



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 17th April 2026



Update to parents
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John Blow Kitchen Team

We are delighted to welcome our new kitchen team to John Blow this week — Melanie, our new Head Chef, and Demi, our Assistant Cook.

This marks a new era in our kitchen, and we are already seeing a positive start. Both Melanie and Demi have quickly built warm, positive relationships with the children and are already getting into the swing of things.

Their arrival has been a fantastic addition to the John Blow team, and we are excited about the impact they will have moving forward.

Mini Marathon

A huge thank you to everyone for sponsoring the mini marathon at the end of last term. We have raised just over £1,600 and the funds will be used to enhance our PE / sport curriculum.

Bags2School

A big thank you to all parents and carers for your generous donations to our recent Bags2School collection. Thanks to your support, we raised £99 for Friends of John Blow.

As the saying goes — money for old rope! Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will go towards supporting the school and enriching opportunities for our children.

UKS2

A big thank you to Mr Straw, Mr Barnard, our UKS2 children, and their parents for the flexibility and resilience shown this week while adapting to the temporary changes put in place to support Mr Barnard's return following his knee operation.

The positive attitude and understanding shown by everyone has been greatly appreciated, and it is yet another example of the resilience our learners demonstrate so well.

Screen donations

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Horton for his incredibly generous donation of screens from his company. These will be installed around the school, so please do keep an eye out for them in the coming weeks.

This is a truly generous act that will greatly enhance learning opportunities for all our pupils, and we are very grateful for his support.

Netball Club

Netball Club with Mrs Moyes will start on Friday 24th April. LKS2 will be from 12.00 – 12.30 and UKS2 from 12.30 – 1.00. Please confirm with the school office if you would like to your child to attend.

Year 6 Industry Opportunities

We are currently exploring the possibility of offering Year 6 pupils some valuable insight into the world of work during the Summer Term.

If you can host a visit, come into school to talk about your job, or know someone who could support us with this, we would greatly appreciate your help. Our aim is to broaden the children's understanding of the opportunities available to them in the wider world.

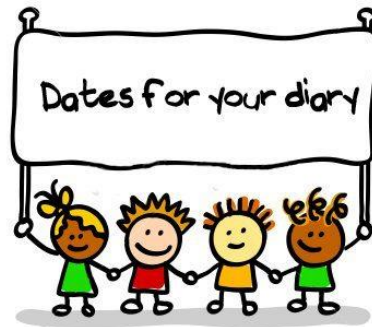
If you feel you can support in any way, please contact the school office.

Welly Donation Request (a reminder)

As part of our Collingham in Bloom 2026 project, we will be creating decorative displays around the school grounds using colourful planted wellies. We would be very grateful for any donations of old or unused wellington boots that families may have at home. If you have any wellies that your children have outgrown or no longer need, please send them into the school office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for supporting us as we work together to make our school environment bright and welcoming for the judging in July.

Parking outside school (a reminder)

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.



Summer Term 1 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

w/c Monday 13th April

Mentoring – Starter: If you could celebrate anything, what would it be? Discussion: Why is it important to celebrate different cultures?

Music Journey – Rock and Roll- Elvis Presley (USA)

Monday 13th April

- Assembly – Our curriculum drivers – Resilience, BC
- 1.15-2.15pm – Y2 Resilience Workshop, MHST
- 2.30-3.30pm – Y5 Resilience Workshop, MHST

Tuesday 14th April

- Assembly – What does it mean to be a resilient learner, BB

Wednesday 15th April

- Assembly – Share a Story, BB

Friday 17th April

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

w/c Monday 20th April

Mentoring – Starter: What does 'belonging' mean to you? Discussion: How do we help others feel like they belong?

Music Journey – Rock and Roll- Yola (UK)

Monday 20th April

- Assembly – Our curriculum drivers – Collaboration, TS

Tuesday 21st April

- Assembly – What does it mean to be the best you can be, EM
- 1.00pm – DART, Y6
- 4.00pm – Football match v South Hykeham (home)

Wednesday 22nd April

- Assembly – Share a story, KB
- 4.00pm – Football match v WSH (home)

Thursday 23rd April

- LKS2 Orienteering Day @ Hartsholme Park

Friday 24th April

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

w/c Monday 27th April

Mentoring – Starter: If your family had a flag, what would be on it? Discussion: How do our families and communities shape who we are?

Music Journey – Rock and Roll, X Japan (Japan)

Monday 27th April

- Assembly – International School Update, CN
- 9.30am – Y6 SATS Workshop, MHST
- 11.00am – Y4 Resilience Workshop, MHST

Tuesday 28th April

- Assembly – Setting a goal, KTB
- 9.15am – 5-year-old dental check-ups
- **1.30pm – LKS2 Performance in school**

Wednesday 29th April

- Assembly – Share a story, EH
- **1.30pm – LKS2 Performance in school**

Friday 23rd January

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, collaboration

w/c Monday 4th May

Mentoring – Starter: What tradition is special to you and why? Discussion: How can we learn from each other's stories?

Music Journey – Rock and Roll, The Warning (Mexico)

Monday 4th May

- **May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed**

Tuesday 5th May

- Assembly – What does it mean to show empathy, CN
- 9.30am – Y5 visiting All Saints Church

Wednesday 6th May

- Assembly – Share a story, KTB

Thursday 7th May

- Y4 Rand Farm Residential

Friday 8th May

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, focused & prepared to learn
- Y2 Multi-Skills @ NK, AM
- Y4 Rand Farm Residential
- Netball @ Barnby Road Academy, PM

w/c Monday 11th May

Mentoring – Starter: If you could share one thing you're proud of, what would it be? Discussion: What does pride mean and how do we celebrate others?

Music Journey – Rock and Roll, Angelique Kidjo (Beninese)

Monday 11th May

- KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday 12th May

- KS2 SATs Week

Wednesday 13th May

- KS2 SATs Week

Thursday 14th May

- KS2 SATs Week

Friday 15th May

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

w/c Monday 18th May

Mentoring – Review of topics covered

Music Journey – review of genre

Monday 18th May

- Assembly – Our curriculum drivers, Empathy, BC

Tuesday 19th May

- Assembly – Review of Summer Term 1, BB
- 2.30pm – Chess Tournament

Wednesday 20th May

- Assembly – Share a story

Thursday 21st May

- 1.00pm – Y6 Rugby Leaders Course

Friday 22nd May

- Assembly – Merit Assembly by invitation only
- End of Term @ 3.30pm

SAVE THE DATE!

28th & 29th April LKS2 Production, 1.30pm in the school hall

5th June Sports Day, Parents invited from 1.30pm

26th June Reserve Sports Day

29th & 30th June UKS2 Play (time & location TBC)

20th July Whole School D&T Day



The Fifty Fund

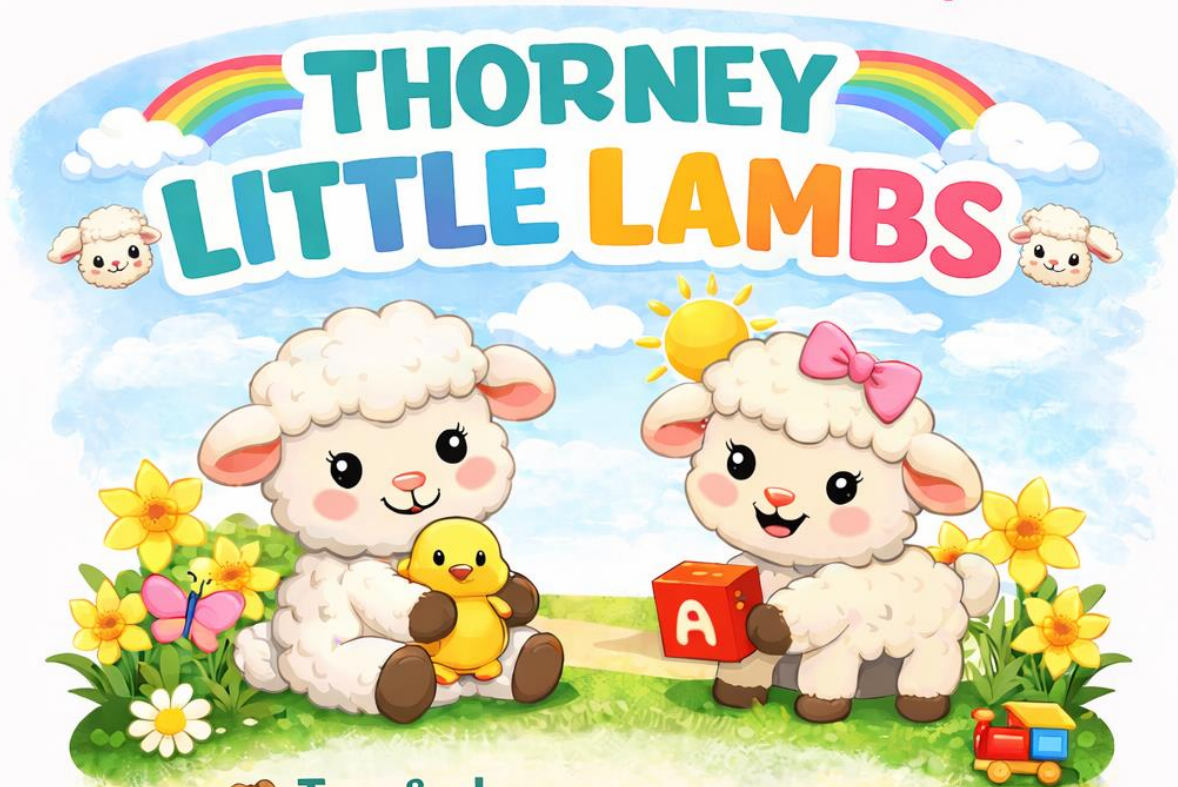
A Grant Making Charity helping
Nottinghamshire people through
life's toughest moments

www.thefiftyfund.org.uk

Do you need help, or know
someone who needs help?
Details, including how charities,
organisations and individuals
can apply for funding, can be
found on our website.



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!



May Art Trail – Children’s Treasure Hunt

2nd/3rd/4th MAY 2026



Come and take part in the May Art Trail treasure hunt!
Can you find all of the famous paintings hidden around the trail?

Collect an entry form from the Wesley Rooms (Venue #1) to join in
with a special prize at the end.

