



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 8th May 2026



Update to parents
Friday 1st May 2026

Collingham in Bloom

We are excited to continue our journey with Collingham in Bloom as we work together to enhance our school environment. To support this project, we are kindly asking for donations of bedding plants. If you can contribute, please bring any bedding plants to the school office. Thank you for your continued support in helping our school community flourish.

Book Fair

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair. Your enthusiasm and generosity made the event a wonderful success, and it was fantastic to see so many children excited about choosing new books.

Reading plays such a vital role in a child's development. It not only strengthens literacy skills but also sparks imagination, builds knowledge, and fosters a lifelong love of learning. Events like our Book Fair help to nurture this love of reading, both at school and at home.

Thanks to your support, families spent an incredible £759.08 at the fair. As a result, the school has earned £303.63 in rewards, which will be used to purchase new books for our English curriculum in September. This will allow us to further enrich our classroom libraries and provide high-quality texts that inspire and engage all our pupils.

We are truly grateful for your continued support in helping us promote reading within our school community. Your contributions make a real difference.

Thank you once again for your support.

Premier Foods

Thank you to Mr Horton who came into school to lead an enterprise and careers event with our Y6 learners this week – the children thoroughly enjoyed their session, and we are looking forward to planning sessions in the future to provide an insight into different industries for our learners.

Mr Horton has also sourced us 10 screens which have been donated by the company to support learning and teaching in school – a truly generous donation – thank you!

Our new kitchen team

Our new kitchen team (Melanie and Demi) continue to go from strength to strength as a team at JBPS – we have already seen an increase in meals orders and a new serving hatch system. This system has been designed to support independence from the learners at lunchtime; it has also made getting the children through the lunches more efficiently.



We are a Nut Free School (a reminder)

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

What a wonderful performance from the May Pole team at the May Fair – a massive thank you to Mrs Wray and Mrs Barrett for keeping the tradition going! Check out the photos from the day here: <https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=243>

Family updates (a reminder)

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.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in their final push towards their SATs, showing great determination, focus and resilience in every lesson. We are proud of the effort they have put into their learning and the positive attitudes they have shown. We are now looking ahead to next week with confidence, and we know they will shine and be the very best they can be.

SATs Timetable:

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

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.

Family Survey

We are currently gathering information through our Family Survey to help us better understand the needs, views and experiences of our families and wider community. The information collected will support future planning and help us continue to develop the provision and opportunities we offer at John Blow Primary School.

We would really appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey, and please do share the link with others and encourage them to contribute so that we can gather as many responses as possible.

<https://forms.office.com/e/33nAGVqdQJ>

Look at what we have been up to in school

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 4 Rand Farm Residential

Year 4 had a great overnight stay at Rand Farm this week, follow the link below to see all the fun:

[John Blow Primary School- Rand Farm](#)

Celebrating Learning

Please follow the link below to see what we've been up to in May:

[John Blow Primary School- May 2026](#)

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
Ivy	Fin	Joshua	Josie	Roman	Stanley	Hannah C
Toby	Terry	Penny	Freddie	Poppy	Violet	George
Elodie	Sophie	Jak R	Archie	Imogen	Heidi	Jack O
			Emilia	Noah L		

Attendance update (a reminder)

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 years' 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

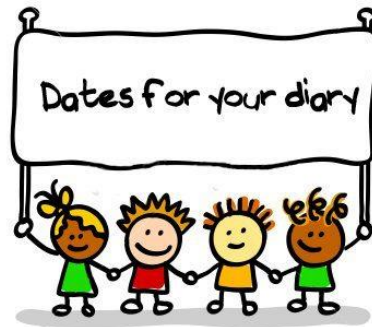
Class 65 Decorated stone or pebble

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 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
- 3.30-5.00pm, Family Update Drop-In (classrooms)

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!

5 th June	Sports Day, Parents invited from 1.30pm
26 th June	Reserve Sports Day
29 th & 30 th June	UKS2 Play (in school)
20 th July	Whole School D&T Day



The Fifty Fund

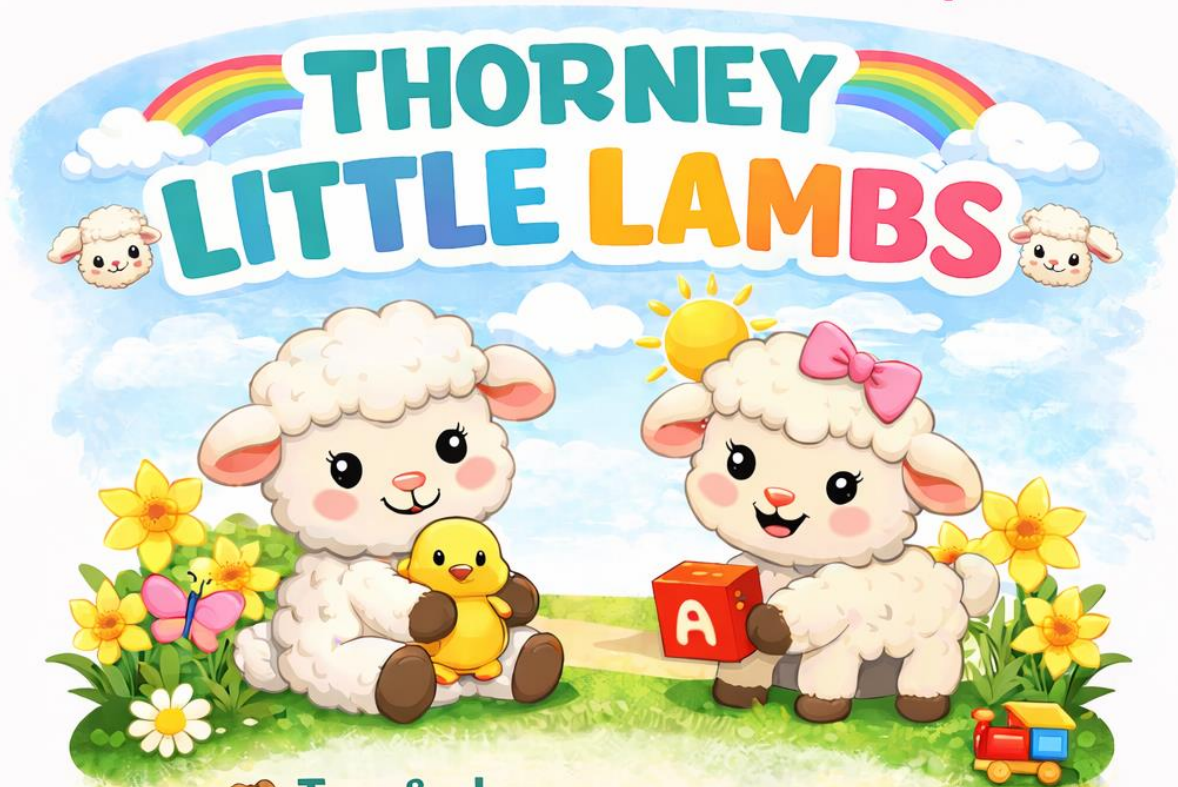
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Brand new baby and toddler group
coming soon - first session **13th April!**




 **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!**

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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

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CENTRE NG24 4XD

SUNDAY

14:15 - 16:15

NEWARK SPORTS &
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