



**John Blow Primary School**  
**Weekly Bulletin – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**



***Update to parents***  
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A huge congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 4 children for their brilliant performance of Robin Hood this week. The confidence, enthusiasm and talent on display were truly impressive, and it was a joy to see the children bring the story to life with such energy and creativity—there are certainly some real stars in the making!

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Friends of John Blow for their generous donation towards the costumes. Their support helped make the production even more special and is greatly appreciated.



***We are a Nut Free School***

We would like to inform parents and carers that, following a recent medical diagnosis of a severe hazelnut allergy within our school community, we are now adopting a strict nut-free policy. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. From this point forward, we ask that no items containing nuts (including hazelnuts, peanuts, or nut-based products such as spreads and snack bars) are brought into school. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for every child.

***Maypole Dancing Club***

Please join me in thanking Mrs Barrett and Mrs Wray for their ongoing support and hard work in facilitating the Maypole dancing for the May Fayre. The children have been working hard, and the routines are looking fantastic. They are very much looking forward to performing on Monday at 1:15pm and 2:45pm, and we are sure it will be a wonderful part of the celebrations.

***Family updates***

Due to the ongoing building work in school, we are unfortunately unable to facilitate a structured family update evening this term. However, we are pleased to invite you to an open afternoon on Monday 11th May, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. This will provide an opportunity for you to look through your child's work and speak informally with class teachers about their progress and experiences in school. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all that the children have been working on.

***Dropping off in the morning***

We have been really impressed with how well Collingham and District Pre-school children have settled into school life and the positive start they have made to their transition. They are becoming increasingly confident in their routines and are beginning to thrive in their new environment.

A gentle reminder for parents of children in EYFS and Year 1 (our red jumpers): please ensure your child enters the gate independently in the mornings. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and helps to promote independence and consistency for the children. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Year 6 SATs**

Year 6 are working incredibly hard as they prepare for their upcoming SATs assessments. These will begin on Monday 11th May and conclude on Thursday 14th May. We are proud of the effort and determination the children are showing, and we will continue to support them to feel confident and ready.

### **SATs Timetable:**

<i>Day</i>	<i>Test</i>	<i>Length</i>
<b>Monday 11th May</b>	<b>English Grammar, Punctuation &amp; Spelling (Paper 1) English Spelling (Paper 2)</b>	<b>45 minutes approx. 15 minutes</b>
<b>Tuesday 12th May</b>	<b>English Reading</b>	<b>60 minutes</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th May</b>	<b>Mathematics (Paper 1: Arithmetic) Mathematics (Paper 2: Reasoning)</b>	<b>30 minutes 40 minutes</b>
<b>Thursday 14th May</b>	<b>Mathematics (Paper 3: Reasoning)</b>	<b>40 minutes</b>

Thank you to everyone who has placed orders for the SATs breakfast. This is optional, but it provides a valuable opportunity for children to come into school calmly, settle in, and feel fully prepared for the day ahead. All food orders have now been placed, and we look forward to supporting the children through a positive and successful week.

### **Look at what we have been up to in school**

Year 1 went on a Nature Walk –

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

A brilliant LKS2 performance of Robin Hood –

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=242>

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>

### **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
April Freya Daisy M Joshua	Eliza Peyton Theia Zachary Ollie	Beauden Caleb	Arlo-John Arlo G	Poppy Imogen	James Florence Ronnie	Lexi Evie Hannah W

### **Attendance update**

We have noticed an increase in requests for pupils to be collected at 1:15pm to secure an attendance mark for the day. To ensure consistency and protect learning time, please be aware that any half-day absence will now be recorded as unauthorised, regardless of whether a mark has been gained earlier in the day. When pupils leave early, they miss an important part of their learning, and this session will be recorded as an absence. We appreciate your support in ensuring that children attend school for the full day wherever possible.

We are currently planning a range of events to celebrate the end of term and make it a special time for all pupils. As part of this, on the final day of term, any child who is in school will be entered into a prize draw to win a summer hamper. We hope this will add a little extra excitement and encourage full attendance as we finish the year together.

### ***Collingham Show 2026 (a reminder)***

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:

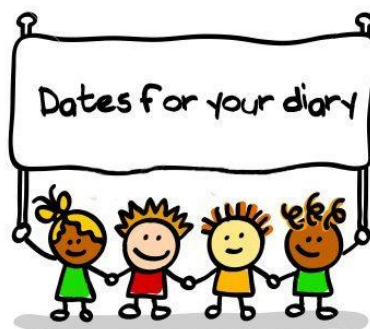
#### **Children 6 years and under**

- 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.



#### **Summer Term 1 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates**

##### **w/c Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> May**

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

##### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

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

##### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

- Assembly – Share a story, KTB

##### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

- Y4 Rand Farm Residential

##### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> May**

- KS2 SATs Week

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

- KS2 SATs Week

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

- KS2 SATs Week

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

- KS2 SATs Week

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

**w/c Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Mentoring** – Review of topics covered

**Music Journey** – review of genre

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

- Assembly – Our curriculum drivers, Empathy, BC
- UKS2 Orienteering – Perlethrope **(changed to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026)**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

- Assembly – Share a story

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

- 1.00pm – Y6 Rugby Leaders Course

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

5<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day, Parents invited from 1.30pm

26<sup>th</sup> June Reserve Sports Day

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June UKS2 Play (time & location TBC)

20<sup>th</sup> July Whole School D&T Day



## The Fifty Fund

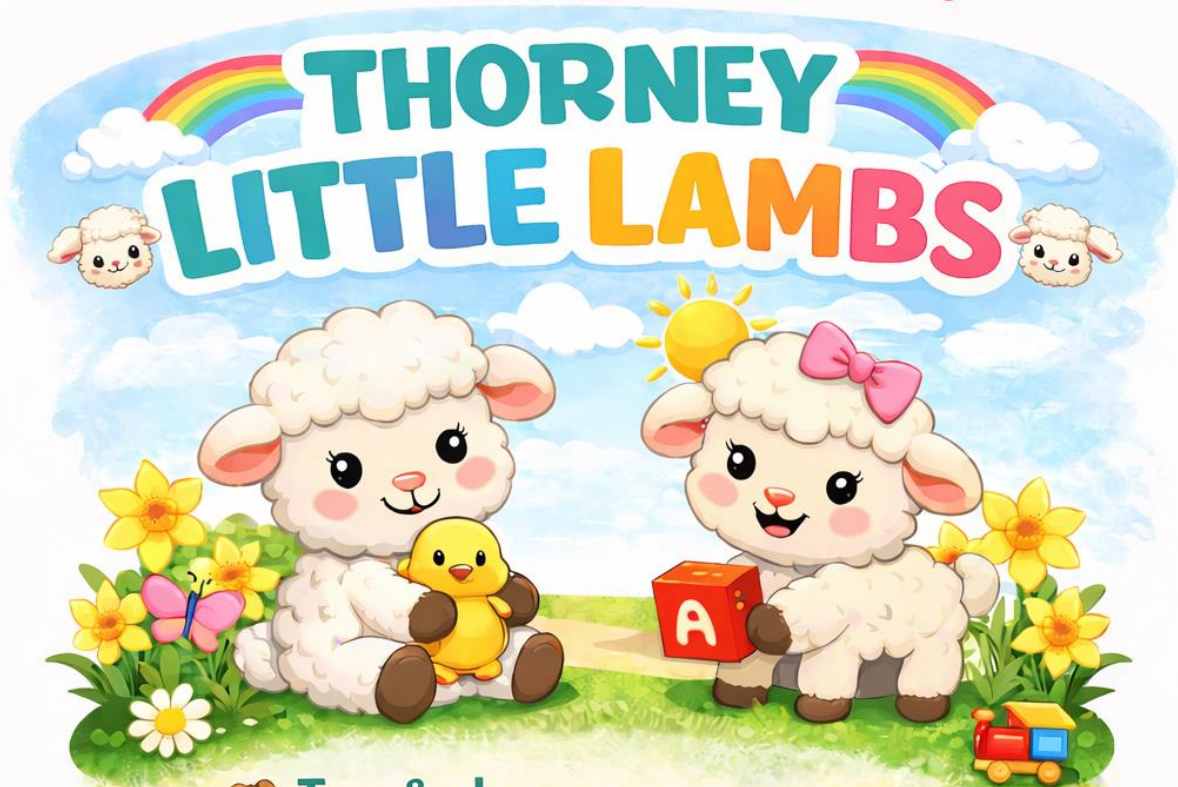
A Grant Making Charity helping Nottinghamshire people through life's toughest moments

[www.thefiftyfund.org.uk](http://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

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## CEILIDH/ BARN DANCE

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

## MAY FAIR MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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**

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INFORMATION**

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AGE 5+ AND ADULTS



**TUESDAY**

**19:15 - 20:45**

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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**

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