John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 9 – Monday 19th January 2026

Note from our Executive Head Teacher

This term, we have been revisiting British Values through our Word of the Week assemblies. We have already explored **Individual Liberty**, **Respect and Tolerance** and this week, we are focusing on **The Rule of Law**, helping pupils understand why rules matter and keep everyone safe and treated fairly. British Values help children become respectful, responsible members of society, teaching them fairness, following rules, having a voice and preparing them for life beyond school.

Thank you for the continued support you give your children at home. Taking a few moments to ask them about their learning, reading with them or listening to them read and celebrating their achievements makes a huge difference. Please do praise your child for any awards they receive, such as **Star of the Week**, **Attendance** and **Punctuality** certificates, or **Head Teacher's Certificates**. Your encouragement means a lot to them and helps keep them motivated and engaged in school life.

Attendance and Punctuality

Key Stage winners

EYFS: RN with 95%

ARP: Sky with 93.1%

KS1: 1B with 95.2%

LKS2: 4J with 97.5%

UKS2: 5T with 95.5%

Overall whole school attendance:

93.4% (**Below** target of 96.1%)

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT SCHOOLS ARE BEING ASKED TO ISSUE **FINES** 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 19/01/2026: British Values – Rule of Law

W/b 26/01/2026: British Values – Democracy

Educational Visits

Educational visits, such as local walks, the Natural History Museum or the Science Museum, play a vital role in enriching children's learning and bringing the curriculum to life. By stepping outside the classroom, pupils are given the opportunity to explore new environments, deepen their understanding, and make meaningful connections to what they have been learning in school. These experiences help to build confidence, independence, and curiosity, while also supporting social skills such as teamwork, communication, and resilience. Educational visits create lasting memories and often inspire children in ways that classroom learning alone cannot, making them an essential part of a well-rounded primary education.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who generously volunteer their time to support our educational visits. Your involvement is invaluable in helping to ensure that trips run safely and smoothly, and the children greatly benefit from your encouragement and enthusiasm. We kindly remind all volunteers that, while on visits, they are expected to follow the school's Parent Code of Conduct, setting a positive example at all times and supporting staff in maintaining high standards of behaviour and safety. By working together and upholding these shared expectations, we can continue to provide enjoyable, safe, and enriching experiences for all our pupils.

Mrs Ogun's Book Recommendations

EYFS/KS1: '**The Lion Inside'** by Rachel Bright & Jim Field. *In a dry dusty place where the sand sparkled gold, stood a mighty flat rock, all craggy and old. And under that rock in a tinyful house, lived the littlest, quietest, meekest brown mouse*. Fed up of being ignored by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes ... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!

KS2: '**The 1000-year-old Boy'** by Ross Welford. There are stories about people who want to live forever. This is not one of those stories. This is a story about someone who wants to stop… Alfie Monk is like any other nearly teenage boy – except he's 1,000 years old and can remember the last Viking invasion of England. Obviously, no one believes him.

The astonishing, beautiful new story for all readers of 10 and over from the bestselling and Costa-shortlisted author of 'Time travelling with a Hamster'.

Calendar for Spring 1: January/February 2026						
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
19 Words 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, Conference Room	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 Year 4 participating in Celebrating Katherine Johnson Maths Digital workshop - 10:00 and 14:00, in class	29	30 Year 4 educational visit to the Natural History Museum – (chn expected in school at 08:30) Virtual Celebration Assemblies	31	1
2 Words of the Week Assemblies: Mental Health	3 Year 3 Primary Steps Ballet workshops (week 5 of 6)	4 Ben Kinsella knife prevention online workshop for parents: 18:00 – 20:00	5 Reception Fluoride Varnish Visit Fire Brigade visit to the Nursery: 13:45 – 15:00	6 NSPCC Number Day: children and staff to wear number themed clothing Virtual Celebration Assemblies	7	8
9 Children's Mental Health Week Words of the Week Assemblies: E-Safety	10 Safer Internet Day Year 3 Primary Steps Ballet workshops (week 6 of 6)	11 Information meeting for UKS2 parents re. FP House visit - 09:15 – 10:15, Juniors' Hall	12 Year 5 visit to Science Museum – 09:20 – 15:20	13 Virtual Celebration Assemblies	14 Royal Ballet Associate Day (Yrs 3, 4 and 5) - 09:00 – 12:30, Juniors' Hall	15

Arrival Time Reminder

The school day starts at the following times depending on the age of your child:

- Nursery: 08:30 (AM session) and 12:30 (PM session)
- Reception, Year 1, 2 and the ARP: 08:40
- KS2 (Yrs 3 – 6): 08:55

We encourage parents and carers to ensure children arrive as close to their starting time as possible. We have noticed that some children are arriving after these times. By the time children walk across the playground, enter the building and/or reach their classroom, they have already missed important parts of the school day, such as morning work, Phonics, reading time or the start of lessons.

If your child has a medical appointment meaning that they will be late, please inform the school office in advance and provide them with a copy of the appointment card/letter.

Arriving promptly helps children settle calmly, feel prepared and make the most of their learning time.

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

Stars of the Week

Friday 16th January 2026

NAM: Jayden Kapasa NPM: Isra Uddin						
Reception:	RD	Ayyub Rashid	RZ	Victoria Sereme	RN	Yusra Raihan
Year One:	1B	Neveya Pratheepan	1S	Mehnaz Mazumder	1A	Karen Kwengoua Ndzoudja
Year Two:	2C	Amethyst Corniber	2R	Amina Ali	2W	Patricija Sinkeviciute
Year Three:	3M	Fatma Nur	3H	Alfie West	3F	Aisha Rashid
Year Four:	4V	Sienna Bhuyain	4K	Sanaya Rahman	4J	Talib Momoh Kareem
Year Five:	5T	Reyon Senarathna	5L	Maryam Khandakar	5U	Tayyib Tayyib
Year Six:	6I	Katherine Rose	6G	Alisha Miah	6P	Amelia Rahman
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Wais Miah Talukder **Sky Class:** Jeremiah Asihene					
Swimmer of the week	Ethan Beezley-Mitchel					

Friday 9th January 2026

NAM: Isaac Al NPM: Sky Bara						
Reception:	RD	Muhammad Rahman	RZ	Hadi Khalid	RN	Sophya Cernel
Year One:	1B	Koa Phan	1S	Karim Ndiaye	1A	Isra Hussain
Year Two:	2C	Isaac Adebakin	2R	Kayson	2W	Aleks Tretyak
Year Three:	3M	Liyana Choudhury	3H	Yusuf Al	3F	Aadam Khan
Year Four:	4V	Anaiah Gbenedio	4K	Emily Popowska	4J	Reggie Kinsey
Year Five:	5T	Elijah Amoah	5L	Habib Sanni	5U	Ben Latumba
Year Six:	6I	Alex Girgu	6G	Anisa Quartson	6P	Testimony Babatayo
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Akinsola Jacobs **Sky Class**: Maisha Miraz					
Star swimmer of the Week	Antos Sudol					