



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 24th April 2026



Update to parents
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Take a look at what we have been up to in school

Year 6 started their pBuzz journey –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=151&gcatid=46&albumid=236>

Look at what we have been up to around school in April –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=237>

We started our Collingham in Bloom journey in school this week – follow this page for updates –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=164&gcatid=64>

Year 2 started their Djembe drumming journey in music –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=88&gcatid=43&albumid=238>

Above and Beyond

Each week we celebrate children who go Above and Beyond with their learning; well done to the following children who have been spotted by the adults in school this week – look out for their certificates to celebrate the reasons for their awards:

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Elodie (x2)	Jack	Meshach	Robyn	Noah L	Arthur	Betsy W
Sabrina	Tommy	Charlotte	Indi	Stanley	Reedus	Georgie T
Eliana	Logan	Hallie	Erin		Freddy	George
Joshua	Alessia		Grace			Hanley (x2)
Lachlan			Emilia			Freddy
Daisy P			Freddie			Finley
Luca						Harry G
Jenson						Lexi

Fining for term time holidays

We have seen a noticeable increase in the number of term-time holidays taken this academic year. While we understand that families may face pressures around cost and availability, it is important to be clear that taking holidays during term time is not permitted under current regulations, except in truly exceptional circumstances. School attendance is a legal requirement, and headteachers cannot authorise leave for the purpose of a holiday. Unauthorised absences may result in penalty notices being issued by the local authority. These fines are set nationally and can escalate if absences continue.

As a school, we are also under increasing scrutiny to ensure that attendance expectations are met. Ofsted places a strong emphasis on attendance as a key factor in pupil attainment, safeguarding, and overall school effectiveness.

We are required to demonstrate that we are taking all reasonable steps to promote good attendance and reduce avoidable absence.

Regular attendance is vital for children's learning, progress, and social development. Even a small number of missed days can have a significant impact over time. For this reason, from September 2026 we will be strengthening our approach to monitoring and responding to term-time absence to ensure we are meeting both our legal responsibilities and our commitment to achieving the best outcomes for all pupils.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that holidays are planned outside of term time wherever possible.

Knife Angel

We would like to share with families an important and thought-provoking opportunity taking place locally. Further information can be found here: www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/knifeangel/

The Knife Angel is a striking 27-foot sculpture made from over 100,000 seized or surrendered knives. It serves as a national memorial to those affected by knife crime and a powerful reminder of the devastating impact that violence can have on individuals, families and communities.

The sculpture is currently on display in Newark town centre, outside the Town Hall, from 21 April to 20 May 2026. During this time, there are a range of community events, workshops and activities designed to raise awareness, encourage reflection and promote positive choices among young people.

We would strongly encourage families, where possible, to visit the Knife Angel while it is in Newark. It provides a powerful opportunity to have meaningful conversations with children about safety, choices and the importance of looking after one another.

This is a significant national installation with an important message, and we hope members of our school community can engage with it during its time in the area.

RSPB

See the link below for the RSPB's latest guidance of what and when to feed birds safely:

https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/how-to-help-garden-birds?utm_source=notes_on_nature_20260418&utm_medium=email&utm_term=notes_on_nature&utm_content=13&utm_campaign=notes_on_nature

Collingham Show 2026

We have been approached by the organisers of Collingham Show to promote their art competitions. Below are the categories for this year's show; it would be great if we could have John Blow Primary School represented in the entries:

Children 6 years and under

Class 61 Decorated handprint

Class 62 Garden on a plate or lid (30cm max) Any material can be used

Class 63 Three decorated biscuits

Class 64 Painting – mirror image butterfly

Children 7–11 years

Class 65 Decorated stone or pebble

Class 66 Garden on a plate or lid (30cm max) Any material can be used

Class 67 Three chocolate chip cookies

Class 68 Painting – mirror image butterfly

As we receive more information, we will share this with you.

Year 6 Industry Opportunities (a reminder)

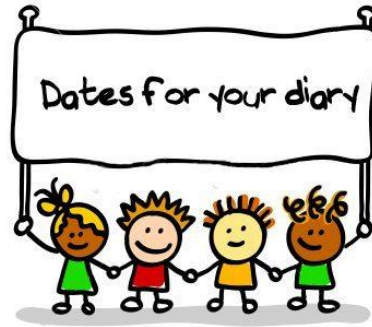
We are currently exploring the possibility of offering Year 6 pupils some valuable insight into the world of work during the Summer Term.

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.



Summer Term 1 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

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

Wednesday 29th April

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

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
- UKS2 Orienteering – Perlethrope (changed to 4th June 2026)

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!

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



The Fifty Fund

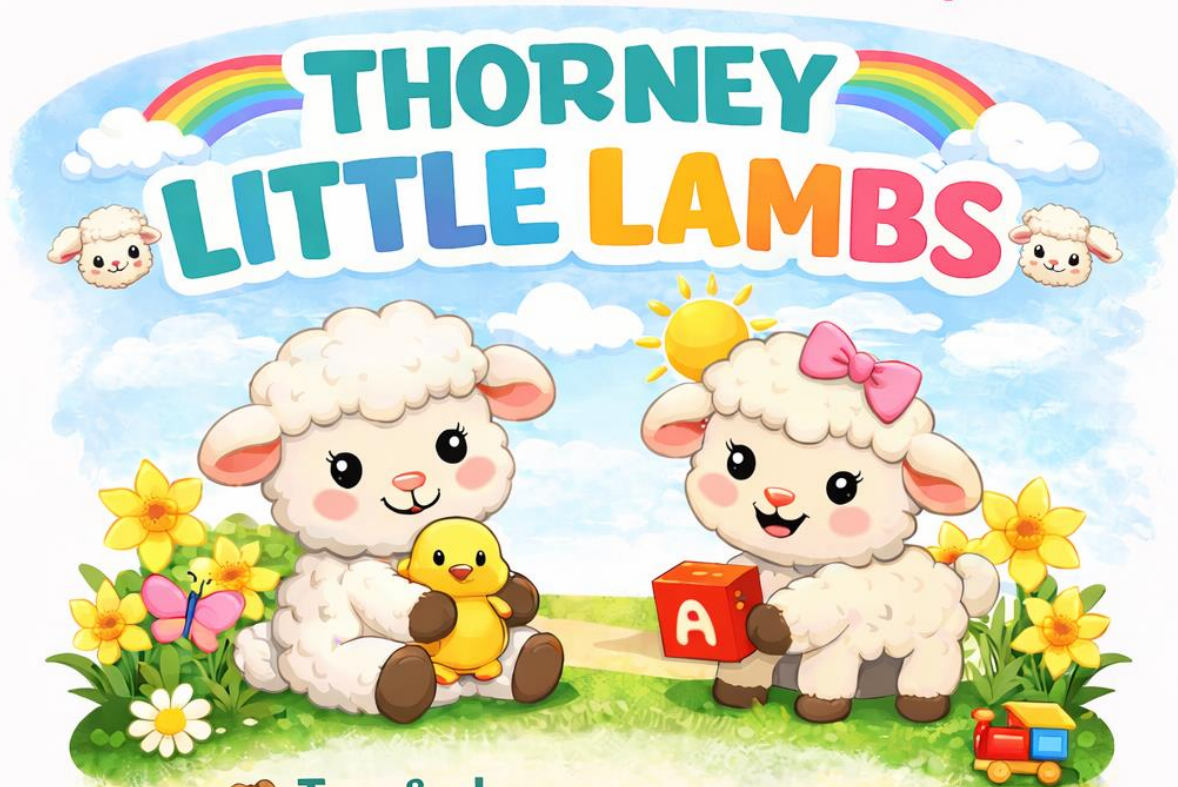
A Grant Making Charity helping Nottinghamshire people through life's toughest moments

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.





COLLINGHAM MAY FAIR

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC

2ND May 5.30pm - 11.30pm
Adult £15 / Child (under 16) £5
Ticket Only

CEILIDH/ BARN DANCE

Sunday 3rd May 6pm - 11pm
Adult £10 / Child (under 16) £5

MAY FAIR MONDAY 4TH MAY

12 noon - 5pm
Various Stalls, Raffle, Games, BBQ
Maypole & Morris Dancing
Warble & Lark, Collingham Singers
& other performances

ALL EVENTS IN HEATED MARQUEE

LICENSED BAR

PADDOCK OFF CHURCH LANE

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM FOR MORE TICKET
INFORMATION**

NEWARK SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB

55 YEARS OF TRADITION

AGE 5+ AND ADULTS



TUESDAY

19:15 - 20:45

BARNBY ROAD ACADEMY
SPORTS HALL NG24 1RU

THURSDAY

18:30 - 20:00

MILLGATE COMMUNITY
CENTRE NG24 4XD

SATURDAY

09:00 - 10:30

MILLGATE COMMUNITY
CENTRE NG24 4XD

SUNDAY

14:15 - 16:15

NEWARK SPORTS &
FITNESS CENTRE NG24 4DL

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OR SEND AN EMAIL TO
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LESSONS**



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