



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 15th May 2026



Update to parents
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Well done Year 6!

Well done to all our Year 6 children for their excellent effort and hard work this week during SATs. They have approached the assessments with maturity, resilience and determination, truly embodying our school value: “*We strive to be the best we can be*” — and this is all we can ask for. We are incredibly proud of them. Now that SATs are complete, the focus shifts to the important work of preparing for the transition to Key Stage 3. An email has been sent to all Year 6 guardians outlining the transition process in detail. Children will also be issued with their Summer Term 2 timetable next week. This period provides a valuable opportunity for pupils to develop greater independence, confidence and readiness as they prepare for the move to secondary school in September.

A letter to Year 6

Dear Year 6,

Firstly, congratulations to every one of you for completing your SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of you all and the way you approached the week with determination, resilience and positivity.

Throughout the week, you truly embodied our school value: “*We Strive to be the Best We Can Be.*” That is all we can ever ask for, and every single one of you should feel proud of your effort and attitude.

Now that SATs are complete, we spoke about the importance of beginning to prepare for Key Stage 3 and your transition to secondary school. After half term, we will begin our *Ready for Secondary* Project, which is designed to help prepare you for this exciting next step. More information will be shared with your parents in the coming weeks.

Remember, this is a very important time that will shape your final few weeks at John Blow as you prepare to transition to your new school and move on to the next stage of your journey. Make the most of every opportunity, enjoy your remaining time together, and continue to show the fantastic attitude that you have demonstrated this week.

Enjoy a very well-deserved break over the weekend and come back refreshed and ready for next week. Well done, Year 6 — we are all so proud of you!

Best wishes,

Mr Ben Carver

Age-appropriate TV shows and movies

We have become aware that some children across KS2 are watching highly inappropriate television programmes, including South Park and Family Guy. These programmes contain content that is not suitable for primary-aged children, including racist, homophobic, sexual and sexist language and themes, as well as references that mock disabilities and include inappropriate depictions relating to paedophilia. As a school, we work hard to teach children about respect, inclusion and protected characteristics, helping them to understand the importance of treating everyone with dignity and kindness. We kindly ask parents and carers to closely monitor what children are watching on televisions, tablets and other devices to support both the school and your children as they grow and develop.

Bringing items into school

Thank you to everyone for your support in reducing the number of toys and fidgets that have been brought into school by the children.

Please can we remind parents that children should not bring their own footballs into school. We provide suitable footballs for use at playtimes and lunchtimes, and these are supervised by staff to help ensure games are safe, fair and enjoyable for everyone. Personal footballs can easily become lost, damaged or cause disagreements, so we ask for your support in ensuring they are left at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Uniform / Water Bottles / Lunch Boxes

Due to the amount of lost property in school, please ensure that all items of clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles are clearly named. Without a name, we are unable to return to the owner. Many thanks.

Family survey

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent family survey; your feedback is greatly appreciated and helps us to continue to reflect and improve our practice. We understand that there is disappointment regarding the decision not to hold family update evenings this year, however this has not been made lightly. Staff have shown considerable flexibility and commitment in response to the range of changes and challenges following the flooding in January, and this context has been carefully considered in our decision-making. The drop-in sessions held this week were designed to provide an opportunity for informal conversations with class teachers and to look at children's work. We continue to operate an open-door approach and welcome parents and carers to speak with staff before the start of the school day, up until 8.30am (before the gate opens), should they wish to do so. In addition, we have introduced half-term Attitude Criteria alongside mid-year reports this year, which provide key information about attitudes to learning, assessments and targets. These, alongside ongoing communication, form an important part of our home-school partnership and ensure families remain well informed about their child's progress. We would also encourage any families who have not yet done so to contribute to the survey, as your continued feedback will help to support and shape our work moving forward.

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Bitesize Bookworms Competition

We are excited to share the new Bitesize Bookworms Competition supported by TG Jones as part of the National Year of Reading 2026 initiative.

Children are invited to share what they love about their favourite book in 25 words or fewer. The competition celebrates reading for pleasure, creativity and children's love of books.

There are some fantastic prizes available:

- Individual winners receive a £200 TG Jones gift card
- Winning schools receive £4,000 worth of books and stationery
- Runner-up schools can win £500 worth of resources

This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage children to talk about reading, recommend books and celebrate storytelling together as a family.

Further information and competition details can be found here: [Bitesize Bookworms Information](#)

Building work update

Work is progressing with the hall floor! It looks amazing. We are hoping to start the reconstruction in the damaged classroom in the coming few weeks!



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&catid=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
Otis Freya Ada	Mark Nellie-Mae Isabella Jack	Ava Harvey	Grace Arlo T	Georgia Imogen	Isabelle Chase Beatrice	Betzy B Jessica Georgia Henry H Jack Finley

Padlet for Parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are always looking for ways to better support our families and provide helpful information for our school community.

In the past, we have tried shared support materials and information through Padlets, but engagement has been low. We would really value your feedback so that we can make future resources more useful and relevant for you.

Please let us know on the Padlet:

- *What topics or areas you would like more support with*
- *Any workshops, guides, or resources you would find helpful*
- *Ideas for improving parent engagement*
- *Any suggestions for making our Padlets more accessible or useful*

Your feedback will help us ensure we are providing support that genuinely meets the needs of our families.

Please see the link or QR code below for our latest Padlet.

https://padlet.com/head2_17/parental-support-7xmo6j8harjq8w48

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

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.

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.

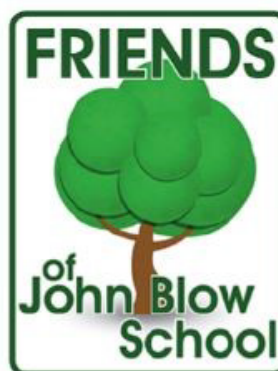
The National Three Peak Challenge involves climbing the highest mountain in each of the three countries of Scotland, England and Wales plus travelling between them, all in 24 hours. This will involve around 23 miles (37km) of walking, along with over 3000m (10,000ft) of ascent.

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.

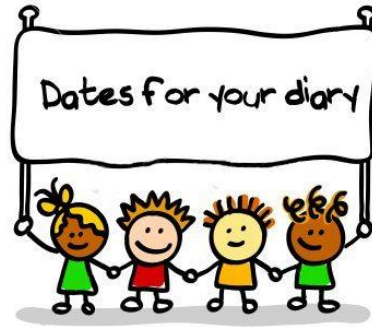


Your team of challengers consists of Tilly McGill, Tom McGill, Andrew Shaw, Jon Townsend, Daniel Barnard, Adam Stephenson, Jon Watson, Stephen Baldwin, Toby Baldwin and Anthony Pipes. With drivers Robert Townsend and Andrew McGill.

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.

- Donations can be made via the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/collingham>
- Progress can be followed via the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1Cm9qWp5t1/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



Summer Term 1 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

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!

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



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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**

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Thorney NG23 7BS**

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09:00 - 10:30

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SUNDAY

14:15 - 16:15

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