John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 7 – Tuesday 9th December 2025

Note from our Executive Head Teacher

As we approach the end of term, please take a moment to review the important school events listed in the calendar below the newsletter. It's a busy and exciting time and your support in keeping track of upcoming activities is greatly appreciated.

A huge well done to all the children who were invited to the Golden Table on Wednesday 10th December; their positive attitudes in the dining hall, showing our School Values, have been acknowledged and celebrated! Our School Councillors will enjoy the Golden table on Tuesday 9th December as a reward for giving up their time at lunchtime, handing out lunchtime tokens (Purple Tokens).

We are also looking forward to our Save the Children charity event on Thursday 11th December. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper to school as we join together to support this worthy cause.

Lost Property

We have amassed a large amount of lost property this term and have managed to return some items with students' names in them. However, we still have a large quantity of lost property in school.

If you would like to claim any lost items, please do so by speaking to a member of staff who will accompany you to the lost property area. For safeguarding reasons, members of the public are not allowed to come into the building without a member of staff.

Anything not collected by the end of the term, Wednesday 17th December, will be disposed of.

Please ensure any coats, uniform items, PE kit, water bottles and any other belongings have your child's name in for next term as it ensures we are able to return these items to them straight away.

Thank you.

Attendance and Punctuality

Key Stage winners

EYFS: RD with 89.7%

ARP: Sky with 94.3%

KS1: 1D with 92.5%

LKS2: 4J with 95.7%

UKS2: 5L with 98.08%

Overall whole school attendance:

91.2% (**Well below** target of 96.1%)

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT SCHOOLS ARE BEING ASKED TO ISSUE **FINES** FOR **POOR ATTENDANCE**

Importance of Punctuality

At John Perry Primary, we place great importance on punctuality as a key factor in academic success and personal development. Thank you for bringing your children to school punctually each day. Your support helps them start their learning calmly and confidently. Please continue to ensure they arrive on time, as good punctuality builds positive habits and ensures they don't miss important learning at the start of the day.

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 08/12/2025: Compassion

W/b 15/12/2025: Gratitude

Mrs Ogun's Book Recommendations

EYFS/KS1: '**Miss Rumphius'** by Ellen Archer. This is the life story of Miss Rumphius, her travels, and her lupine flower legacy. It's hard to think of a more beautiful picture book where the images, the language, and the message all come together to make the world a little more beautiful. This books has a timeless message that will resonate with children and adults of all ages: go chase your dreams – everything is possible!

KS2: '**The Clockwork Conspiracy**' by Sam Sedgman. Aspiring inventor Isaac Turner lives with his dad, the horologist in charge of Big Ben. But when his father vanishes from the belfry on the night the clocks go back, leaving behind only a smashed pocket watch and a cryptic message, Isaac determines to find him.
Hunting a trail of clues through London's landmarks, Isaac uncovers a sinister plot in the gears of government and embarks on a race against time to save his father - and time itself.

Calendar for Autumn 2: December 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 Word of the Week Assemblies: Compassion 6P attending Ben Kinsella workshop in Barking – 09:15 – 12:45	9 Reception Winter Concert - 09:10-09:30 Infant Hall (Surnames A-K) Reception Winter Concert – 14:30-14:50 Infant Hall (Surnames L-Z) 6I attending Ben Kinsella workshop in Barking – 09:15 – 12:45 Golden Table reward for School Councillors 12:00, dining hall	10 Year 2 Winter concert – 09.15 (Surnames A-K) and 14.30 (Surnames L-Z), Infants' hall Golden Table reward for selected children - 12:00, dining hall CMS concert for Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils – 15:15, Juniors' Hall.	11 Christmas Jumper Day *(letter to follow)* UNICEF- Day for Change event at Barking Town Hall - 08:20-11:30am Year 1 Nativity - 09:15-10:00 Infant Hall (Surnames A-K) 6G attending Ben Kinsella workshop in Barking – 09:15 – 12:45 Diamond Time disco (AM session) Christmas Dinner	12 Year 1 Nativity - 09:15-10:00 Infant Hall (Surnames L-Z) Nursery Parent Craft Event- 10:30-11:30 (Nursery am) 14:30-15:30 (Nursery pm and all day) Virtual celebration Assemblies	13	14
15 Word of the Week Assemblies: Gratitude Nursery (AM and PM) Class Party Y3 Winter Concert - 09:30-09:50 Infant Hall (Surnames A-K) Y3 Winter Concert – 14:30-14:50 Infant Hall (Surnames L-Z) Santa's visit to the Nursery, ARP and Rainbow Room	16 Last day of school for Nursery children Winter singing performance for parents in the Rainbow Room – 14:30 ARP Winter craft workshop – 14.40 Class parties – PM *(letter to follow)*	17 **Last day of Autumn Term** 100% Attendance reward (certificates and badges to classes) Virtual Celebration Assemblies **School Early closure:** **•Reception/KS1/ARP: 13:15** **• KS2: 13:30**	18 **INSET day – school closed to all pupils**	19 **INSET day – school closed to all pupils**	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas' Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 News Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4

School will reopen on Monday 5th January 2026 for all pupils.

On behalf of all at John Perry Primary, have a restful break.

Giving devices this Christmas – Top Tips for Parents and Carers

Technology can be a great and exciting gift for children and young people at Christmas. Games consoles, tablets and mobile phones are often at the top of a child's letter to Santa. It can often be a lot easier to set up parental controls, screen time limits, and other settings before you hand the device to your child, rather than when they are already excitedly using it. It is important that your child knows that if they encounter something online that they haven't seen before, or something that worries or upsets them, they can turn to you for help.

We encourage you to visit The Digital Hive website to find out some very useful and easy to follow top tips to ensure your children use their digital devices in a safe and responsible manner.

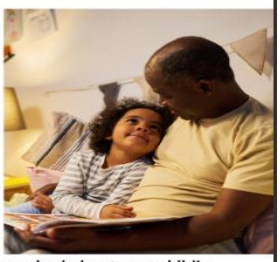
Please ensure that school has your updated contact details and end of the day dismissal permissions.

Speech and Language Support
Top Tip: December
Read and Tell Stories

Why? When children listen to stories, they hear new words, learn how sentences work, and start to understand ideas, feelings, and routines. Stories also spark imagination, strengthen attention, and create shared moments that help children feel connected and calm.

Top Tips:

1. Choose books and stories that the child enjoys!
2. You don't have to read every word. Point to pictures, name things, and make fun sound effects.
3. Follow their lead. Let children turn the pages, choose the book, or talk about what catches their eye.
4. Comment on what's happening in the story instead of asking lots of questions. This takes the pressure off and helps children join in naturally.
5. Be playful. Use silly voices, actions or props. This keeps children engaged and shows that reading is fun.



Little and often works great. Even 5 minutes a day helps grow a child's vocabulary, attention, imagination and confidence.

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How Reading Stories Helps Children's Speech and Language

Reading stories to your child is one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to support their speech and language development. When you read together, your child:

- **Hears new words** that they might not come across in everyday conversation.
- **Learns how sentences are put together**, helping them speak more clearly.
- **Practises listening skills**, which are important for following instructions.
- **Has a chance to talk about the pictures and story**, building their confidence in speaking.
- **Develops their imagination**, which helps them understand and use language creatively.

Just a few minutes of shared reading each day can make a big difference. It's a lovely way to spend time together and support your child's learning.

Stars of the Week

Friday 27th November 2025

NAM: Miriam Fit NPM: Jawadul Hoque						
Reception:	RD	Yusra Kabir	RZ	Sibana Alai	RN	Matteo Dailyde
Year One:	1B	Isabelle Dragomir	1S	Dayana Tanase	1A	Eva Abne
Year Two:	2C	Ilyas Alam	2R	David Dalu	2W	Alexa Lutumba
Year Three:	3M	Chris Dacou Sebastian.	3H	Jaxson Deleur	3F	Nicholas Du.
Year Four:	4V	Olivia Reheiro	4K	Rhyde Aquino	4J	Silvestar Balkhanov
Year Five:	5T	Harris Le	5L	Thea Deleur	5U	Marwa Chowdhury
Year Six:	6I	Zaim Shawiee	6G	Adrian Calcescu	6P	Imad Hussain
ARP:	Sea Class: Schekina Latalle Sky Class: Jeremiah Asibene					
Star Swimmer of the week	Farhan Adams					

Friday 5th December 2025

NAM: Araf Rana NPM: Ibrahim Ali						
Reception:	RD	Dawood Samad	RZ	Hana Hoti	RN	Ibraima Bari Bakle
Year One:	1B	Madiha Begum	1S	Maya Bulgaru	1A	Keisi Bokciu
Year Two:	2C	Leo Gomes Calaca	2R	Arisha Miah	2W	Kyrie NguyenCardinell
Year Three:	3M	Charlotte Obiekwe.	3H	Aaira Farrugue	3F	Aleena Shahid.
Year Four:	4V	Oscar Jundo	4K	Praiseyah N'Dela	4J	Lillia Ahmed
Year Five:	5T	Mason Sanca	5L	Shante Daley	5U	Amina Adeel-Naeem
Year Six:	6I	Hussain Jawad	6G	Shan Ahmed	6P	Maimoona Rana MosFarzana
ARP:	Sea Class: Akinsola Sky Class: Silviu Chatarju					
Star Swimmer of the week	Farhana Adams					

Well Done to All Our Stars!