



**John Blow Primary School**  
**Weekly Bulletin – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**



### **Ordering lunches**

After half term, we will be returning to a weekly booking system for school lunches.

Lunches cannot be ordered on the day. If a school dinner has not been booked in advance, your child will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

We are reintroducing this system because we are currently running at a loss when meals are ordered on the day. This directive has been agreed by both our catering provider, Vertas, and the school. A significant amount of staff time is being spent finalising and adjusting lunch numbers daily, and late orders are resulting in financial losses. Any overpayments or shortfalls must be covered by the school budget.

Returning to a weekly booking system will:

- Ensure accurate meal ordering
- Reduce administrative time
- Prevent further financial loss
- Allow the catering team to plan effectively

Please ensure that meals are ordered by 3:00pm on Wednesday for the following week. The booking window will close at this time, and no further orders can be accepted.

For the first week back after half term, the menu will close at 3:00pm on Wednesday 18th February 2026.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in helping us manage this process effectively.

### **School Disco**

Thank you to the Friends of John Blow and school staff who supported the disco at the Phoenix Hall on Thursday night – the children had a great time – photos from the event can be found on the school website: <https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=212>

## **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!*

**RSPB update- What to see in February- please see the link below**

[Wing Tips: What to see in February](#)

## **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’



## Spring Term 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

### **w/c Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Mentoring – Themes this term linked to British Science Week Starter: If you could invent anything, what would it be? Discussion: How do new ideas change the world?

Music from around the world – Rap and RnB, MC Yogi (USA)

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

- Assembly – Spring has Sprung! We keep our school attractive and safe, BC

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

- Assembly – Fair Trade, BB
- Y1 Forest School Day

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

- Assembly – Share a Story, KB

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

### **w/c Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Mentoring – Starter: How does science make life better? Pupil voice survey questions. The best thing about JBPS is... / JBPS would be even better if...

Music from around the world – Rap and RnB, Koffee (Jamaica)

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

- Assembly – International Women’s Day, BC
- EYFS Forest School Day

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

- Assembly – Preparing for World Book Day, BB

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Share a story, EM

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

- World Book Day – come to school dressed as your favourite book character  
Easy dress up ideas

[126 easy World Book Day homemade costume ideas 2025 with pictures | MadeForMums](#)

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

### **w/c Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Mentoring – Starter: If you were an inventor, what problem would you solve? World Book Day – Who is your favourite book character? / Who have you come as today?

Music from around the world – Rap and RnB, Aretha Franklin (USA)

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Science Week

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Opportunities in STEM, EH
- EYFS Trip to Rand Farm

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Share a story, ER
- Y5 Trip to Nottingham Ice Arena

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Y3 @ Multi-Skills
- House Tag Rugby

### **w/c Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Mentoring – Starter: Would you rather explore space or the deep ocean? Discussion: Why is curiosity important?  
Music from around the world – Rap and RnB, Run DMC (USA)

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Playtime Games, TS
- LKS2 Trip to Gainsborough Old Hall

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – School Values, BC
- Y5 Bikeability
- Chess Tournament

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Share a story, CN
- Y5 Bikeability

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

- Y5 Bikeability
- LKS2 Tag Rugby

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Y5 Bikeability
- Non-School Uniform Day – bring in a chocolate donation!

### **w/c Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Mentoring – Starter: If you could talk to an animal, what would you ask? Discussion: How can science help us protect our planet?

Music from around the world – Rap and RnB – Salt n Pepa (USA)

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

- Assembly – World Poetry Day, EM

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Easter Story, Church Visit, TBC

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Easter Story, Church Visit, TBC
- Choir Singing at William Bailey House

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

- FOJBPS Chocolate Bingo

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- House Boccia
- End of Term

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

<b>27<sup>th</sup> &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>LKS2 Production, 1.30pm @ The Memorial Hall</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day, Parents invited from 1.30pm</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reserve Sports Day</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>UKS2 Play (time &amp; location TBC)</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School D&amp;T Day</b>

# February Half Term at Collingham Library

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All of this is  
**FREE!**

## Valentine's Card Making Craft;

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, drop in between 10am and 12pm



## Lego Club;

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-12:30pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-1pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30am-12:30pm



## "I Am A Storyteller" Children's Workshop;

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 10am

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



## Board Games;

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
from 9:30am-1pm

