM Day

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
- FOJBPS Christmas Fayre, 3.30pm – 6pm

Tuesday 16th December

- Assembly – Celebrating Diversity, TS

Wednesday 17th December

- CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY (see details below)
- Assembly – Share a story, EH
- Choir performing @ South Collingham Hall
- Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Concert (invitation only)

Thursday 18th 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

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

The School Council are excited to invite all pupils and staff to wear Christmas jumpers on Wednesday 17th December to help raise money for the Children's Bereavement Centre.

Please use the QR code or the link provided to donate.



www.Justgiving.com/campaign/cbc-2025-christmas-jumper-challenge



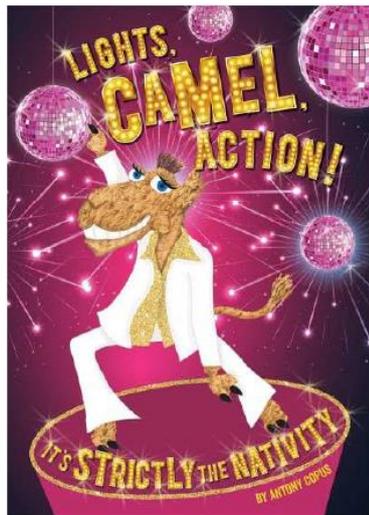
JOHN BLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES DECEMBER 2025



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



Newark Sports and Fitness Centre
Dukeries and Southwell Leisure Centre

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Monday 22nd December 2025 –
Sunday 4th January 2026



4 FREE SESSIONS!

Places limited so book now at
www.active4today.co.uk/leisurehub

You can pay at reception on the day, subject to availability

Telephone 01636 655780

Email enquiries@active4today.co.uk

Newark Sports and Fitness Centre

Sports

Junior Fitness (8-15yrs)

Weekdays 6am - 6pm
Weekends 8am - 2:30pm

£5.50 per session

The fitness suite is open daily for juniors to enjoy a workout!

The fitness suite is open to juniors outside of these times but they must be supervised by a responsible adult.

FREE Fun Swim Sessions!

Monday 29th December
2pm - 2:45pm

Come and make a splash in this free swim session! Places available in both the main and teaching pools.

Book online through the app or Leisurehub. Subject to availability.

FREE Family Sports Session!

Monday 29th December
1:20pm - 2pm

Come along and enjoy a FREE session of squash or racketball.

Book online through the app or Leisurehub. Subject to availability.

Sports Camp (8-13yrs)

Mondays

9:30am - 1pm
£7.50 per session

Get set for a whirlwind of fun! Our indoor sports programme offers a mix of activities including using equipment in the fitness suite, multi skill games and an exciting swim session. Don't forget your swim kit! Ensure your children are in comfy clothes, swimwear, and suitable footwear. Pack plenty of drinks and a light snack to keep them fuelled and ready for action!

Family Sport Session

Wednesdays
10am - 12noon
£5.50 per family

Come along for a morning of fun for all the family. Choose from badminton, short tennis, squash, table tennis, pickleball or basketball. Maximum 5 people per booking.

