



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 6th February 2026



A GRAND OPENING FOR THE EYFS UNIT @ JOHN BLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

This morning, we opened the new EYFS unit at John Blow Primary School; below is the speech that I gave to celebrate this great moment for early learning opportunities in Collingham:

Welcome everyone to this truly significant moment for Early Years provision in Collingham. For many years, there has been a shared ambition to bring Collingham and District Preschool and John Blow Primary School together, and thanks to the hard work and commitment of so many people here today, that vision has now become a reality. At the heart of this partnership are the children—they are the heartbeat of our school, and everything we are celebrating today is for them. Our aim throughout has been simple: to provide the very best start for our 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds in Collingham and the surrounding area. By working more closely across both sites, and with the support of Nursery Capital Grant funding from the Department for Education and the excellent team at Gusto Construction, who have created such a fantastic learning space, we are now able to officially join forces. This project has had a real community feel from the very beginning, and that is a credit to everyone involved. As we begin this new chapter, I am excited to see the strong foundations that will continue to grow within the EYFS unit at John Blow Primary School.

Tuxford Family of Schools Art Competition

Over the half-term holiday, there will be an optional homework activity linked to the Tuxford Family of Schools Art Competition. The theme this year is “Water”, and the competition is open to all pupils—everyone is welcome to take part. If you would like to enter, please submit artwork to your child’s class teacher by Friday 28th February 2026, ensuring your child’s name is clearly written on the back. Entries will be judged, and selected pieces will form part of a travelling art gallery to celebrate creativity across our schools. Get those creative juices flowing and, most importantly, have fun!

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS – BY PARENTS

A huge thank you to the three families who contributed to our first Padlet- their suggestions to help support others were brilliant.

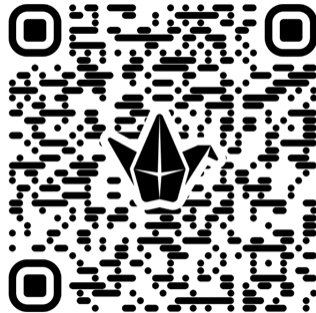
At school, parents often ask us for advice and ideas to support them and their children at home. We know, however, that some of the most helpful ideas come from other parents who are experiencing the same everyday challenges.

To celebrate the strength of our school community, we are launching a series of Padlets created by parents, for parents. Even if you don't currently have difficulties with an area, your tips and routines could make a real difference to another family.

This week's focus is bedtime routines up. Please use the QR code or the link below to share the strategies that work in your home. As parents add their ideas, we will build a shared bank of practical tips that everyone can access and benefit from.

Over time, we will introduce new Padlets covering different areas. By working together and sharing our experiences, we can support all families and, ultimately, all our pupils.

Please take a moment to contribute – your ideas could really help another family.



<https://padlet.com/bbarnard5/bedtime-routines-kjnm3hmbmqf4wqty>

Please see the school website for this and our previous Padlet on 'Tidying up', under 'Parents', 'Support and advice', 'Parental Padlets'

FOJBPS School Disco, Thursday 12th February

There are still 15 tickets available for the EYFS/KS1 disco and 5 for the KS2 disco. Tickets are available to buy from the shop on the app.

Photos

Please see links below to recent photo uploads:

Forest School Provision, Spring Term 1

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

Year 3 Forest School

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=119&gcatid=41&albumid=207>

Celebrating learning (you make an appearance)

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=208>

EYFS Opening

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Spring Term 1 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

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

- Safer internet day assembly – CN
- Dodgeball competition – Phoenix Hall (pm)

Wednesday 11th February

- Assembly – Share a story, KTB

Thursday 12th February

- End of Term @ 3.30pm
- FOJB Disco at Phoenix Hall
 - 4pm – 5pm, EYFS and KS1
 - 5.15 – 6.15pm, KS2

Friday 13th February

- INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

February Half Term at Collingham Library

All of this is
FREE!

Valentine's Card Making Craft;

Friday 13th February, drop in between 10am and 12pm



Lego Club;

Saturday 14th from 9:30am-12:30pm

Monday 16th from 2-5pm

Tuesday 17th from 9:30am-1pm

Wednesday 18th from 2-5pm

Saturday 21st from 9:30am-12:30pm



"I Am A Storyteller" Children's Workshop;

Thursday 19th February at 10am

This Event is Sold Out! - Scan the
QR Code to Join The Waitlist



Board Games;

Friday 20th February
from 9:30am-1pm



JOHN BLOW PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNICATION FLOWCHART

General school enquiry.
e.g. questions about events/activities, clubs or wrap-around care

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Parents/Carers
Call the office between 8.15am and 4pm
01636 892485
or
email
office@collingham.notts.sch.uk

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School will aim to respond within one working day



Learning / SEND enquiry.
e.g. homework questions, concerns about progress, support for SEND needs

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Parents/Carers
Send an email to the class teacher / SENDCo via
office@collingham.notts.sch.uk or sendco@collingham.notts.sch.uk
or
Come into school before 8.30am in the morning (via the school office) or catch them at the end of the day when children are dismissed.

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School
Class teacher will either respond via a telephone call or email
Staff will attempt to make an initial response within 2 working days

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In some cases, the enquiry will be dealt with the a member of the SEND Team. We aim to respond within two working days.

Behaviour Enquiry.
e.g. friendship concerns, physical incident, unkind language incident, social media incident

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Emotional or Mental Health Support Enquiry.
e.g. concerns around anxiety, changes to family circumstances

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Send an email to the class teacher / Wellbeing Team / SENDCo via
office@collingham.notts.sch.uk or sendco@collingham.notts.sch.uk

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School
A member of the Wellbeing Team / your child's class teacher / the SENDCo will attempt to make an initial response within 2 working days

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It is imperative that these channels are followed when raising communication with school. The pathways are in place to ensure that policies and procedures are adhered to.

Safeguarding or safety concerns.

Safeguarding children and young people is everyone's responsibility

To contact Mr Carver (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mr Barnard (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) regarding a safeguarding or safety concern during term time, please contact the school office:

Telephone - 01636 892485

Email -
office@collingham.notts.sch.uk

If your concerns are regarding a child in immediate danger, the police should be contacted or a concern can be made raised to with children's services (anybody can make a referral via these numbers):

Nottinghamshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) -
0300 500 80 80

Lincolnshire Children's Services -
01522 782111