



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 17th July 2026



Update to parents
Friday 16th July 2026

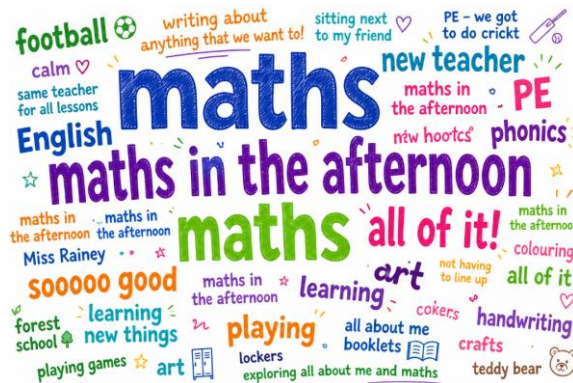
IMPORTANT- Acknowledgement of School Reports

School reports have now been shared with families. To help us confirm that reports have been received, we kindly ask all parents and carers to complete the short Microsoft Form sent alongside the report. This will act as your acknowledgement of receipt and will help us ensure that every family has successfully accessed their child's report. Thank you for taking a few moments to complete the form (see link below):

<https://forms.office.com/e/CfFLVbAGaF>

The best things about transition week...

In mentoring this week, we reflected on our time with our new classes, below is a Word Cloud of our highlights:



We also asked the Y6s what their highlight of their secondary transition was (a common theme coming through!):



CLEARING ACCOUNTS ON SCHOOL MONEY – ARBOR UPDATE

From September, we will be transferring our booking system and lunch menus over to Arbor. This change will mean that more of our school systems are managed under one umbrella, helping to streamline communication and make things easier for families.

Before we break up for the summer, please ensure that any outstanding balances or accounts on School Money are cleared. This will help us to make the transition as smooth as possible.

If you have any questions, concerns or queries regarding this change, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Arrangements for Y6 as they come to their final weeks

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of your child's time at John Blow Primary School, we are putting together a range of activities to ensure they have a positive, memorable and enjoyable end to their primary school journey.

Our plans for next week are as follows:

- **Monday:** A visit to **Slick City**, made possible thanks to the children's tremendous fundraising efforts throughout the year. As part of the package, children will receive **slide socks, pizza and a slushie** to enjoy during their visit.
- **Tuesday:** A walk to **Langford Nature Reserve**, where the children will enjoy a picnic. We will leave school at approximately **10.00am** and return before the end of the school day.
- **Wednesday:** A **Ga-Ga Ball** event, led by the YMCA.
- **Thursday:** We will begin the day with learning in school before setting off at approximately **10.00am** for our cycle ride to **North Clifton**, where we will enjoy a picnic. We may need support transporting children who do not have access to a bike or are unable to ride one. Please look out for a separate email with further details if this applies to your child. Children **must** wear a helmet to participate in the bike ride.
- **Friday:** A day to celebrate their final day with us at John Blow Primary School. Leavers' Assembly will commence at 9am; please do not allow your child to sign their shirts until after this assembly.

For the activities on **Tuesday and Thursday**, children will need a **packed lunch and plenty of drinks in their bags**. If you would like the school kitchen to provide one, please let the school office know **as soon as possible** so that arrangements can be made.

We also require **parental permission** for your child to take part in these activities. Without permission, unfortunately your child will be unable to attend.

If your child does not have access to a bike or is unable to ride one, please also let us know if you are able to assist with transport to North Clifton. You can provide both your permission and any transport information by emailing

the school office or by sending a signed note in with your child—let's see if our Year 6 pupils can take responsibility for handing it in themselves!

We would be grateful if you could return your permission **as soon as possible** so that we can finalise arrangements for what promises to be a fantastic final week together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Straw and Mr Carver

Water Safety

This week we welcomed The Canal Trust into school to lead an assembly on water safety following the recent tragic events in open water – below is a guidance note and links to key websites from Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue – thank you to Mrs Kirkham for sharing this with us:

As the weather improves, many children and young people spend more time near rivers, lakes and other open water. These places can look inviting, but they often carry hidden dangers such as cold-water shock, strong currents and sudden changes in depth.

We're sharing this water-safety leaflet to help you talk with your child or young person about staying safe. It includes simple guidance on recognising risks, making safe choices and what to do in an emergency.

Please take a few minutes to read through it together. A short conversation at home can make a real difference and help prevent accidents.

Further information is available via the following websites:

[Home | StayWise - Saving Lives Through Education](#)

[Respect The Water](#)

[Float To Live – What To Do If You Fall In Water](#)

Thank you for helping us keep children and young people safe.

Community Fire Safety
Lincolnshire and Rescue

Water Safety Starts with You: a Parent/Guardian Guide

WATER CAN BE GREAT FUN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT IT CAN ALSO PRESENT HIDDEN DANGERS. WHETHER YOU'RE AT THE BEACH, BY A RIVER, NEAR A POND, OR POOL IN THE GARDEN, ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN QUICKLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY.

HOW TO HAVE FUN AND STAY SAFE

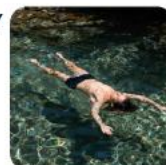


STAYING TOGETHER

- DO THEY ALWAYS TELL SOMEONE WHERE THEY ARE GOING
- DO YOU KNOW WHEN THEY PLAN ON RETURNING?
- ARE THEY ABLE TO CALL FOR HELP? TAKE A PHONE WITH THEM?
- DO THEY ALWAYS GO OUT IN A GROUP

ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT THEM. IF THEY ENJOY SPENDING TIME NEAR WATER REMIND THEM TO:

- STAY BACK FROM THE WATER'S EDGE, STICK TO SAFE PATHS
- PAY ATTENTION TO WHERE YOU ARE WALKING OR CYCLING
- BE EXTRA CAREFUL IN POOR WEATHER OR LOW LIGHT
- WATER SAFETY STARTS ON LAND.



SOMEONE IN TROUBLE IN THE WATER? TEACH THEM TO:

- PHONE 999 TO GET HELP
- TELL THEM TO STAY CALM AND FLOAT ON THEIR BACK
- THROW RESCUE EQUIPMENT TO HELP THEM FLOAT
- NEVER ENTER THE WATER TO ATTEMPT A RESCUE



1 PHONE

Phone **999** to get help.



2 FLOAT

Tell them to stay calm and **float** on their back.



3 THROW

Throw rescue equipment to help them float until emergency services arrive.

The StayWise website provides a range of resources on safety related topics





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Lincolnshire
FIRE & RESCUE

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Float to Live




YOU MIGHT THINK THAT TAKING A DIP IN A RIVER IS THE PERFECT WAY TO COOL DOWN - DANGERS LIE BENEATH THE SURFACE

- STRONG CURRENTS
- COLD TEMPERATURE
- UNEXPECTED ITEMS THAT COULD HARM

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF STRUGGLING IN THE WATER, TEACH THEM TO FLOAT TO LIVE:

- RELAX AND TRY TO BREATHE NORMALLY.
- TILT HEAD BACK AND SUBMERGE EARS.
- USE HANDS AND LEGS TO HELP YOU STAY AFLOAT.
- ONCE BREATHING IS UNDER CONTROL, CALL FOR HELP OR SWIM TO SAFETY.

ENSURE YOUNG CHILDREN:

- STAY TOGETHER
- STAY CLOSE TO AN ADULT, PARENT OR GUARDIAN
- KEEP WITHIN THEIR DEPTH
- KNOW TO CALL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY

SPOT THE DANGERS TOGETHER



THE STAYWISE WEBSITE PROVIDES A RANGE OF RESOURCES ON SAFETY RELATED TOPICS



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
- Wednesday 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.

Family Reading Morning – a reminder
Friday 24th July - 8:30am – 9:00am

We are delighted to invite parents, grandparents and other family members to join us for a special Family Reading Morning.

Come along and enjoy spending time reading with your child/relative before the start of the school day. This is a wonderful opportunity to share a love of reading together.

If the weather is fine, we will be reading together in the shade on the school field.

If the weather is unsuitable, the event will take place in the school hall.

The Friends of John Blow will be serving refreshments, so please stay and enjoy them as well while supporting our school community.

As an added treat, there will also be books available for every child to choose from and take home to enjoy over the summer holidays, helping to keep their love of reading alive throughout the break.

We hope you can join us for this special event and look forward to seeing you there!

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...

Transition week 2026

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&qcatid=38&albumid=271>

July 2026 @ JBPS

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Y1 visited Sherwood Forest

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=87&qcatid=42&albumid=273>

Above and Beyond

Well done to this week's recipients:

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
April Joshua The Whole Class	Eliza Sofia Caleb Lexi-Jae	Penny Arthur Evelyn	Ella Robin Arlo-Jon Ellis Hugo Arlo G Alby Emilia Eleanor	Reuben Elliot Emily	Alfie Ronnie Edward James	Lillian Ben Lexi Angus Finley Freddy

A Reminder from Collingham Tennis Club

The mini courts at Collingham Tennis Club are FREE to use during school holidays and at weekends. Rackets and balls are also FREE to use and are kept in the wooden box on the mini courts. Children should be accompanied by an adult while using the mini courts.

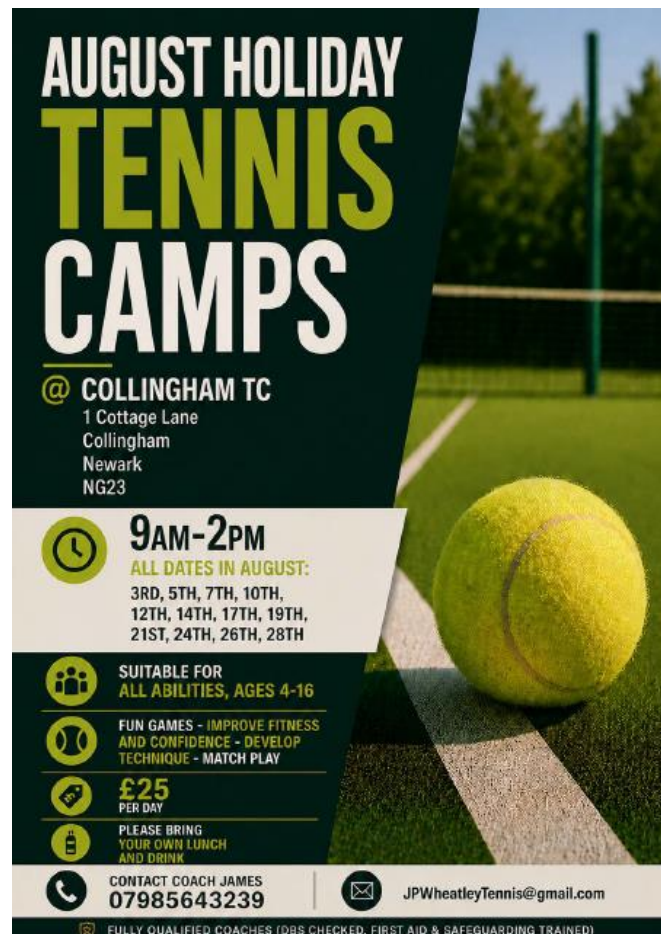
Mini court availability:

- Weekends free availability
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings

School holidays:

- w/c 27 July availability all day every day
- w/c 3 August, 10 August, 17 August, 24 August
- Monday available after 2.30pm
- Tuesday available all day
- Wednesday available after 2.30pm
- Thursday available all day
- Friday available after 2.30pm

James Wheatley, Head Coach, will be running Tennis Camps from 9.00am – 2.00pm during w/c 3, 10, 17 and 24 August every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For further information, please contact James on 07985 643239.

A promotional poster for August Holiday Tennis Camps. The background is a photograph of a tennis court with a green tennis ball in the foreground. The text is overlaid on a dark green and white background.

AUGUST HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

@ **COLLINGHAM TC**
1 Cottage Lane
Collingham
Newark
NG23

 **9AM-2PM**
ALL DATES IN AUGUST:
3RD, 5TH, 7TH, 10TH,
12TH, 14TH, 17TH, 19TH,
21ST, 24TH, 26TH, 28TH

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PER DAY**

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AND DRINK**

 **CONTACT COACH JAMES
07985643239**

 **JPWheatleyTennis@gmail.com**

 **FULLY QUALIFIED COACHES (DBS CHECKED, FIRST AID & SAFEGUARDING TRAINED)**

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.



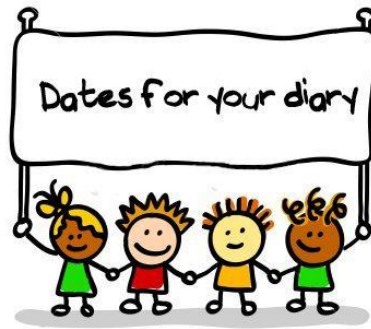
Step 3: Complete 6 reading goals

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 20th July

Music Journey – Artists and genres chosen by children

Monday 20th July

- Assembly – Preparing to move on, BC
- Y6 Leavers' Trip – Slick City
- Whole school DT Day
- 3.00 – 5.00pm – FOJB inflatables afternoon

Tuesday 21st July

- Assembly – A new school year, what to look forward to, TS
- Year 6 – Picnic at Langford
- Y3 to Forest School w/Mr Newberry

Wednesday 22nd July

Thursday 23rd July

- 9.00 – Merit Assembly (invitation only)
- Y6 bike ride to South Clifton (drop off at picnic)

Friday 24th July

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