John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 8 – Monday 5th January 2026

Note from our Executive Head Teacher

Welcome back to all our parents and children as we begin the Spring Term. I hope you had a wonderful break and are ready for another exciting term of learning.

We are delighted to welcome Primary Steps**,** who will be delivering six ballet workshops to our Year 3 pupils starting on Tuesday. These sessions offer children the opportunity to take part in a specialised form of dance and we are very fortunate to have a skilled and experienced teacher leading the workshops. Ballet supports children's coordination, balance, strength, confidence and self-expression and we know the children will gain so much from this experience.

Congratulations to Blue House, our Autumn Term House winners, who will be celebrating their success with a festival of games on Wednesday**.** We are already looking forward to seeing which House will be crowned our next winner!

Attendance and Punctuality

Key Stage winners

EYFS: RD with 92.8%
ARP: Sky with 96.8%
KS1: 1A with 95.2%
LKS2: 4J with 97.9%
UKS2: 5L with 94.9%

Overall whole school attendance:
91.2% (**Well below** target of 96.1%)

Please be aware that **fines** are being issued for poor attendance.

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
Mrs Southall and Mrs Rose: Safeguarding Governors

Words of the Week

W/b 05/01/2026: British Values – Individual Liberty

W/b 12/01/2026: British Values – Respect and Tolerance of Others

British Values

In the national curriculum, five British Values have been defined as an important aspect of children's social, spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development. The five British Values are Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty and Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs. Both independent and state-maintained schools in Britain have a duty to actively promote these British Values. By promoting British Values, schools aim to help children become well-rounded members of society.

During the Spring term, we will dedicate our Words of the Week Assemblies to explore each British value in depth, ensuring children understand their meaning, importance and how to bring them to life every day in and out of school.

Reminder: Suitable Warm Clothes during Winter Months

As the winter months have started and the weather is getting colder, just a reminder to parents and carers to ensure your child comes to school in appropriate warm clothes for this season. Warm coat, gloves, hat and closed footwear are a must to ensure your child can enjoy their breaktimes outside whilst staying healthy.



Mrs Ogun's Book Recommendations

EYFS/KS1: '**The Fullstop that Got Away'** by Laura Baker. Frank is a full stop. He's round and small and things quietly stop when he's around. Frank is a full stop, and he acts exactly like a full stop should. But what if Frank decides to stop acting like a full stop? What would happen then? This is a fun story and also a perfect introduction to punctuation for children

KS2: '**The Boy Who Makes A Million Mistakes: A Story About Growth Mindset for Kids to Boost Confidence, Self-Esteem and Resilience"** by Brenda Li. This is a powerful new book that builds resilience, empowering children to face life's challenges with confidence and pursue their biggest dreams! Meet Milo, a kid with a big dream of becoming a baker! When his school announces a fundraising bake sale, Milo is determined to help by baking the best cookies ever. But there's just one problem — Milo keeps making mistakes! This motivational reading book teaches children that it's okay to make mistakes and to learn from mistakes and bounce back.

Calendar for Spring 1: January 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5 Children back in school – start of Spring Term Swimming lessons begin – Years 2, 5 and the ARP Word of the Week Assemblies: British Values – Individual Liberty	6 Year 3 Primary Steps Ballet workshops (week 1 of 6)	7 Autumn Term Winning House Reward – Festival of Games for children in Blue House	8	9 Virtual Celebration Assemblies	10	11
12 Word of the Week Assemblies: British Values – Respect and Tolerance of Others *(linked to Word Religion Day)*	13 Year 3 Primary Steps Ballet workshops (week 2 of 6)	14 Year 5 and 6 Bystander Education workshops	15 Spring Census Day	16 Virtual Celebration Assemblies	17	18 World Religion Day
19 Word of the Week Assemblies: British Values – Rule of Law	20 Year 3 Primary Steps Ballet workshops (week 3 of 6) School nurse drop-in: 09:00-10:00	21	22	23 Virtual Celebration Assemblies	24	25
26 Word of the Week Assemblies: British Values – Democracy	27 Year 3 Primary Steps Ballet workshops (week 4 of 6)	28	29	30 Year 4 educational visit to the Natural History Museum – (chn expected in school at 08:30) Virtual Celebration Assemblies	31	1

Starting school (children aged 3 and 4)

The Reception school application process is open on e-admissions between 1 November to 15 January 2026. However, after the closing date of midnight on 15 January 2026 you can still apply for a school placement via e-admissions, but it will be considered as 'Late' and you will not be informed of the schools offered on National Offer Day as on time applications. These 'late' applications are dealt with after National Offer Day offers. Late applicants are less likely to get a place at their preferred school. When you make an application on eadmissions.org.uk and you have submitted your application successfully, you will be provided with an Application Reference Number it will begin 301-2026-09-E-XXXXXX. Please keep a note of this reference number once you have submitted your six preferences, as you will need to quote this number throughout your reception application process. This is your receipt that you have successfully submitted your application; you will get an email confirmation and be given an application reference number like the above example.

You can make as many amendments to your application before the closing date of midnight 15 January 2026. Please ensure that you submit your application each time and you will receive a receipt with an updated version number.

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



Speech and Language Strategy of the Month – January

Imitation

This month we are focusing on *imitation* to support children's speech and language development. Imitation means copying what a child says, does, or sounds like. This shows children that their communication is important and encourages them to keep interacting.

For example, if your child says "car", you can repeat it and add one more word, such as "red car". You can use this strategy during play, reading, or everyday routines to help build communication skills in a natural way.

Top tips for talking to children about staying safe online

1. Start with the positives
Being online can be a great way for children to learn, be creative, and stay connected with friends and family. Recognising these benefits helps keep conversations balanced and encourages confident, safe use of technology.

2. Find the right time and place
Choose a calm moment to talk, such as during a walk, car journey, or shared activity. Avoid starting the conversation when emotions are high or during a disagreement.

3. Use child-facing resources and advice
Support your conversation with age-appropriate tools, videos, or guides. These can help children understand key messages and make the discussion more engaging and relevant to their stage of development.

4. Ask about their experiences
Use open questions like:

- 'Have you seen anything online that made you uncomfortable?'
- 'Who do you chat with online?'
- 'Are they people you know offline?'
- 'How do you feel when using certain apps or games?'

5. Make it part of everyday life
These chats don't need to be formal or one-off. Regular, relaxed conversations help children feel supported and more likely to speak up if something worries them.

Stars of the Week

Friday 12th December 2025

NAM: Amas Ahmed NPM: Kenaya Koloto						
Reception:	RD	Ivy	RZ	Aaria Imaan	RN	Haroun Boukhibar
Year One:	1B	Elario Amoah	1S	Emma Coulibaly	1A	Ariah Cienna Christopher
Year Two:	2C	Antos Sudol	2R	Jessyca Achim	2W	Elysa Dan
Year Three:	3M	Henry Pierre	3H	Thelma Adane.	3F	Yulian Bakalov.
Year Four:	4V	Aryan Shohid	4K	Micah Rasak	4J	Michal Weiss
Year Five:	5T	Emad Abdulkadir	5L	Fatimah Islam	5U	Alanas Galgatavicius
Year Six:	6I	Leotrim Perkoca	6G	Laura Huba	6P	Ohegam Udu
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Wais Talukder Miah **Sky Class:** Eesa Akhtar					
Swimmer of the week	**Akram Umair (**4V)					

Wednesday 17th December 2025

NAM: Elma Gaxha NPM: Ayyub Islam						
Reception:	RD	Theon Gardiner	RZ	Victoria Seremet	RN	Stefan Lazarciuc
Year One:	1B	Elizaveta Chykaliuk	1S	Hasan Kisa	1A	Aliya Asghar
Year Two:	2C	Milan Bus	2R	Evie - Grace Muskett	2W	**Beatrice Andriescu**
Year Three:	3M	Marwa Samad	3H	Sydney	3F	Abbie-Louise Brooksbank
Year Four:	4V	Shayla Theodore	4K	Rhyle Aquino	4J	Timofey Berezin
Year Five:	5T	Michael Borisov	5L	Harryson Smith	5U	Rahema Shakur
Year Six:	6I	Syafiq Humaidi	6G	Iccha Rayethah	6P	Maria Tasnim
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Ethan Beezley-Mitchell **Sky Class:** Ismaeel Rahman					
Swimmer of the week	Oceane Coulibaly (6G)					

Well Done to All our Stars!