



John Blow Primary School

Head Teacher: Mr Ben Carver

Year 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We have had a fantastic transition week, and it has been a pleasure getting to know the children even more ahead of them joining my class in September. They have settled in brilliantly, shown great enthusiasm and have already demonstrated our school values. I am really looking forward to welcoming them back after the summer holidays and sharing an exciting year of learning together.

Meet Your Teacher

Hello everyone! My name is Mr Newberry, and I am excited to be your teacher this year. I am 30 years old (nearly 31!) and I am passionate about creating a happy, hardworking classroom where we can work hard, challenge ourselves and have fun at the same time. My favourite subject to teach is Maths because I love helping children solve problems, discover new ideas and build confidence in their learning. Outside of school, I enjoy playing and watching football. I am a proud Leeds season ticket holder, so you will often find me cheering on my team! I also love going on walks with my dog, Daisy, who is a Labrador and a very important member of my family. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone, sharing lots of exciting learning experiences and making this a fantastic year together!

PE Days

Our PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit on these days.

What We'll Be Learning

During this term we will be exploring a wide range of exciting topics across the curriculum. In English, we will be developing our writing skills by learning how to write to inform through creating non-chronological reports, informal letters and biographies. In Maths, we will be following the White Rose Maths scheme, focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. In Science, we will be investigating electricity and learning how circuits work. Our history learning will take us back to the Stone Age, where we will discover what life was like for early humans, while in Geography we will be learning about volcanoes and how they are formed. In RE, we will explore the journey of life and reflect on important stages and experiences. In Art, we will investigate how line, shape and sketching can be used to express powerful ideas, taking inspiration from the work of Basquiat. In Computing, we will learn about staying safe on the internet and how to become responsible digital citizens. In PE, we will develop our skills in fundamentals and gymnastics, building confidence, coordination and teamwork. Finally, in Spanish, we will learn key vocabulary including the days of the week, colours, months of the year and numbers.

Dates for Your Diary

Please make a note of these exciting events coming up this term:

- Thursday 8th October 2026 – Dance Workshop
- Thursday 15th October 2026 – Wear What Makes You Feel Wonderful Day and FOJB Disco
- Friday 16th October 2026 – BBC Concert Orchestra performing in school

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Kind regards,

Mr Newberry