



**John Blow Primary School**

**Weekly Bulletin**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026**



**Update to parents**

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year at John Blow, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling so well into their new classes and routines. A huge thank you to Miss Ball and Miss Rainey for hosting our Phonics and Reading session this week, and to all the parents who were able to attend. We look forward to welcoming families to the Year 2 session on Monday 14th September and the EYFS session on Monday 21st September.

Our Year 6 children have also had a wonderful time at PGL Caythorpe Court this week. They were incredible ambassadors for our school, showing kindness, collaboration, courage and a real willingness to give things a go. It was fantastic to see our school values being embodied by the children throughout the trip, and we are incredibly proud of them.

We really have started the school year brilliantly, and this has certainly been helped by the excellent punctuality from our families. Thank you for making such a positive start to the day for your children and for helping us get everyone settled and ready to learn. Let's keep it up!

**A reminder about attendance**

Children should be in school as often as possible, as every day of learning and every day with their friends matters.

Term-time holidays are not normally authorised. Where a term-time holiday meets the national criteria, we will be required to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. This applies to all children.

We appreciate that family circumstances can sometimes be challenging, but our priority is to ensure that children have the best possible attendance and do not miss valuable learning unnecessarily. Thank you for your continued support with this.

**Dogs on the School Site**

To help keep our school site safe and welcoming for everyone, we ask parents and carers not to bring dogs onto the school premises, including at morning drop-off and afternoon collection times. This does not apply to assistance dogs.

We recognise that many families enjoy walking to school with their pets; however, some children may be frightened of dogs, and animals can present additional risks in a busy playground and around entrances where large numbers of children and families are gathering.

Allergy safety is also an important consideration. From September 2026, Benedict's Law has strengthened the responsibilities of schools in England to take a whole-school approach to allergy safety. Allergies are not limited to food, and national guidance highlights the need for schools to consider potential allergen exposure associated with animals.

We therefore ask that dogs are kept off the school site and away from busy entrance and exit points wherever possible. Please also do not leave dogs tied immediately outside school gates, where they may restrict access or come into close contact with children.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, inclusive environment for all of our pupils.

#### **Look at what we have been up to in school:**

Follow this link to see what we have been up to across school following a wonderful start to the 2026-2027 academic year!

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=46&gcatid=73&albumid=280>

#### **PGL Awards**

A huge well done to our Year 6 children for their fantastic effort at PGL! As well as taking part in all of the activities, the children were recognised with a number of awards celebrating their teamwork, courage, determination and positive attitude. It was brilliant to see them supporting one another, encouraging each other and throwing themselves into every challenge. We are incredibly proud of them and the way they represented John Blow throughout the trip!

The award recipients were:

**Adventurer Award** – Chase

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**Smashed it Award** – Florence

**Fearless Explorer Award** – Iris F

**Conquered my Fears Awards** – Eve

**The Brilliance Award** – Loreenna

PGL photos can be found on the class pages of the school website or be clicking this link: -

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/gallery/?pid=151&gcatid=72&albumid=281>

#### **Above and Beyond**

Each week we celebrate children who go Above and Beyond in their learning or actions around school, this week we were pleased to celebrate with the following children:

Our focus value this week was: ***We show respect***

| EYFS                       | Y1                                   | Y2                  | Y3                      | Y4                             | Y5                                    | Y6                                                     |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Teddy<br>Jennifer<br>Idris | Jenson<br>Ethan<br>Lachlan<br>Edward | Eliza x 3<br>Nellie | Artie<br>Izzy<br>Arthur | Ellis<br>Max<br>Amelia<br>Hugo | Stanley<br>Emily<br>Georgia<br>Reuben | Iris H<br>Loreenna x 2<br>Ronnie<br>Isabelle<br>Lottie |

#### **Meet John the Bear!**

We are delighted to introduce John the Bear, the newest member of the John Blow family! Each Friday, one child will be chosen to take John home for a special adventure, returning him to school on Thursday ready for his next adventure. John's bag contains an Adventure Book, where we would love families to record what they got up to together – you can write, draw pictures, add photographs or decorations and share any special memories. Photographs can also be emailed to school so we can share John's adventures with everyone. Most importantly, have fun, make memories and look after John!

Last week John spent the weekend with Alby (Y4) before heading to PGL with Year 6 (he did not help Mr Carver with paddling in the canoe!).



This week, Josie S has been selected from the box of nominees to look after John for the week!

### **An update from Mr Barnard**

### **The Book Bus is Coming to John Blow!**



We are delighted to welcome The Book Bus back to John Blow Primary School on Tuesday 15th September. During the school day, children will have the exciting opportunity to visit the bus with their class, browse a fantastic selection of books and hopefully discover some new authors and stories to enjoy.

The Book Bus will also stay after school so that parents and carers can visit with their children. Books can be purchased on the day, and families may wish to send children with approximately £5–£10 if they would like to buy a book. Alternatively, Book Bus gift vouchers can be purchased in advance and brought into school to redeem on the bus.

### [Purchase a Book Bus Gift Voucher](#)

We hope this will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading across our school and inspire our children to find their next favourite book! Happy reading!



### **Mr Barnard Takes on a Fundraising Challenge!**

On Sunday 13th September, Mr Barnard will be joining Pat's Barmy Army of walkers on their fundraising trek from Lincoln City Football Ground to Collingham FC, raising money for the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. It promises to be a real challenge for Mr Barnard following his knee operation — particularly as his training so far consists of just one four-and-a-half-mile walk! We're sure our school community will be behind him every step of the way.

Supporting the Air Ambulance is also something our children will be getting involved with. School Council will be organising another school fundraising event this year, building on our previous support for this vital local charity. If you would like to support Mr Barnard and the team, you can find out more or make a donation below.

[Support the Air Ambulance fundraiser on JustGiving](#)



**Find out more, access inspiration and enter here:**

[BBC 500 Words – information and entry page](#)

We would love as many of our children as possible to get involved. **Let your imagination run wild – where will your 500 words take you?**



#### **Nature Watch – September**

September is a wonderful time to get outdoors and notice the changing wildlife around us! The RSPB has shared some great ideas for birds and wildlife to look out for this month, including House Martins, Goldfinches and busy, berry-filled hedgerows. Families can also find out how to help garden birds safely as we move towards the colder months, including the RSPB's latest seasonal feeding advice.

[Discover what to look out for this September](#)

[Find out about feeding garden birds safely](#)



### ***Key dates and upcoming events***

#### **Autumn Term 1 – 2026-2027 Bulletin Dates**

#### **w/c Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Mentoring – JBPS values

#### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

- Mentoring
- 8.50am, Y2 phonics drop-in session in hall
- Staff meeting – English work scrutiny-

#### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

- Assembly – Kindness in the school community, CN

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

- Assembly – National Democracy Day, BB (School Council voting day)

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

- Assembly – Share a Story, ER

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, School Council introduction / making kind choices, BC
- Individual & sibling photos

#### **w/c Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Mentoring – British Values

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

- Mentoring
- 8.50am, EYFS phonics drop-in session in hall

#### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

- Assembly – Taking responsibility for our choices / actions, BC

#### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

- Assembly – British Values, Rule of Law & Fairness, KTB

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

- Assembly – Share a Story, EM

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, Responsibility Awards, BC

#### **w/c Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Mentoring – British Values

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

- Mentoring

#### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

- Assembly – Perseverance, keep improving, ER

#### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

- Assembly – British Values, Individual Liberty, expression & choice, BC

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

- Assembly – National Poetry Day, BB
- National Poetry Day

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, Perseverance Awards, BC
- World Smile Day

#### **w/c Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Mentoring – Protected Characteristics

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

- Mentoring

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

- Assembly – Teamwork, TS
- LKS2 Trip to Magna

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

- Assembly – World Mental Health Day (10<sup>th</sup> October), BC
- 3.30 – 4.15pm, Start of Choir Club, Lucy Reid

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

- **AUTUMN CENSUS DAY**
- Assembly – Share a Story, EH
- Whole School Dance Workshop

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

- Assembly – Above & Beyond, Teamwork Awards, BC
- KS2 Netball Competition

**w/c Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Mentoring – Protected Characteristics

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

- Mentoring

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

- Assembly – British Values, Respect & SEND, EH

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

- Assembly – A reflection of this half-term, BC

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

- Merit Assembly (invitation only)
- Wear What Makes You Feel Wonderful Day
- FOJBP Disco

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

BBC Concert Orchestra performing in school (children only)  
3.30pm – End of Autumn Term 1