John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 2 – Monday 22nd September 2025

Note from our Executive Head Teacher

At John Perry, we strongly believe in the importance of developing leadership skills from an early age. Pupil leadership roles give children a voice in our school and provides valuable opportunities to build confidence, responsibility and teamwork. Pupil leaders lead by example and support others in making our school the best it can be. We were very proud to see so many children in Years 5 and 6 put themselves forward for the roles of House Captain and House Vice-Captain. This shows great courage and a willingness to take on responsibility. A huge thank you and well done to everyone who took part. We know they will wear their badges with pride and be excellent role models for their peers. Elections for Playground Buddies will begin this week, giving more children the chance to take on a leadership role. We are also preparing for our Key Stage 2 School Council elections, which will take place on the 1st October. We look forward to seeing all our pupil leaders demonstrate some of our core **School Values** of **respect, responsibility,** and **resilience** in their roles this year. Their leadership will play an important part in shaping a positive and inclusive school environment for everyone.

Attendance and Punctuality

Key Stage winners

EYFS: RZ with 97.9%

ARP: Sky with 98.7%

KS1: 2W with 98.58%

LKS2: 4J with 98.06%

UKS2: 6G with 98.2%

Overall whole school attendance:

94.2% (**Below** target of 96.1%)

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT SCHOOLS ARE BEING ASKED TO **ISSUE FINES** FOR **POOR ATTENDANCE AND TERM TIME HOLIDAYS**

Safeguarding our pupils

Apps and age restrictions:

Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter with **age restrictions** for popular apps. If you permit your child access to these apps, this is a **safeguarding concern.**

Late collections from school

Please be on time to collect your child from school. Frequent **late collections** raise safeguarding concerns and **are logged on children's Safeguarding files**.

Miss Rajan-Weare, Designated Safeguarding Lead

Words of the Week

W/b 22/09/2025: Our School Values: Resilience.

W/b 29/09/2025: Our School Values: Positivity
(linked to Black History Month)

Secondary School Open Evenings

If your child is in Year 6, attending a secondary school open evening is important because it allows both you and your child to get a real feel for the school, its facilities, and its atmosphere, which you can't get from a website alone. It is a chance to meet teachers, current students, and the Headteacher, ask important questions about the school's culture and admissions, and help reduce anxiety by familiarising your child with the new environment before they start. This first-hand experience is crucial for making an informed decision about the best secondary school for your child.

Please click here to see the dates of open evenings of Secondary schools in Barking & Dagenham.

To see the dates of open evenings of Secondary schools in Havering, please click here.

If you would like to attend a similar event at any other secondary school, we encourage you to contact the school directly for key dates and timings.

Winning House Reward/Festival of Games

All students at John Perry are allocated to a specific 'House.' Each House is a smaller community within the school; this system aims to foster a sense of belonging and team spirit. We are pleased to announce the Winning House for the Summer Term 2025 - Congratulations to all children in the Yellow House!

To celebrate this fantastic achievement and recognise their team effort, children in the Yellow House have been invited to a Festival of Games on Tuesday 23rd September led by Mr Nkansah. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit at school for the occasion.

Mrs Ogun's Book Recommendations

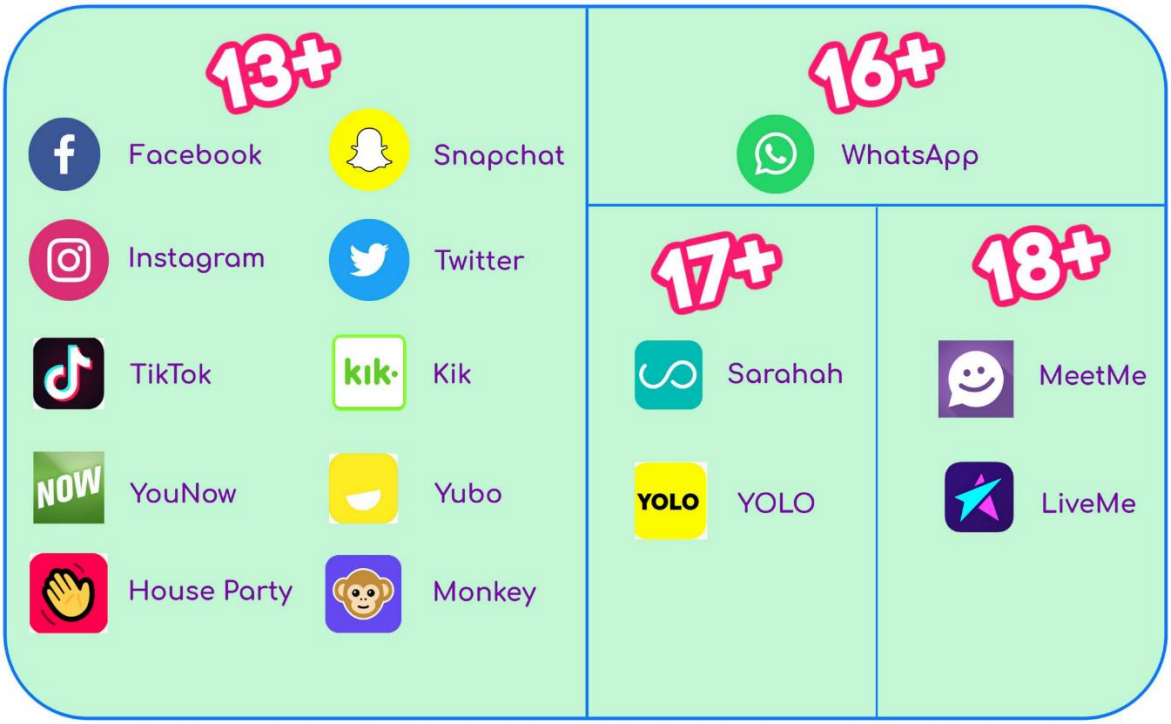
EYFS/KS1: '**Night Flight**' by Katie Cottle**.** When Ellie moves from her quiet village to a bustling city, she finds that the many different birds she loves to watch are missing. She stares out of her window, searches the skies on walks, but they are nowhere to be found. Then one night, she's visited by a giant starling which asks for her help. The birds are lost because of the shimmering glow from the city's bright lights. Night Flight is a hopeful, inspiring story about the power of using your voice.

KS2: '**Jaz Santos vs The World'** by Priscilla Mante. This is the first in a new series about a girl who gathers an unlikely group of friends together to make their own girls' football team. With girls' football growing more popular than ever, this is an empowering book with a dynamic and entertaining main character who shows what can happen when somebody leads the way in a new sporting initiative.

Calendar for Autumn 1: September/October 2025						
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
22 Word of the Week Assemblies: Our School Values - Resilience Interviews for Playground Buddies (all week) After-school clubs start this week	23 Winning House Reward for Yellow House children: all day	24	25 Yr5 Bikeability – Group 1 Year 6 Parent and Pupil Eastbrook Community School Presentation 14:30, Juniors' Hall	26 Yr5 Bikeability – Group 2 Virtual Celebration Assemblies	27	28
29 Word of the Week Assemblies: Positivity *(linked to Black History Month)* Year 1 Teacher Presentation– 14:30-15:05 (in class, parents invited)	30 1S Local Area Walk – 09:30 Year 2 Teacher Presentation – 14:30-15:05 in Infants' Hall, parents invited	1 1A Local Area Walk – 09:10 2R Local Area Walk – 09:10 2C Local Area Walk – 13:55 Elections for School Council (KS2 puils) – from 10:00, Juniors' Hall Year 4 Teacher Presentation – 14:45-15:20 in class, parents invited	2 October Census Day Aspirations Day – children dress in 'what they want to be when they grow up'	3 1B Local Area Walk – 09:10 2W Local Area Walk – 09:10 Years 5 and 6 Teacher Presentation – 14:45-15:20 in class, parents invited Afternoon tea with parents in the ARP 14:30-15:00 Virtual Celebration Assemblies	4	5
6 Word of the Week Assemblies: Mental Health *(linked to World Mental Health Day)* All week: collections for HFT-Barking Foodbank (Harvest Appeal) Year 3 Teacher Presentation – 14:45-15:20 in Juniors' Hall, parents invited	7	8	9 Reception to Yr6 flu vaccination – Juniors' hall (day 1 of 2) Dominic Barnes (Residential Visit) parent presentation (Y 5/6) – 14:45 Juniors' Hall and repeated online at 18:00	10 World Mental Health Day/'Hello Yellow' (letter to follow) Virtual Celebration Assemblies	11	12
13 Word of the Week Assemblies: Our School Values – A Love for Learning	14	15 Talk Consent Assemblies for Year 5 and 6 – Juniors' Hall	16 Reception Teacher Presentation and Phonics meeting 09:10 Infants' Hall, parents invited) Cultural Day *(letter to follow)*	17 Nursery picnic for parents: 10:30 (AM) and 14:30 (PM) Virtual Celebration Assemblies	18	19

Please ensure that school has your updated contact details and end of the day dismissal permissions.

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Safeguarding our pupils

What age should children begin social networking?

This is going to be different for everyone. However, if the age rating were to do with content, it may be higher. For example, while Tik Tok's terms state that any user needs to be over the age of 13, some of the content that is being generated on that platform would not be appropriate for someone under the age of 18.

It's always a good idea to gather as much information as possible before proceeding to download any social media app.

Social Media age restrictions: a comprehensive list

Ofcom has also created a Guide for parents

Online Safety Act: Explainer

Safeguarding Team

Stars of the Week

Friday 19th September 2025

NAM: ---------- NPM: ----------						
Reception:	RD	Inara Hosain	RZ	George Cox	RN	Hudson Clarke
Year One:	1B	Nausicaa Konstantinidis	1S	Mehnaz Mazumder	1A	Jahdiel Balogun
Year Two:	2C	Hamadou Keita Soucko	2R	Jewel Manuribe	2W	Assiatu Balde
Year Three:	3M	Amaya FrancisRiley	3H	Ava-Pearl.	3F	Raine Rock.
Year Four:	4V	Akram Umair	4K	David Tolentino	4J	Ariadne Konstantinidis
Year Five:	5T	Henry Button.	5L	Rudraneel Deb	5U	Shatakshi Deb
Year Six:	6I	Abigail Du	6G	Blaise Osborne Walmsley	6P	Valeria Culceac
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Wais Talukder Miah **Sky Class:** **D**					

Friday 11th September 2025

NAM: ---------- NPM: ----------						
Reception:	RD	----------	RZ	----------	RN	----------
Year One:	1B	Jax Webber	1S	Era Toci	1A	Jayson Nuraj
Year Two:	2C	Zayla Mizusawa	2R	Victoria Hasanllari	2W	Umaisa Rahman
Year Three:	3M	Olando Artur	3H	Isabel Vasileva	3F	Skyla-Rae Hayday
Year Four:	4V	Denis Cirlescu	4K	Aleena Ahmed.	4J	Selim Ferizolli
Year Five:	5T	Chloe Rua Guiterrez	5L	Tyler Collins	5U	Eiliyah Nazir
Year Six:	6I	Sam Aje	6G	Ayidaan Rizvi	6P	Maria Tasnim.
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Suleiman Hossain **Sky Class**: Eesa Akhtar					

Well Done to All our Stars!