



John Blow Primary School

Head Teacher: Mr Ben Carver

Year 6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6!

We had a fantastic transition week, and it was wonderful getting to know the children ahead of the new school year. They settled in brilliantly, approached every activity with enthusiasm and have already shown what fantastic role models they can be. I am incredibly excited to welcome them back after the summer holidays and begin what will be a busy, rewarding and memorable final year of primary school (commencing on Thursday 3rd September 2026).

Meet Your Teacher

Hello everyone! My name is **Mr Straw**, and I am delighted to be your Year 6 teacher this year. I am passionate about helping children achieve their very best and creating a classroom where everyone feels supported, challenged and proud of their achievements.

Outside of school, I am a keen runner and enjoy taking part in races throughout the year. I am also a proud Derby County supporter and enjoy following the team whenever I can. At home, I have a very energetic (and slightly crazy!) Labrador called **Obi**, who certainly keeps me busy with lots of long walks and adventures.

Year 6 is an exciting year filled with new opportunities, responsibilities and challenges. Together we will work hard, have plenty of fun and create lots of wonderful memories before the children move on to secondary school.

PE Days

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

What We'll Be Learning

In the Autumn term will be full of exciting learning across the curriculum.

In **English**, we will develop our reading and writing skills through a range of engaging texts, focusing on writing with increasing confidence, accuracy and creativity.

In **Maths**, we will continue to follow the White Rose Maths scheme, beginning with place value before moving on to the four operations and applying our reasoning and problem-solving skills.

In **Science**, we will be learning about **the Human Body**, exploring how different body systems work together to keep us healthy and active.

Our **History** topic will focus on **World War II**, where we will investigate the causes of the war, life on the Home Front and the impact the conflict had on Britain and the wider world.

In **Geography**, we will journey to **Antarctica**, discovering its unique physical features, climate, wildlife and the importance of protecting this remarkable environment.

Alongside these subjects, children will continue to study RE, Computing, Art, Design Technology, Music, Spanish and PSHE throughout the year. A full overview of the Year 6 curriculum can be found on the **school website**.

Dates for Your Diary

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

- Monday 7th September to Wednesday 9th September – PGL Residential
- 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

I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a successful, enjoyable and memorable final year at John Blow Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Straw

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