



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 13th March 2026



Update to parents
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It has been another fantastic week of learning across the school, and the children have represented us brilliantly. We were delighted to welcome visitors from The English Hub, who spent time in school looking at our phonics provision and the excellent early reading work taking place. Our EYFS children were wonderful ambassadors for the school during their visit to Rand Farm Park, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the trip. Alongside this, we have celebrated National Science Week, with a range of exciting STEM activities taking place across the school. It has been a busy, inspiring and enjoyable week, and we are incredibly proud of the effort, behaviour and enthusiasm the children have shown.

Above and Beyond

Our Above and Beyond recipients in assembly this week were:

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Henry	Alex	Charlotte	Remi	Barney	Molly	Angus
Loui H	Caleb	Izzy	Arlo-Jon	Abbie	James	Betzy B
Margot	Lexi-Jae	Alfie			Reedus	
	Hector	Arthur			Isabelle	

UKS2 STEM afternoon

A huge thank you to Kelly and Luke from Inzpire for hosting a fantastic UKS2 STEM afternoon on Thursday 12th March.

The children took part in two engaging sessions across the afternoon: Structures and Missiles, where they explored engineering, design and scientific thinking through hands-on activities.

What a brilliant way to celebrate National Science Week! It was also a great example of our curriculum driver of collaboration in action, with pupils working together to solve problems, test ideas and learn from one another.

Thank you again to Kelly and Luke for inspiring our young scientists! Check out the photos here: <https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=222>

Staffing

A huge welcome to our new caretaker, Ian, who joined us on Monday 6th March. He is already making an impact across school.

Collingham in Bloom

Thank you to those who have returned their entries for Collingham in Bloom. All entries must be given to the school office by Monday 16th March.

Red Nose Day

Next week we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 20th March in exchange for Easter Egg donations to support our upcoming Easter Egg Bingo event. The event will take place on Thursday 26th March at the Football Club, and the donated eggs will be used as prizes on the evening. We would be very grateful for any Easter egg donations that children are able to bring into school.

At the same time, if you would like to support Red Nose Day, we are encouraging families to make donations directly online using the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/rednoseday2026?utm_medium=CA&utm_source=CL

Please note that we will not be accepting cash donations in school for Red Nose Day this year. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Parking outside school

We have had several complaints from neighbours about parking in restricted areas at drop off and pick-up times. Please be mindful of our neighbours and only park in designated areas. Please do not park on yellow lines or zigzags. Many thanks.

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 – please share these photos with your family and friends!:

Reception visited Rand Farm Park in Lincoln –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=86&gcatid=60&albumid=219>

Y5 had a brilliant day at Nottingham Ice Arena –

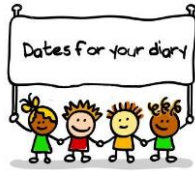
<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=91&gcatid=45&albumid=218>

Celebrating learning across the school in March –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=220>

National Science Week collaborative learning with Y1 and Y6 –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=87&gcatid=42&albumid=221>



Spring Term 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

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 – Group 1
- Chess Tournament

Wednesday 18th March

- Assembly – Share a story, CN
- Y5 Bikeability – Group 1

Thursday 19th March

- Y5 Bikeability – Group 2
- LKS2 Tag Rugby

Friday 20th March

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Y5 Bikeability – Group 2
- 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 @ 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

SUMMIT FOR THE SCHOOL

The National Three Peak Challenge raising funds for Friends of John Blow School and Collingham and District Pre-School



At the end of May, the Summit for the School team will be taking on the National Three Peak Challenge in order to raise funds for Friends of John Blow School and Collingham and District Pre-School, both based in Collingham, Nottinghamshire.

The National Three Peak Challenge involves climbing the highest mountain in each of the three countries of Scotland, England and Wales plus travelling between them, all in 24 hours. This will involve around 23 miles (37km) of walking, along with over 3000m (10,000ft) of ascent.

Our team of past or present locals, some who attended the school as children, some who have children at the school, and for some of us both the above, consists of 10 hikers and 2 drivers who will share the minibus driving between them.

The challenge will begin in Fort William, Scotland at 7am on Saturday 30th May 2026 and after climbing Ben Nevis (1345m), Scafell Pike (978m) and then Snowdon a.k.a Yr Wyddfa (1085m), we will hopefully finish no more than 24 hours later, on the morning of Sunday 31st.

We have decided to fundraise for Friends of John Blow School and Collingham and District Pre-School. Friends of John Blow School have been an integral part of the village school community for many years, during which time they have raised funds for improving equipment and resources to enhance the local children's education and the facilities in school in general. Funds raised by the charity go towards buying items ranging from computer equipment and play equipment to library books and contributions towards educational school trips. The school recently suffered a burst pipe and subsequent water damage to part of the school, we are hoping this fundraiser will go some way to help replace damaged equipment.

Collingham Pre-School have just moved venues and are now situated on the John Blow Primary School site. They are not a registered charity but FOJBS will make a donation towards them out of the funds we raise.



Your team of challengers consists of Tilly McGill, Tom McGill, Andrew Shaw, Jon Townsend, Daniel Barnard, Adam Stephenson, Jon Watson, Stephen Baldwin, Toby Baldwin and Anthony Pipes. With drivers Robert Townsend and Andrew McGill.

To donate, scan the QR code or visit www.justgiving.com/page/collingham

Thanks also to our sponsors: Camper UK, Gusto Construction, Knight Webb, Dixon and Townsend Mechanical Services, Gary Shelbourn, Barnard Construction, Lincolnshire Co-op and Collingham One Stop.

Brand new baby and toddler group
coming soon - first session **13th April!**




 **Toys & play**

 **Toast, biscuits & juice**  for the little ones

 **Tea, coffee & friendly chat** for adults

 **A warm, welcoming community space**

 **Every Monday**

 **10:00–11:30am**

 **£3 for one adult & child**

 **50p for each additional child**

 **St Helens Church Community Hub,
Thorney NG23 7BS**

No need to book – just come along and join the fun!

Parents, grandparents, carers & childminders welcome

 **Find us on Facebook!**

Under 5's
Crafts and Activities
at Collingham Library in March!



**3D Trees & Mushrooms Activity for
International Day of Forests:**

Thursday 19 and Friday 20 March,
drop in between 10am and 12pm



**Extra Big Drawing & Colouring for
International Colour Day:**

Thursday 19 and Friday 20 March,
drop in between 10am and 12pm



3D Egg Craft for Easter:

Thursday 26 March,
drop in between 10am and 12:30pm

Welcoming Spring: Grow a Sunflower Activity:

Friday 27 March,
drop in between 10am and 12pm

