



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



Update to parents
Friday 6th March 2026

What another wonderful World Book Day! Thank you to everyone for your effort in helping us to promote a love of reading.

Please find photographs from the day here:

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=63&albumid=217>

Family Update Evenings

Due to the ongoing building work and the reconstruction project due to begin in the near future, we need to temporarily limit access to the school building for health and safety reasons. As a result, Family Update Evenings will be postponed until the Summer Term.

We appreciate your understanding while this work takes place and will share the new dates with plenty of notice once they are confirmed.

To ensure parents still receive an update on their child's progress, mid-year reports will be sent home before the Easter break. These reports will show where your child is currently working within the National Curriculum expectations for their year group.

This information will also be supported by the next round of Attitude to Learning reports, which provide further insight into how children are approaching their learning in school.

Thank you for your continued support and patience while the building work progresses.

Start of the day arrangements

The start of the day has been much smoother – the partnership between home and school is essential in developing independent and confident learners and it has been fantastic to see children coming into the setting each morning with a positive can-do attitude!

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:

EYFS had a brilliant day at Forest School –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=86&gcatid=60&albumid=216>

Celebrating learning across the school in February –

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

Parental Support

This year is the National Year of Reading, and with World Book Day just around the corner, we're putting a special focus on helping every child develop a love of reading. Research shows that the single most important thing families can do to support learning at home is to read together regularly — but many parents tell us they'd like simple, practical ideas to make reading easier, more enjoyable, and less of a struggle.

This Padlet is a space for our school community to share tips, questions, and ideas about reading at home.

Whether you've found a great way to make story time fun, need help with phonics, or want suggestions for engaging books, you can add your thoughts here. Your comments might be exactly what another family needs.

You can change your name when you enter an idea if you wish to remain anonymous.

Together, we can help every child become a confident, enthusiastic reader.

<https://padlet.com/bbarnard5/reading-at-home-glm2aqnabmsz2byn>



National Year of Reading

As we celebrate the National Year of Reading, it's the perfect time to spark a lifelong love of books in every child.

Whether your child enjoys magical adventures like Harry Potter, laugh-out-loud stories by David Walliams, or gripping mysteries and graphic novels, there's a perfect next read waiting for them. To discover recommended books tailored to the stories and genres your child already loves, visit our guide here: [John Blow Primary School- Reading ideas at home](#) and help them turn one great book into many more.

Above & Beyond

Huge congratulations to the following children who were awarded Above & Beyond certificates today:

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	EYFS
Zoe	Edward	Roman	Arlo S	Niamh	Tommy	Elodie
Jessica	Eve	Lewis	Elsie	Caleb	William	Toby
Betsy W	Alfie	Georgia		Ophelia	Ollie	
Georgie				Artie	Allie	
Izabella					Zachary	
Lillian						

Everyone in EYFS were given an Above & Beyond sticker for their fantastic Forest School Day!

THE title to have for kids transitioning from primary to secondary school as recommended by Mr Barnard

Moving up from primary to secondary school can be scary. Going from being the bosses of the benches, to the youngest in a massive playground is hard.

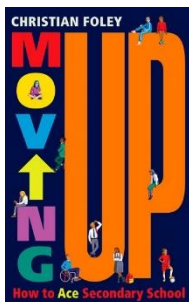
The classrooms are bigger, older students look like adults and don't even start on the piles of homework, stressful exams and complicated friendships.

Whether you're heading to secondary school next year, or you've just started and still adjusting, *Moving Up* is here to help you on your journey.

From choosing your new school and your first day all the way up to your final exams and your leaving party or prom, this handy guide book will be the perfect companion for transitioning to secondary, and get you feeling confident, building strong friendships, achieving great things and generally being the greatest that you can be.

Covering topics from:

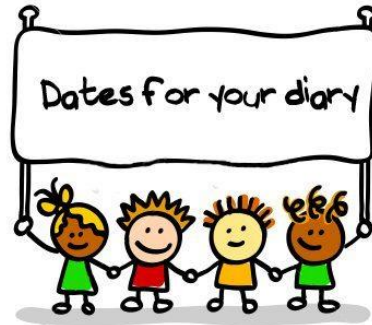
- Leaving primary school
- Going to big school
- Getting lost
- Homework
- Exams
- New challenges
- Older kids
- Friendships
- Relationships
- Bullying
- Social media and more



Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust update

See the link below for lots of exciting ideas for 'Things to do in Spring':

[Things to do in the Easter Holidays! | Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust](#)



Spring Term 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

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 – KB

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

Tuesday 17th March

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

Wednesday 18th March

- Assembly – Share a story, CN
- Y5 Bikeability
- Road Safety Day

Thursday 19th March

- Y5 Bikeability
- LKS2 Tag Rugby

Friday 20th March

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Y5 Bikeability
- 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

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

SAVE THE DATE!

28 th & 29 th April	LKS2 Production, 1.30pm at The Memorial Hall
5 th June	Sports Day, Parents invited from 1.30pm
26 th June	Reserve Sports Day
29 th & 30 th June	UKS2 Play (time & location TBC)
20 th July	Whole School D&T Day