



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 27th February 2026



Update to parents
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It has been a fantastic start to the term and a real pleasure to welcome all the children back to school. The first week with our preschool children now based on site has gone incredibly well, and it has been wonderful to see blue jumpers alongside our red ones – a lovely symbol of our growing school community. This week, we have also welcomed three new starters across the school, and we are now nearing 200 pupils on roll. This is a significant milestone in the continued growth of our school and a testament to the hard work, commitment and positive spirit of our whole community in attracting new families to the school.

Start of the day arrangements

Now that our preschool children have officially moved onto the main school site, it is more important than ever that we are punctual at the school gates each morning. The gates will close promptly at 8.50am, and we kindly ask that you aim to have your children in school before this time. The first part of the day is particularly important, as it provides an opportunity for children to consolidate and revisit prior learning, as well as prepare themselves for the rest of the day ahead.

If you arrive after 8.50am, your child must enter school via the front office. This is a vital safeguarding procedure to ensure we have an accurate and up-to-date record of all children on site and that we can account for everyone quickly and efficiently. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, calm and purposeful start to each day.

To help our mornings run as smoothly as possible, we kindly ask that children are brought to and left at the **green gate**. To support safeguarding and reduce congestion on the playground, we ask that parents and carers do not come through the gate onto the playground unless this has been arranged as part of an individual hand-over plan. A small number of children have a planned hand-over on the playground as part of their individual support provision. By remaining outside the green gate, you enable staff to focus fully on those children who require additional support, while also helping us maintain a calm and orderly start to the day.

We are committed to developing independence in our learners and encouraging them to enter the setting confidently. It has been wonderful to see how positively the children have embraced coming into school, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity they are already showing. Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture this important life skill.

Coach Callum football club

We would like to inform parents that, from next week, football club will be changing on a Wednesday. Years 5 and 6 will now take part in football with Coach Callum during Wednesday lunchtime, while Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be invited to attend the after-school session on a Wednesday. This change has been made to ensure that all children have a fair opportunity to participate in the club across the term.

Please note that Mr Newberry's club will remain the same and is not affected by this adjustment. If you have any questions, please email the school office and we will be happy to help.

Look at what we have been up to!

We regularly update our website with photographs of what we have been getting up to across school. Here's some highlights from the start of Spring Term 2:

Year 1 had a brilliant day at Forest School –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=87&gcatid=42&albumid=213>

Celebrating learning across the school in February-

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

Year 6 have been playing Djembe drums in music –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=151&gcatid=46&albumid=214>

Friends of John Blow Primary School Disco-

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=212>

Collingham in Bloom

Your child will bring home a picture to colour in today related to the Collingham in Bloom community project.

Relocation of Pre-School

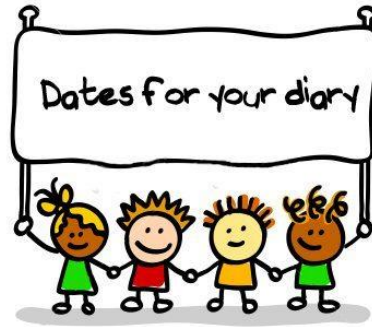
Please see below the link to the article published in the Newark Advertiser.

<https://www.newarkadvertiser.co.uk/news/children-at-heart-of-new-partnership-as-school-and-nursery-j-9453863/>

Happy Retirement

Today we said goodbye and wished Mrs Melfi a happy retirement after having been at John Blow Primary School feeding the children for 15 years!





Spring Term 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

w/c Monday 2nd March

Mentoring – Starter: How does science make life better? Pupil voice survey questions – mentors to capture answers (p18) The best thing about JBPS is... / JBPS would be even better if...
Music from around the world – Rap and RnB, Koffee (Jamaica)

Monday 2nd March

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

Tuesday 3rd March

- Assembly – Preparing for World Book Day, BB

Wednesday 4th March

- Assembly – Share a story, EM

Thursday 5th March

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

Friday 6th March

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

w/c Monday 9th 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 9th March

- Assembly – Science Week

Tuesday 10th March

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

Wednesday 11th March

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

Friday 13th March

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

w/c Monday 16th 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 16th March

- Assembly – Playtime Games, TS
- LKS2 Trip to Gainsborough Old Hall
- Y5 Bikeability

Tuesday 17th March

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

Wednesday 18th March

- Assembly – Share a story, CN
- Y5 Bikeability

Thursday 19th March

- Y5 Bikeability
- LKS2 Tag Rugby

Friday 20th March

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

w/c Monday 23rd 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 23rd March

- Assembly – World Poetry Day, EM

Tuesday 24th March

- Assembly – Easter Story, Church Visit TBC

Wednesday 25th March

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

Thursday 26th March

- FOJBPS Chocolate Bingo

Friday 27th March

- 9.00am – Merit Assembly (by invitation only)
- House Boccia
- End of Term