



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 9th January 2026

Thank you to all parents for your continued support during the opening of the school, and a special thank you to those who offered their help at the beginning of the week; while the damage caused by the burst pipes is substantial, our priority remains maintaining high-quality teaching and learning while keeping everyone safe, and we will keep you updated as plans are confirmed—currently, we are liaising with contractors to fully assess the damage, after which refurbishment and restoration work will begin.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my sincere thanks to all staff for their incredible effort, commitment, and teamwork in reopening the school this week. Situations such as this have the potential to cause significant disruption; however, thanks to staff positivity, determination, and hard work, the impact on learning has been kept to a minimum. These are highly unusual circumstances, and every member of the team has been phenomenal in ensuring children were welcomed back into school in the most positive and supportive way. While everyone has been affected, the priority throughout has been to maintain high-quality teaching and learning while keeping everyone safe. Moving forward, we will continue to carefully manage the necessary work on site so that staff can remain focused on their classes and children's learning. During this period, assemblies will be held via Microsoft Teams, and we will keep parents informed of any further updates as plans are confirmed.

It is imperative that all children arrive at school by **8:50am**, when the gates are closed. This is to ensure the safety of everyone on site, particularly during the current period of building work. Children arriving after the gates have closed may be asked to wait outside the school office until a member of staff is available to escort them safely into school. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all children safe.

Reporting Absence

As we no longer have access to Scholar Pack, please could all pupil absences be emailed to the school office.

Pedestrian Gate

There is now a bell underneath the intercom box on the pedestrian gate. Please press for entry to school.

Forest School

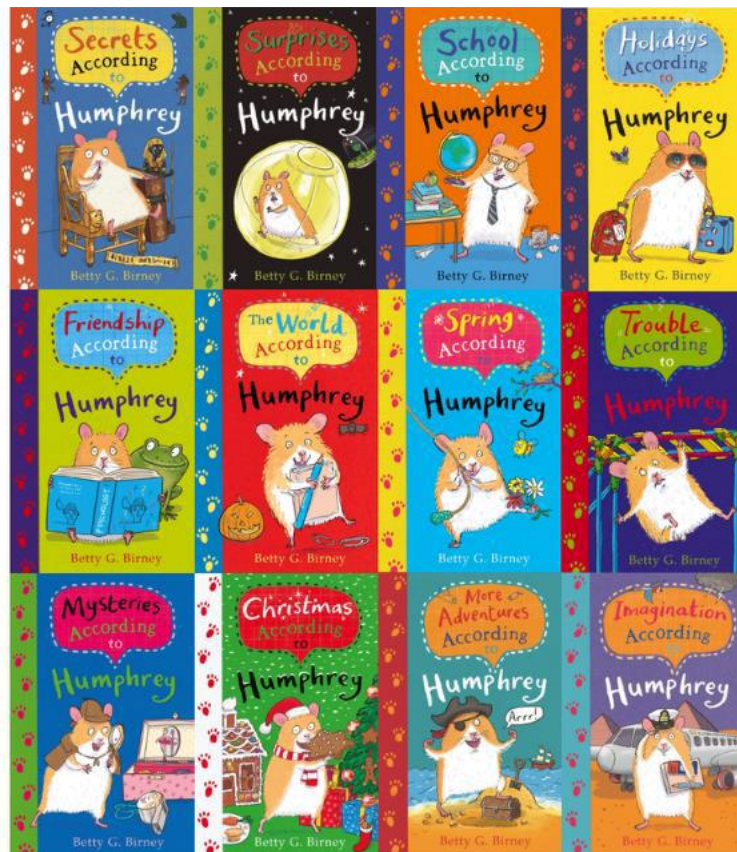
Please see below a link to photos that were taken at our first Forest School session of 2026:

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=149&gcatid=61&albumid=192>

Year 6 parents

Unfortunately, some items that were left in the classroom during the break have been damaged and have had to be destroyed. If you email the school office with a link to any affected items (e.g., pencil cases or stationery), we can include them in our insurance claim and liaise with the underwriters to source any eligible replacements.





We have been made aware that several titles in the *'According to Humphrey'* series 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 that should not be accessed by children of any age.

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. The link can be found on the back cover or may be also included on a page inside. For clarity and reassurance, we are not aware of any children who have accessed this link at John Blow Primary School. We have already completed a search of the school and have found no copies of the book in our library or classroom reading areas.

Actions and Next Steps:

- If you have any of these books at home, we advise you to remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, you can return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.
- Be extra-vigilant with all children's books that contain links and ensure that they are checked by an adult.

We are grateful for your continued support in working together to keep our children safe. **2026- The**

National Year of Reading – 2026

Please follow the link below to find out more for families about The National Year of Reading: [Families | National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In](#)

School Council reminder

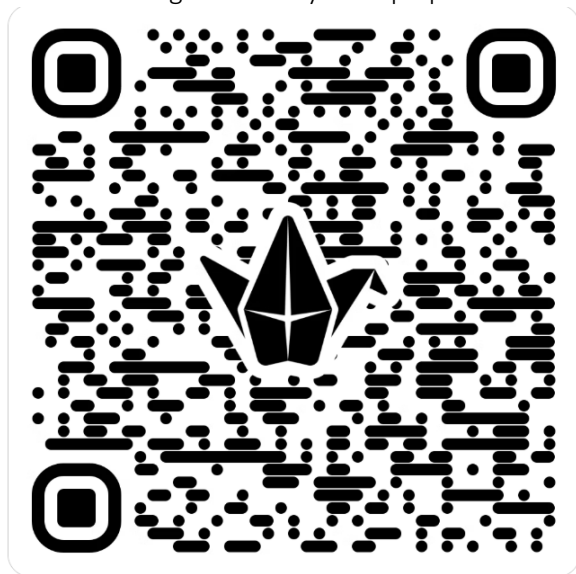
SAVE YOUR PENNIES

The School Council are holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 16th January. For this they are inviting everyone to bring in their spare change to raise funds for some new playground equipment. Each class will be invited to make a continuous line of coins to see who can make the longest.

PADLET FOR PARENTS

In order to support parents, we are starting a Padlet for parents, by parents. This week we are focusing on tidying up. Use the QR code or the link to enter your top tips and strategies you use. Then as more is added a bank of resources and ideas will be available for all to access. Every so often we will send out a new Padlet for parents to add to for different areas i.e. bedtime routines, reading routines, travel in cars, play etc.

Please have a go and add your top tips.



<https://padlet.com/bbarnard5/your-top-tips-for-children-tidying-up-r2j35ne50ro5aqp1>

Research on children tidying up.

[How can you help your child tidy up their room \(without having a massive fight every time\)? | Deakin](#)

Fun Farm

A huge thank you to all staff who supported the Dojo Class reward trip to Fun Farm – your time and effort made the day extra special for the children. Photos from the trip can be viewed on our website:

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=191>



Spring Term 1 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

w/c Monday 12th January

Mentoring – what would your dream job be and why? What's the difference between hope & aspiration? What are your hopes & aspirations?

Music from around the world – Arijit Singh (India – Bollywood)

Monday 12th January

- Assembly – Embodying our School Values Certificates & launch of double Dojos, BC

Tuesday 13th January

- Assembly – Protected Characteristics, Religion / Belief, KTB

Wednesday 14th January

- Assembly – Share a story, KB

Thursday 15th January

- Y6 Forest School Day

Friday 16th January

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, kindness stars

w/c Monday 19th January

Mentoring – what challenge have you overcome? How can we learn from mistakes & setbacks.

Music from around the world – Ludmilla (Brazil)

Monday 19th January

- Assembly – Protected Characteristics, Age & Stereotypes, BC
- Y2&5 Trip to the National Space Centre
- Y4 Forest School Day

Tuesday 20th January

- Assembly – The importance of respect, BB

Wednesday 21st January

- Assembly – Share a story, EM

Friday 23rd January

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, collaboration

w/c Monday 26th January

Mentoring – if your life was a book, what would the title be? What story do we want to write for ourselves this year?

Music from around the world – Baker Boy (Australia)

Monday 26th January

- Assembly
- Y5 Forest School Day

Tuesday 27th January

- Assembly – Protected Characteristics, Disability, BB

Wednesday 28th January

- Assembly – Share a story, EH

Friday 30th January

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, focused & prepared to learn
- Y4 Multi-Skills @ NK, AM

w/c Monday 2nd February

Mentoring – what have you achieved so far this year? What target will you set for the rest of the year?
Music from around the world – S.H.E (Taiwan)

Monday 2nd February

- Assembly – National Astronomy Week, KB

Tuesday 3rd February

- Assembly – National Story Telling Week, BB
- Y3 Forest School Day

Wednesday 4th February

- Assembly – Share a story, CN

Friday 6th February

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, attractive & safe

w/c Monday 9th February

Music from around the world – review of genre

Monday 9th February

- Assembly – sporting role model, TS
- Y2 Forest School Day

Tuesday 10th February

- Assembly – Safer Internet Day, Y4 presentation to assembly & parents, CN

Wednesday 11th February

- Assembly – Share a story, KTB

Thursday 12th February

- 8.15 – 9.00am, Story Telling Café
- Assembly – Merit Assembly by invitation only
- End of Term @ 3.30pm
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Friday 13th February

- INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Warble and Lark

KIDS

STARTING
JANUARY 2026

Musical Theatre Choir

MONDAY EVENINGS,
5:30-6:30

CHILDREN AGED
8-13

THE STUDIO,
GUSTO HOUSE

Email warbleandlark@icloud.com for more
information and to book a place.