



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 22nd May 2026



Update to parents
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Activity Day

A huge thank you to Eclisse UK for sponsoring our activity day! Established in 2001 ECLISSE UK Ltd is proud to be an employee-owned company and a market leader in quality sliding pocket door systems and concealed frame hinged door systems ideal for transforming your living space.



Navy careers visit

Year 5/6 were delighted to welcome a visitor, Mark, from the Navy into school this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the informative talk and learnt a great deal about careers, teamwork and life in the Navy. We are extremely grateful for the time given to visit our school and inspire the children with such an engaging and interesting session.

Top plants to grow for birds

As part of our link with Collingham in Bloom, why not make your garden a haven for birds and wildlife this summer? The RSPB recommends creating natural food sources by planting flowers, shrubs and berry-producing plants, as well as leaving seed heads, leaf piles and small wild areas for insects to thrive. Even a small space with pollinator-friendly plants and fresh water can help support local birds and biodiversity. Find out more from the RSPB here: [RSPB Natural Food for Birds](#)

Age-appropriate TV shows and movies (a reminder)

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.

Family survey

The family survey has now closed, and a summary of the results has been uploaded to the website. We had 22 families responding out of 140. Please see link below:

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Whole+school+correspondence&pid=102>

It is important to remember that class teachers are available to answer any questions, calls or queries before the start of the school day, we ask that you come to the school office at around 8.30am and we will do our best to facilitate an opportunity to talk to them. Please also seek the time at the end of the day to check in with your child's class teacher. We have a communication pathway in place to support the wellbeing of all staff; please adhere to this when contacting the school.

Whilst I am aware that some parents are disappointed with the lack of a face-to-face formal family update evening, the decision to hold this differently was not taken lightly, it has been a tumultuous 2026 so far with so many disruptions to the building and staff have worked incredibly hard to minimise the impact of learning and teaching and unfortunately some things have had to be impacted by the changes. I have asked staff to contact parents who expressed this in the feedback form so this will be actioned in the coming few weeks – unfortunately, not everyone gave their names so we are limited on the numbers of parents we can approach following this feedback.

Staff Wellbeing Survey

Following the Staff Wellbeing Survey, all emails must come via the school office and not directly to class teachers. Many thanks.

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 2 went on a Nature Walk around the village on Thursday 21st May 2026- <https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=88&gcatid=43&albumid=246>

Whole School Fun Day, Friday 22nd May
[John Blow Primary School- Whole School Fun Day](#)

Merits

Merits are awarded to children who go consistently Above and Beyond in their learning and who always embody our School Values, well done to this half term's recipients:

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Ivy Louis	Hector Alessia	Beauden Jack J	Emilia Elsie	Roman Stanley	Henry Lily	Lexi Betzy B Hannah W

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:

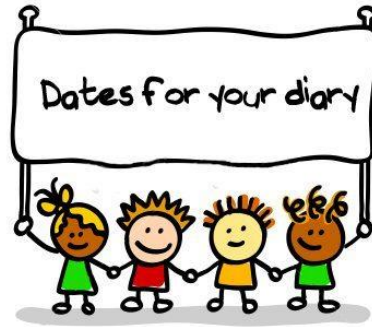
Children 6 years and under

- 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 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

w/c Monday 1st June

Mentoring – Starter: If your life had a soundtrack, what song would be on it? Discussion: How do music, art and culture connect us?

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 1st June

- Assembly – Pride month, BC

Tuesday 2nd June

- Assembly – Child Safety Week, BB
- UKS2 Trip to Perlethorpe

Wednesday 3rd June

- Mentoring
- LKS2 meet the Halle musician (PM)

Thursday 4th June

- Share a Story, KTB
- Y1 Seaside Day

Friday 5th June

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Sports Day

w/c Monday 8th June

Mentoring – Starter: What have we learned from each other this term? Discussion: What makes our group unique and special?

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 8th June

- Assembly – World Ocean Day, CN

Tuesday 9th June

- Assembly – Bike to School Week, TS to introduce a competition for coming to school on a bike / scooter
- Y5 trip to Devon & Sconce Park, Safety Day

Wednesday 10th June

- Mentoring
- 10.00am – Michael Murpurgo online workshop

Thursday 11th June

- Share a Story, KB

Friday 12th June

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- LKS2 @ Halle Orchestra

w/c Monday 15th June

Mentoring – Starter: What helps you stay calm when you're nervous? Discussion: How can we prepare for changes and new starts?

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 15th June

- Assembly – National School Sports Week, TS
- KS2 visit to Lexus Nottingham Open, invitation only, RE & TS

Tuesday 16th June

- Assembly – We are kind & thoughtful, EM

Wednesday 17th June

- Mentoring
- Y6 transition event, invitation only, TS

Thursday 18th June

- Share a Story, ER
- LKS2 visit to Horrible Histories
- Newark & District Athletics Competition (pm)

Friday 19th June

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Y1 Multi-Skills @ NK (am)

w/c Monday 22nd June

Mentoring – Starter: What would your perfect summer holiday look like? Discussion: What will you take with you from this year?

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 22nd June

- Assembly – Preparing for the future, BC
- Haiku Performance

Tuesday 23rd June

- Assembly – What does it mean to be a great learner, BB
- ComputerXplores Programming, Y1-Y6
- Y5 history visit

Wednesday 24th June

- Mentoring
- ComputerXplores programming, Y1-Y6

Thursday 25th June

- Share a Story, CN

Friday 26th June

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

w/c Monday 29th June

Mentoring – Final Reflection, Starter: What are you proud of from this year? Discussion: What are your hopes and goals for the future?

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 29th June

- UKS2 play dress rehearsal
- 1.30pm – KS2 play

Tuesday 30th June

- 9.30am – KS2 play

Wednesday 1st July

- Mentoring
- EYFS & KS1 musical performance, invitation only (pm)
- Tuxford Academy Transition

Thursday 2nd July

- Share a Story, TS
- Collingham in Bloom judging
- Sir Robert Pattinson Academy Transition
- Tuxford Academy Transition

Friday 3rd July

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Sir Robert Pattinson Academy Transition
- Tuxford Academy Transition

w/c Monday 6th July

Mentoring – End of year mentoring group awards

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 6th July

- Assembly – Class Dojos, BC
- Twinlakes Class Dojo Reward Visit

Tuesday 7th July

- Assembly – World Chocolate Day, BB
- KS2 Wimbledon trip, invitation only

Wednesday 8th July

- Mentoring
- KS2 musical performance (pm)

Thursday 9th July

- Share a Story, BC

Friday 10th July

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- 2.00 – 4.00pm – FOJB inflatables afternoon

w/c Monday 13th July

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 13th July

- Assembly – Summary of 2025-2026, BC
- Y1 trip to Sherwood Forest

Tuesday 7th July

- Assembly – Reflecting and looking forward, BB

Wednesday 8th July

- Mentoring

Thursday 9th July

- Share a Story, KTB

Friday 10th July

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

w/c Monday 20th July

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 20th July

- Assembly – Preparing to move on, BC
- Whole school DT Day

Tuesday 21st July

- Assembly – A new school year, what to look forward to, TS

Wednesday 22nd July

- Mentoring

Thursday 23rd July

- 9.00 – Merit Assembly (invitation only)

Friday 24th July

- 9.00am – Assembly, Y6 Leavers
- Read with a relative morning
- 3.30pm – END OF TERM

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
20 th July	Whole School D&T Day

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* May Half Term at Collingham Library *

Lego Clubs: *

- * Saturday 23 May; 9:30am - 12:30pm
- * Tuesday 26 May; 9:30am - 1pm
- * Wednesday 27 May; 2pm - 5pm *
- * Saturday 30 May; 9:30am - 12:30pm

Other:

- * ▶ Thursday 28 May; 10am - 12pm
Make A Personalised
Pennant Flag
- * ▶ Friday 29 May; 10am - 1pm
Play with our Board Games

- FREE -

No Booking Required



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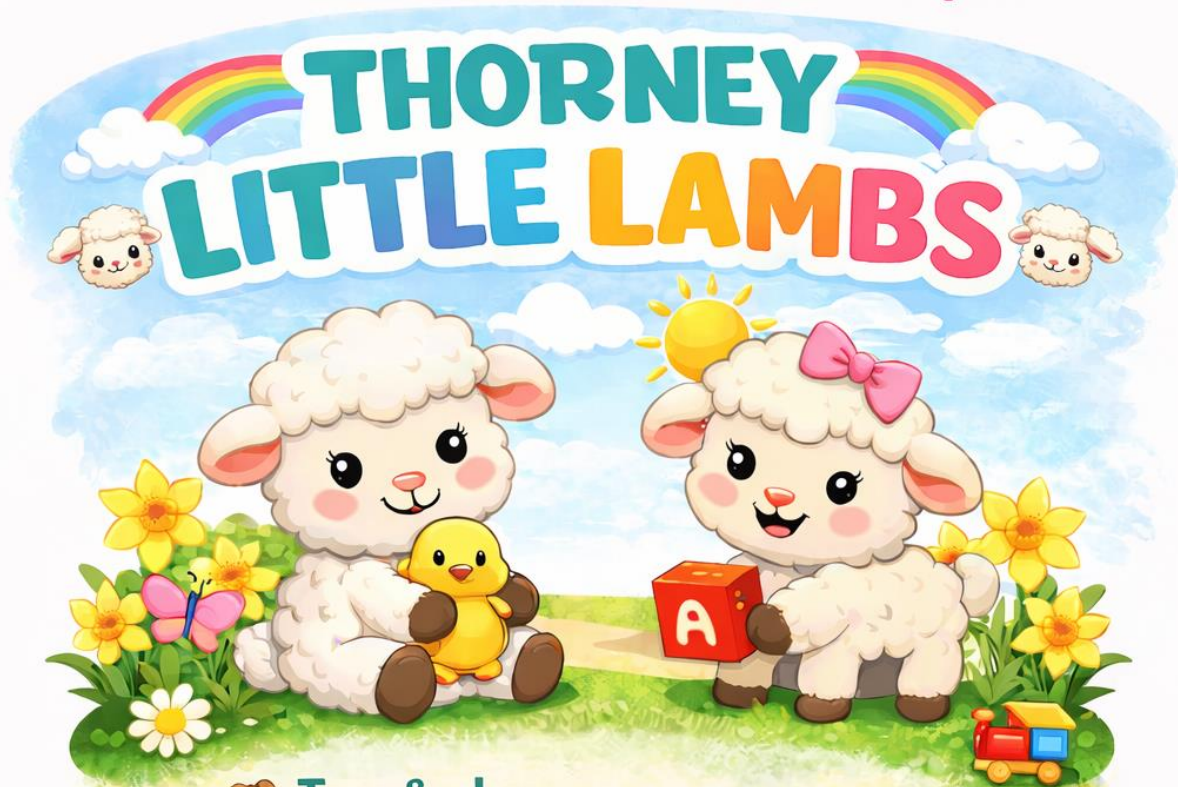
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Brand new baby and toddler group
coming soon - first session **13th April!**




 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

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Parents, grandparents, carers & childminders welcome

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SATURDAY

09:00 - 10:30

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SUNDAY

14:15 - 16:15

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