John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 11 – Monday 23rd February 2026

Note from our Executive Head Teacher

Welcome back to all our children and families after the half-term break. We hope you had a restful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting few weeks ahead. The Spring term is always a wonderful time for learning and we are looking forward to seeing the children continue to grow in confidence and curiosity.

Our Book Fair arrives on Friday 27th February and will be open after school in the dining hall. This is always a fantastic opportunity to explore new titles, foster a love of reading and support the school at the same time. Do come along to browse the fantastic range of books and help us continue to nurture a love of reading across the school.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March with the theme *"Once upon a time in Neverland."* Children are invited to dress as Captain Hook's pirates and join us for a swashbuckling day of storytelling and reading adventures. We warmly encourage home-made costumes - there is absolutely no need for families to buy anything special. We can't wait to see the children's creativity brought to life!

Attendance and Punctuality

Key Stage winners

EYFS: RN with 96.14%
ARP: Sky with 89.38%
KS1: 1B with 96.78%
LKS2: 4J with 99.29%
UKS2: 5T with 98.15%
Overall whole school attendance:
94.8% (**Below** target of 96.1%)

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 23/02/2026: Teamwork

W/b 02/03/2026: A Love for Reading *(linked to World Book Day, 5th February)*

Writer of the Term Competition!

We have started a new and exciting writing competition in John Perry!

Every term one child, from each year group will be chosen as 'Writer of the Term' and they will have their work on a special display along the main building corridor. If chosen, they will move their name up to the highest point on our reward system and have their names published in our newsletter. To win this writing competition in their year, children must:

- be writing at Expected Standards for their year;
- have a neat Nelson Handwriting style appropriate for their year;
- include the correct features of the genre they are writing in.

Please help us to promote excellence in writing at our school and celebrate this term's winners with us!

ARP Sea: Lord Adofo
Reception: Lily Smith
Year 1: Koa Phan
Year 2: Eva Aje
Year 3: Amelia Khan
Year 4: Olivia Rose Rebeiro
Year 5: Rudraneel Deb
Year 6: Hashir Saeed



Many congratulations to the winners: we are so proud of you!

Mrs Ogun's Book Recommendations

EYFS/KS1: '**Spinderella'** by Julia Donaldson. Spinderella the spider has a passion for football! She tries to play a match with her brothers and sisters but she doesn't know how many spiders should be on each team. Even worse, she can't count the goals! Luckily for Spinderella, her Hairy Godmother has a plan… A story about numbers, football and family, Spinderella is an enjoyable read for young children just starting to learn maths.

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. A spine-tingling, mystery tale for 9-12 year old readers from the bestselling Jacqueline Wilson.

Calendar for Spring 2: February/March 2026						
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
23 Day 1 of Spring 2 term: all children return to school Words of the Week Assemblies: Teamwork	24	25	26 Attendance Parent Support drop-ins 9:00-11:20 2C educational visit to Valence House- 9:00 – 3:15	27 2R and 2W educational visit to Valence House - 9:00 – 3:15 Virtual Celebration Assemblies Friendly football match Y5 John Perry – Hunters Hall – 15:30 – 17:00, in school field. Day 1 of Scholastic Book Fair – dining hall, after school	28	1
2 Spring Term – Assessment Week Words of the Week Assemblies: A Love for Reading *(linked to World Book Day)* Day 2 of Scholastic Book Fair – dining hall, after school	3 KS2 SATs presentation to parents/carers – 09:15, Juniors Hall Last day of Scholastic Book Fair – dining hall, after school	4	5 Celebration of World Book Day – Theme: Once Upon a Time in Neverland *(Staff dress up as Peter Pan, pupil dress up as Captain Hook's Pirates)*	6 Virtual Celebration Assemblies	7	8
9 Words of the Week Assemblies: Leadership	10 Year 5 and 6 attending Challenge Gender stereotypes online workshops – 09:30	11 UKS2 Residential Visit to Fairplay House (Day 1 of 3)	12 UKS2 Residential Visit to Fairplay House (Day 2 of 3) Fluoride Varnish Programme (Reception & Year 1 pupils) - Conference Room, all day	13 UKS2 children return from residential visit Virtual Celebration Assemblies	14	15
16 Words of the Week Assemblies: Curiosity *(theme for British Science Week)*	17 Performing Arts Club performance of "Frozen Jr." –16:00, Juniors' Hall *(Parents and carers invited)*	18	19 Full Body Governing meeting – 17:00	20 Year 1 History Drama Workshop – Infants' Hall, all day Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Wear Something Red World Down Syndrome Day Virtual Celebration Assemblies	21	22

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

Stars of the Week

Friday 13th February 2026

NAM: Dalu Nwankwo NPM: Leo Sandell						
Reception:	RD	Annie Latalle	RZ	Kaci-Mae Glossop-Geary	RN	Mikaeel Ahmed.
Year One:	1B	Aahil Mohamed Hassan	1S	Isaiah Rasaki	1A	Hishaam Rabbe
Year Two:	2C	Aidan Clifton	2R	Julia Merla	2W	Preeti Lee
Year Three:	3M	Aviraj Randhawa.	3H	Yunus Ahmed	3F	Raine Rock.
Year Four:	4V	Aicha Bah	4K	Ronnie de Cort.	4J	Reggie Kinsey
Year Five:	5T	Towhid Choudhury	5L	Yusuf Ahmed	5U	Debby Bassey
Year Six:	6I	Sumayyah Islam	6G	Milan Kazuva	6P	Ohegam Udu
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Shekina Latalle **Sky Class**: Dailese Nailor					
Swimmer of the week	Jojo Adofo					

Well Done to All our Stars!