



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 3rd July 2026



Update to parents
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School Games Mark – Gold Award

We are pleased to share that the school has been awarded the **Gold School Games Mark** following the finalisation of this year's application. This reflects our continued commitment to high-quality PE, school sport and physical activity, and recognises the opportunities provided for pupils across the school – thank you to Tom for leading this initiative.

INSET Days for the 2026–2027 Academic Year

The Governing Body has now approved the INSET (staff training) days for the 2026–2027 academic year.

These days have been carefully planned to support the priorities identified within our School Improvement Plan and will enable staff to undertake professional development that strengthens teaching, learning and the provision we offer to all children.

The approved INSET days are:

- **Tuesday 1st September 2026**
- **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**
- **Monday 23rd November 2026** – Whole-school training delivered by an external provider
- **Monday 22nd February 2027**
- **Friday 28th July 2027** – End of year staff training and school improvement planning

As these dates are designated training days, **children will begin the 2026–2027 academic year on Thursday 3rd September 2026.**

We hope that providing these dates well in advance will support families with their planning for the next academic year.

Cycle or Scooter to School Week!

Next week, we are encouraging all children to take part in our Cycle or Scooter to School Week!

If it is safe and practical to do so, we'd love to see as many children as possible travelling to school by bike or scooter. It's a fantastic way to keep active, reduce traffic around the school gates and help look after our environment.

Each day, every child who cycles or scooters to school will earn a point for their class. At the end of the week, the class with the highest participation will win an extra 15 minutes of break time!

Please remember that:

- Children should wear a helmet when cycling or scooting.
- Bikes and scooters should be ridden safely and with consideration for others.
- Children should dismount before entering the school grounds.

We can't wait to see which class will be crowned our Cycle or Scooter to School Week Champions. Good luck everyone!

Year 6 Fundraiser – Wednesday 8th July

The Year 6 fundraiser will take place on **Wednesday 8th July**. This forms part of the children's enterprise activity to raise funds for their end of year visit.

Children are invited to bring money into school to take part in the event.

The fundraiser will run from **3:00pm – 4:30pm**. Parents are welcome to attend from the end of the school day to visit the stalls. The event will commence following the KS2 music performance.

If your child is booked into ASC, please send them with some money and staff will take them to the fundraiser.

Collingham in Bloom – Helping Our Garden Birds

As part of our support for Collingham in Bloom, why not make your garden a welcoming place for local wildlife? The RSPB has updated its advice on how to feed garden birds safely, helping to protect them from disease while encouraging them to thrive. Together, we can help make Collingham an even greener and more wildlife-friendly community.

Find out more here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/how-to-help-garden-birds>

The Major Oak – A New Chapter

Did you know one of Nottinghamshire's most famous landmarks has reached the end of its remarkable life? The Major Oak in Sherwood Forest, thought to be over 1,000 years old and linked to the legend of Robin Hood, has sadly died. However, it will continue to provide a home for wildlife, and saplings grown from its acorns will ensure its legacy lives on for future generations. Read more here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/the-major-oak>

Water Bottles (a reminder)

As the weather continues to get warmer, please can we remind all children to bring a water bottle to school every day. Staying hydrated is essential for helping children to remain healthy, comfortable and ready to learn throughout the school day.

Please ensure that water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps us to quickly identify bottles and return them to their owners if they are misplaced.

Photographs on the website...

Life skills in Year 6 – Ready for Secondary Project

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=151&gcatid=46&albumid=264>

ABBA-Ladin – UKS2 performance

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=151&gcatid=46&albumid=265>

Collingham in Bloom Judging Day

[John Blow Primary School- Collingham in Bloom Judging Day](#)

Lincolnshire Coop Food Bank

[John Blow Primary School- Food Bank Donations](#)

Above and Beyond

Well done to this week's recipients:

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
April Isaac Daisy M Luna Edward Lachlan	Bonnie M Theo Mark Peyton Lottie Theia Autumn	Ellis Charlotte Arthur	Archie Alby Ella Emilia	Lewis Elliot Eli Jack Zachary Barney	James Ronnie x 2 Florence Iris F Violet Isabelle	Ben D Harry G Jack Lillian

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Read to the Beat at Nottinghamshire Inspire Nottinghamshire Libraries 4 July- 6 September

Join the FREE Summer Reading Challenge and earn rewards for reading.

This year's theme is Read to the Beat, celebrating the joy of music and reading.

Flexible for all reading levels the Challenge is great opportunity for children to find the books they love. For children aged 4- 11 Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat at Nottinghamshire Inspire libraries 4 July – 6 September.

This summer Inspire libraries will be asking children find their reading rhythm in the Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat. Children select and complete six reading goals of their choice over the summer, collecting rewards along the way. Every child who completes the challenge will receive a certificate and medal.

Produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries across the country the Summer Reading Challenge is a great opportunity for children to find books they love. They choose what they want to read – story books, information books, e-books, audio books, poetry, comic, joke books, and graphic novels, all reading counts –children set the tempo!

Read to the Beat is running in all Inspire libraries until Sunday 6 September, suitable for children aged 4 – 11. It's completely FREE to take part. Under 4s can take part in our mini challenge too. Find out more at www.inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat is at all Nottinghamshire Inspire Libraries
Saturday 4 July - Sunday 6 September

Step 1: Join the Challenge at the library*

Children receive

- Read to the Beat sticker booklet
- Bookmark
- Storytime Magazine



Step 2: Start Reading!

Borrow and read books from the library to complete reading goals. For every book read or goal reached there are stickers and character cards to collect.

Children choose their own reading goals and what books they want to read.



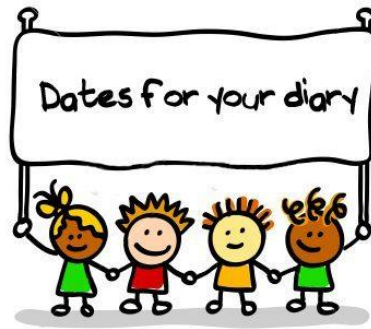
Step 3: Complete 6 reading goals

Children who complete 6 reading goals claim a medal and certificate.



It's FREE to join.

Materials outlined are available in Inspire Nottinghamshire Libraries.
Other authorities may vary.



Summer Term 2 – 2025-2026 Bulletin Dates

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
- 2.00pm – KS2 musical performance inc. KS2 siblings who performed on 1st July (Invitation Only)
- 3.30 – 4.30pm – Y6 Fund Raising Sale

Thursday 9th July

- Share a Story, BC

Friday 10th July

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- 2.00 – 5.00pm – 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
- EYFS to Forest School w/Miss Rainey

Tuesday 14th July

- Assembly – Reflecting and looking forward, BB
- Year 2 to Forest School w/Miss Hollingsworth

Wednesday 15th July

- Mentoring
- Year 1 to Forest School w/Miss Milner

Thursday 16th July

- Share a Story, KTB
- Year 5 to Forest School w/Mr Straw

Friday 17th July

- Assembly – Above & Beyond
- Year 4 to Forest School w/Mr Barnard

w/c Monday 20th July

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 20th July

- Assembly – Preparing to move on, BC
- Y6 Leavers' Trip (arrangements TBC)
- Whole school DT Day

Tuesday 21st July

- Assembly – A new school year, what to look forward to, TS
- Y3 to Forest School w/Mr Newberry

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