



John Blow Primary School
Weekly Bulletin – Friday 10th July 2026



Update to parents
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It has been another really positive and busy week at John Blow Primary School, with so many wonderful opportunities for our children to learn, achieve and make memories together. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm, teamwork and community spirit shown across the school, and we are incredibly proud of the experiences our children continue to be part of.

Our Year 6 children did a brilliant job hosting their Enterprise Event this week to raise funds for their end-of-year visit. It was wonderful to see their creativity, confidence and determination, and even better to see our school community come together to support them. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the event such a success.

We are really looking forward to our first transition week next week. We have deliberately prioritised this time to allow children and staff to begin building positive relationships and getting to know each other before September. Children will come into school as normal on Monday (and will spend the afternoon with their new classes), but from Tuesday they will enter and exit through their new classroom doors. Our staff are excited to spend time with their new classes, getting to know the children and enjoying some time together, including visits to our Forest School Provision as part of our transition activities.

Please can we remind you that we are continuing to develop the children's independence when coming into school and would be grateful if you could ensure that you are dropping children at the gate and allowing them to walk to their classrooms.

Our Year 6 children will also continue their Ready for Secondary Project work with Mrs Bingham and Miss Ball, supporting them as they prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school and develop the skills and confidence they need for the next stage of their journey.

A huge thank you also goes to Mr Rob and Mr Newberry for taking a group of children to London this week. It was a very long day, but a fantastic and worthwhile experience for the children.

We would also like to thank Mr Straw, Mr Newberry, Mr Rob and the parents who supported our Class Dojo visit to Twin Lakes. The children had a brilliant time, and we are grateful for the time and effort that went into making this such a memorable experience. Photo links can be found later in this bulletin.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school and for helping us provide such positive experiences for our children.

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.

Year 6 Fundraiser – Wednesday 8th July

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event – it was great to see the school community coming together to raise funds – the children took great pride in planning, setting up and leading the event and they should be due to the success seen. They raised over £950 which will be put towards their end of year celebrations – the visit to Slick City will be something all the children will be looking forward to during their final week at John Blow Primary School!

A link to the website celebrating the event can be found here:

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=151&gcatid=46&albumid=268>



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.

Family Reading Morning

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...

Class Dojo Reward Trip – Twin Lakes – Monday 6th July 2026 -

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=269>

John Blow Primary School attends Wimbledon 2026-

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=38&albumid=270>

Above and Beyond

Well done to this week's recipients:

EYFS	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Lachlan Margot Kit Arthur Lyra-Bella	Theo Terry Eliza Alex		Hugo Robin Erin	Nataliya Darcie	Lorenn Heidi Henry	Lillian Caitlin Zoe Betsy

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.

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.



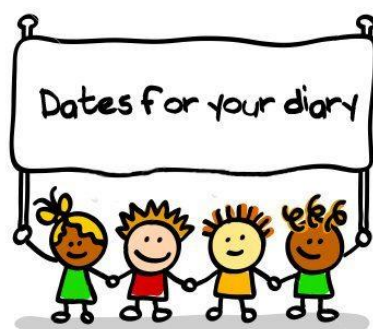
Step 3: Complete 6 reading goals

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 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
- Twilight – Music curriculum

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
- 3.00 – 5.00pm – FOJB inflatables afternoon

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