John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 3 – Thursday 9th October 2025

Note from our Executive Head Teacher

It's been a busy and positive fortnight in school, with lots to celebrate. Our Key Stage 2 children have been learning about the British Value of Democracy as they took part in electing their School Councillors. The children approached the process with great maturity and enthusiasm. Those elected will now begin their important role of representing their peers and helping to shape school life. We've also completed interviews for our new Playground Buddies. The successful candidates will begin their roles this week, supporting positive play and helping to ensure everyone feels included and happy during break times. Congratulations to all involved!

A heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers who have attended the recent teacher presentations. Your support and engagement play a vital role in your child's education. Finally, as part of our commitment to promoting wellbeing, children and staff are invited to wear an item of yellow this Friday in support of Mental Health Awareness. This is a great opportunity to open up conversations around mental health and remind everyone that it's okay to ask for help.

Attendance and Punctuality

EYFS: RN with 97.7**%**
ARP: Sky with 93.7%
KS1: 1B with 98.1%
LKS2: 3M with 97.4%
UKS2: 5U with 98.5%
Overall whole school attendance:
95.5% (**Almost at** target of 96.1%)
SCHOOLS ARE BEING ASKED TO ISSUE **FINES** FOR **POOR ATTENDANCE AND TERM TIME HOLIDAYS**

Safeguarding our pupils

If you are worried about a child, please complete a confidential form (available at the School Office) and return it to the office or a member of the Safeguarding Team as soon as possible:

Miss Rajan-Weare: Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Langridge: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Buckle: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Walker: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Hart: Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Words of the Week

W/b 06/10/2025: Mental Health *(linked to World Mental Health Day, Friday 10th October)*

W/b 13/10/2025: Our School Values: A Love for Learning

A few important reminders:

If your child is going to be absent from school due to sickness, please inform us by calling the school office (020 8270 4622) as early as possible. Please leave a message on the absence line or alternatively speak to a member of the admin team.

It is important that our children stay hydrated throughout the day and therefore they do require a water bottle, labelled with their name in school each day. As we promote healthy eating habits, we would ask that only water is brought in from home.

On rainy days, if your child brings an umbrella to school, please ensure you take it home with you.

Please ask your child to dismount their bike or scooter as soon as they ride through the school gates and whilst on school premises.

Labelling your child's belongings, especially their uniform and P.E. kit, will help us reduce the number of lost items in school.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance - Every Day Matters

One day absent from school can be as many as **7 missed lessons**, as well as time missed spending time with friends.

Lessons build on what children already know. Missing one day can make tomorrow's lesson **more difficult**.

NHS guidance is clear: It is fine to send children to school with minor coughs and colds.

Mrs Ogun's Book Recommendations

EYFS/KS1: '**The Big Katie Morag Storybook'** by Katie Morag**.** Welcome to the Island of Struay, home of one of the best-loved characters in children's books and as seen on TV - Katie Morag McColl! This book is packed with brand-new stories and poems featuring favourite characters from Katie Morag's island home, where the main character is always at the heart of this island and its special way of life.

KS2: '**The Girls Who Wasn't There'** by Jacqueline Wilson. When Dad tells Luna and her little sister Aurora that they're moving to live in a real tower, it's almost like they've stepped inside a fairytale. But everything is not as magical as it first seems. The tower needs patching up, Dad still doesn't have a job and they're not even allowed in the room up at the very top. Is there really a curse on the tower - and will Luna be able to break it?

Calendar for Autumn 1: October 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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) – 14:30 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 Eventbrite – online assembly for Ada Lovelace day Years 5 and 6 – 9:00 – 9:45	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	17 Nursery picnic for parents: 10:30 (AM) and 14:30 (PM and all day children) Virtual Celebration Assemblies	18	19
20 Word of the Week Assemblies: Our School Values – Responsibility Diwali National Child Measurement Programme for Year 6 (Day 1 of 2)	21 National Child Measurement Programme for Year 6 (Day 2 of 2) Halloween disco: Reception & KS1 15.10-16.20 KS2 16.30-17.40 (dining hall)	22	23	24 Wear It Pink Day for breast cancer– children and staff wear something pink *(letter to follow)* Virtual Celebration Assemblies School breaks up at the usual times	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

October Half Term Break – School Closed.
All children return to school on Monday 3rd November 2025

Aspirations Day

Last Thursday, we held 'Aspirations Day' at our school. Children came to school dressed as what they aspire to be when they are older. It was lovely to see so many great costumes and it was wonderful to talk to the children about their future dreams. As well as this, we were fortunate enough to have some volunteers from the local community come into school to speak to the children about their professions. We would like to say a huge thank you to these volunteers for their time. The children had a brilliant day.

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

October's Speech and Language Top Tip: Use Gestures with Spoken Language

This month, we're encouraging families to **use gestures alongside words** when talking to children. This small strategy can make a **big difference**, especially for children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCNs).



ADHD, Screen Time, and Healthy Boundaries Bark have created this guide for parents of children with ADHD to support you in helping your child create a healthy relationship with technology. You can access it here:

The Bark Blog

Stars of the Week

Friday 3rd October 2025

NAM: Sia Uka NPM: Nicholas Solovastru						
Reception:	RD	Ayrah-Sophia Khan.	RZ	Theodore Popa	RN	Lexi Marquis
Year One:	1B	Adora Duka	1S	Dawud Ali	1A	Nathaniel Manuribe
Year Two:	2C	Ariana Govender	2R	Alina Uddin	2W	Bouba Bah
Year Three:	3M	Adebola Jimoh.	3H	Meadow Clarke	3F	Jason Balogun.
Year Four:	4V	Arjun Deb	4K	Alexiy Makarov.	4J	Ayeesha Cheeseman
Year Five:	5T	Sara Ali	5L	Dwarak Paramasivam	5U	George Afolayan
Year Six:	6I	Isa Hassan	6G	Lily Rix	6P	Jorawar Singh
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Lord Adofo **Sky Class:** Ameer Rabbe					

Friday 26th September 2025

NAM: Talha Ahmed NPM: Tianah Maken						
Reception:	RD	Ariba Khan.	RZ	George Cox.	RN	Ehaan Chowdhury.
Year One:	1B	Marius Morari	1S	Taymiyyah Agostini.	1A	Rashad Saliu
Year Two:	2C	Tommy Lambert	2R	Talha Rahman	2W	**Yacoub Adulhye**
Year Three:	3M	Sienna Pulham	3H	Kristajla Hoda	3F	Ruqayya Shawjeer
Year Four:	4V	Fahima Islam	4K	Kenechi Nkeaka.	4J	Ayeesha
Year Five:	5T	Amelia Clifton.	5L	Daniel Iheanyigo	5U	Abdulnasir Nassor
Year Six:	6I	David Stoica	6G	Mireya SimmonsFenton	6P	Gabriel RijkerSullivan
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Schekina Latalle **Sky Class:** ----------					

Well Done to All our Stars!