



**John Blow Primary School**  
**Weekly Bulletin – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June May 2026**



*Update to parents*  
*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

**Attendance and Punctuality Matter**

At our school, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the very best opportunity to succeed. One of the most important factors in achieving this is excellent attendance and punctuality.

Regular attendance enables children to build strong learning habits, develop positive relationships, and make the progress they are capable of. Even a small amount of missed learning can have a significant impact over time. When children miss lessons, they not only miss new learning but can also find it difficult to catch up with the knowledge, skills and experiences that have been shared with their classmates.

Attendance continues to be a significant focus nationally. Under Ofsted's current inspection framework, schools are expected to demonstrate a strong culture of attendance, ensuring that pupils attend regularly, arrive on time, and receive appropriate support when attendance becomes a concern. Inspectors consider attendance as an important indicator of how effectively a school enables pupils to access their education and achieve well.

While we understand that holidays during term time can often be considerably cheaper than those taken during school breaks, we must emphasise that any absence from school can have a detrimental effect on a child's education. Missing a week of school equates to approximately 25 hours of learning, and these lost opportunities cannot easily be replicated.

From September 2026, we will be fully implementing the Local Authority's attendance and penalty notice procedures relating to unauthorised term-time holidays. Parents do not have an automatic right to take children out of school during term time, and unauthorised holidays may result in penalty notices being issued in line with Local Authority guidance.

We will publish our 2026–2027 INSET days following Governor approval on 1 July 2026. However, families can already access the school term dates for the next academic year via the Nottinghamshire County Council website, and we encourage parents to use these dates when planning family holidays.

As a school, we are proud of the education we provide and want attendance to reflect the high standards we set for all aspects of school life. Many schools have found that attendance is an area of significant focus during inspection, and we are determined to ensure that attendance does not become a barrier to demonstrating the excellent work taking place across our school.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together—school, parents and pupils—we can improve attendance, maximise learning opportunities and ensure every child has the best possible chance to flourish.

### **A busy start to the term**

Look at what we have been up to...

**UKS2 attend Perlethorpe** - On Tuesday 2nd June, our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed an action-packed day at Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre, taking part in a range of exciting outdoor activities including orienteering, pond dipping and, unexpectedly for some, a spot of swimming! The day provided fantastic opportunities for teamwork, exploration and learning in the great outdoors, and the children represented the school brilliantly throughout-

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=251>

**Meet the Halle** - In preparation for their forthcoming performance with the Hallé Orchestra, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils had the exciting opportunity to work with a professional Hallé musician during a workshop on Wednesday 3rd June, developing their musical skills and building confidence ahead of the event.

Year 3- <https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=119&gcatid=41&albumid=249>

Year 4- <https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=90&gcatid=44&albumid=250>

**Mark de Lisser workshop** - On Thursday, a group of children from John Blow Primary School attended an inspiring music workshop with renowned choir director and vocal coach Mark De-Lisser at Nottingham's Albert Hall. Joining over 600 children from schools across the region, they enjoyed an unforgettable experience of singing, performing and developing their musical skills under the guidance of one of the UK's leading music educators.

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**Year 1 Buckets and Spades Day** - Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic beach day on Thursday 4th June, taking part in a range of seaside-themed activities and making the most of a fun-filled day of learning and play.

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=87&gcatid=42&albumid=253>

### **Above and Beyond**

Well done to this week's recipients:

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Joshua Isaac Freya Loui Lyra-Bella	Lottie Sofia Terry Nellie-Mae	Niamh Josie Beauden	Alby x 2 Ellis Olivia	Elliot Noah J Henry	Lorena Reedus Molly Isabelle Charlotte	Billie Finley

### **Water Safety Reminder**

As we approach the warmer months and children spend more time outdoors, we would like to remind families about the importance of water safety.

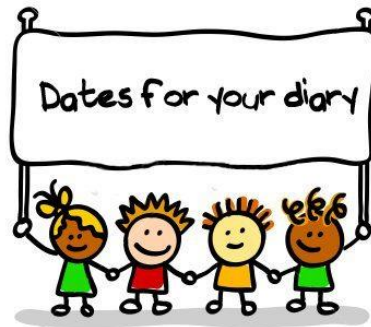
Our local area is surrounded by a variety of waterways, including rivers, canals, lakes and streams, and many families will also be visiting the coast, swimming pools or other water-based attractions over the coming weeks and months.

We encourage parents and carers to take a few moments to discuss water safety with their children and ensure they understand how to stay safe around water.

The Canal & River Trust has produced some helpful guidance and practical tips for families, which can be found here:

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-tips-for-parents>

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our children safe.



## Summer Term 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

### w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June

- Assembly – World Ocean Day, CN

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> June

- Mentoring
- 10.00am – Michael Murpurgo online workshop

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

- Share a Story, KB

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- LKS2 @ Halle Orchestra

### w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

- Assembly – We are kind & thoughtful, EM

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

- Mentoring
- Y6 transition event, invitation only, TS

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

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

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

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

### **w/c Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

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

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

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

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

- Mentoring
- ComputerXplores programming, Y1-Y6

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

- Share a Story, CN

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

### **w/c Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> June**

- UKS2 play dress rehearsal
- 1.30pm – KS2 play

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

- 9.30am – KS2 play

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

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

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

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

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

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

### **w/c Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**Mentoring** – End of year mentoring group awards

**Music Journey** – Artists and genres chosen by children

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

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

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

- Mentoring
- KS2 musical performance (pm)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

- Share a Story, BC

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**Music Journey** – Artists and genres chosen by children

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

- Assembly – Reflecting and looking forward, BB

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

- Mentoring

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

- Share a Story, KTB

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond

**w/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Music Journey** – Artists and genres chosen by children

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

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

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

- Mentoring

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

- 9.00 – Merit Assembly (invitation only)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

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



## SUMMIT FOR THE SCHOOL

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, a team of 9 hikers and 2 drivers from Collingham took on the National Three Peaks Challenge. The team took on this epic challenge to raise funds for John Blow Primary School and Collingham and District Preschool, with many of them having previously attended themselves, or having family there now.

The team started at Ben Nevis at 5.55am on Saturday, and despite facing numerous challenges including bump starting the van between climbs 2 and 3, a nasty fall, and awful conditions and visibility at Snowdon, ALL 9 hikers successfully completed the challenge. They all crossed the finish line at Snowdon at 5.43am on Sunday, finishing in **23 hours and 48 minutes.**

Started: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 5.55am  
Finished: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 5.43am  
Total Distance Walked: 38.81km (24.12 miles)  
Total Elevation: 3075m (10,089 feet)  
Total Steps: 89,061



THANK YOU so much for all your support and donations. We have now raised over **£3,600!**

If you would still like to donate, you can still do so using the link or the QR code below. Any donations are greatly appreciated:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/collingham>



If you would like to see more photos and videos about the team's experience, you can visit the Facebook page "Summit for the School".

A big thank you to our sponsors: Camper UK, Gusto, Knight Webb, Dixon and Townsend Mechanical Services, Collins, Barnard Construction, Derry Ltd and Gary Shelbourn. Donations also gratefully received from Nicholson's Butchers, Lincolnshire COOP & One Stop