



**John Blow Primary School**

**Weekly Bulletin**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026**



### **Update to parents**

#### ***Safeguarding Update***

Recently, we have seen an increase in incidents involving sexualised behaviours in school. As with all safeguarding concerns, these have been responded to promptly and appropriately using the Brook Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool, a nationally recognised framework which helps professionals distinguish between behaviours that are developmentally typical (green), those which may require additional support or monitoring (amber), and those which may indicate a safeguarding concern and require further action (red). This ensures that all incidents are managed consistently and proportionately. Parents and carers of all children involved have been informed and supported throughout the process.

As part of our ongoing work to promote children's safety and wellbeing, Tuesday's assembly focused on personal space, body autonomy and consent. We used the NSPCC's Pantosaurus (Talk PANTS) video, which helps children understand that their body belongs to them, that they have the right to say "no" if something makes them feel uncomfortable, and that they should speak to a trusted adult if they are worried. We also discussed the importance of respecting others' personal space and understanding that "no means no". Parents and carers can view the Pantosaurus video and access further information on YouTube and the NSPCC website.

#### **Behaviour and Relationships Procedure**

We would like to remind parents and carers that all staff follow our Tiered Behaviour System, as outlined in our Behaviour and Relationships Policy, which can be found on the school website: <https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Policies+and+Key+Information&pid=22>

This system ensures that we take a consistent, fair and supportive approach when responding to behaviour incidents across the school. While not all behaviour incidents require parental involvement, every incident is dealt with in line with the procedures set out within our Behaviour and Relationships Procedure. This helps us to maintain high expectations, support positive relationships and ensure that all children are treated consistently. If you have any questions or concerns regarding behaviour management in school, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

#### **Screen Time Guidance for EYFS Children**

You may have seen recent guidance highlighting the importance of limiting screen time for young children, with recommendations that children in the Early Years access no more than one hour of screen time per day. In school, we carefully manage the use of technology and screen-based activities, ensuring that any screen time is purposeful, supports learning and enhances the curriculum rather than replacing valuable hands-on, play-based experiences. We know that children learn best through interaction, exploration and talk, and these remain at the heart of our EYFS provision. We would encourage families to be mindful of this guidance at home and to consider opportunities to balance screen use with activities such as reading, outdoor play, creative experiences and family

time. Working together, we can support our youngest learners to develop healthy habits that positively impact their wellbeing, development and learning.

### **INSET Day Reminder**

A reminder to all parents and carers that there is a planned INSET Day coming up, which was originally communicated to families last year via the school bulletin on Monday 23rd November. On this day, school will be closed to pupils to allow all staff to take part in a whole-school professional development day as part of our ongoing writing development journey. This dedicated training time will enable staff to further develop a consistent approach to writing across the school, with a particular focus on strengthening the foundations that support children to become confident, successful writers. Thank you for your continued support as we invest in improving outcomes for all pupils.

### **The Book Bus Success!**

A huge thank you to all our children, families and staff for making our recent Book Bus visit such a success! The Book Bus team were incredibly impressed with our children, describing them as friendly, enthusiastic and polite. They were particularly pleased with how knowledgeable our children are about books and the thoughtful choices they made when purchasing their new reads.

Megan from the Book Bus team said that she *"knows a reading school when she sees one"* and encouraged us to keep up the amazing work! What wonderful feedback to receive about our children and our school's love of reading.

The event was also a fantastic success financially, with the Book Bus taking £1,005 in sales and our school receiving £150 commission to support reading and resources in school. The Reading Ambassadors have already delivered new books to all our classes.

Well done, everyone – and happy reading!

### ***An update from Friends of John Blow***

As we begin our festive countdown, we are already looking ahead to our much-loved Christmas Fayre on **Friday 4th December, 3.30pm to 6.00pm**. To help us prepare, we are inviting children to come to school on **Thursday 15th October 2026** wearing **whatever makes them feel wonderful**. In exchange, we kindly ask for a donation for our Christmas Fayre tombola. The tombola is always one of the most popular attractions of the event and your generous donations help make it a huge success year after year. Any suitable prize donations will be greatly appreciated and will help us create a fantastic community event for all our families. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Parents**

Applications for secondary school places are now open for children currently in Year 6. Parents and carers are reminded to complete their application before the national closing date to ensure their preferences can be fully considered. Applications can be submitted online through the **Nottinghamshire County Council School Admissions Hub**: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/hub>. Please do not leave your application until the last minute.

### **Family Update Evenings**

Bookings are now open for our **Family Update Evenings** on the **Arbor App**.

These meetings will take place on:

**Monday 2nd November**

**Monday 9th November**

Family Update Evenings provide an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes and talk about next steps for learning.

**Appointments can now be booked via the Arbor App, so please log in and secure your preferred time slot.**

We look forward to meeting with you and sharing how your child is progressing this academic year.

### Staying safe and active

We would like to remind all children and families that gymnastics activities, such as cartwheels, handstands and other gymnastic moves, should only be carried out when supervised by an adult. While we are pleased to see children enjoying being active, these activities can pose a risk of injury if they are attempted without appropriate supervision and in a suitable environment. To reinforce this message, we have placed reminder posters around the school and all staff have been informed to support children in making safe choices during the school day. We would be grateful if parents and carers could also discuss this with their children at home. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe.

### Gymnastics Safety Rules

1.  Stay safe! Always practise in a safe place.
2.  Warm up first! Get your body ready before you start.
3.  Only do skills you have learnt. Never try new or tricky moves on your own.
4.  Use mats or grass to do skills you are able to do. Never do gymnastics skills on concrete or hard floors.

 Remember: Safe gymnastics is fun gymnastics! Always learn new skills with a coach in a safe environment to help prevent injuries.  

Mrs Atkins and Mr Carver

### 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>

### Class pages

We are starting to populate class pages with photographs – keep checking in for updates!

<https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=45&action=saved>

### 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                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Eden x 2<br>Arden<br>Jenson<br>Arwen | Freya<br>Daisy Mc x 2<br>Toby<br>Louis | Caleb<br>Peyton x 2<br>Autumn<br>Zachary<br>Lexi-Jae | Harvey<br>Ava<br>Annabel x 2 | Erin<br>Elsie | Abbie<br>Leo<br>Chloe<br>Dahlia<br>Elliot<br>Zachary | Alfie<br>Isabelle<br>James x 2<br>Lottie<br>Edward<br>Heidi<br>Reedus |

## John the Bear!



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



### *Key dates and upcoming events*

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

#### **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 – Harvest Festival, Rev Keeler
- 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**

- 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
- KS2 Taekwondo Taster Sessions – KS2 to come to school in PE kit

#### **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