John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 12 – Monday 9th March 2026

Note from our Executive Head Teacher

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week. Your enthusiasm for reading and generosity in purchasing books helps us continue to promote a love of reading across the school. Well done to the children for their fantastic pirate costumes as part of our Once Upon a Time in Neverland theme. The creativity and effort that went into the outfits were wonderful to see-the children clearly enjoyed bringing the theme to life. Last week we were also delighted to receive **the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award.** This recognises our commitment to placing children's rights at the heart of our school, promoting respect, fairness and responsibility and ensuring that pupils' voices are valued. A special thank you to Mrs Buckle for her dedication in leading this work as we now look ahead to working towards the Gold Award.

Thank you to the parents who attended the KS2 SATs information presentation. We hope the session helped clarify the assessments and ways you can support your child at home. Finally, we wish our Year 5 and 6 pupils a fantastic residential visit to Fairplay House from Wednesday to Friday, where they will build independence, teamwork and confidence through shared experiences.

Attendance and Punctuality

Key Stage winners

EYFS: RN with 95%

ARP: Sky with 86.8%

KS1: 1S with 98.5%

LKS2: 4J with 98.3%

UKS2: 5T with 98.8%

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 09/03/2026: Leadership

W/b 16/03/2026: Curiosity *(linked Science Week)*

Women's History Month

International Women's Day was celebrated yesterday, March 8th. This global day honours the achievements of women and promotes gender equality, empowerment, and women's rights. This year, the world will also celebrate 115 years of International Women's Day, as it was first observed internationally in 1911.

Women's History Month is celebrated throughout March in the UK, highlighting the achievements, contributions, and, in 2026, the theme *'For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment*'.

During the week beginning Monday 9th March, at John Perry Primary, we will provide opportunities for our pupils to learn about and recognise the achievements, contributions and impact of women throughout history. We will be encouraging discussions about equality, respect and fairness, both in the past and nowadays.

Activities will be tailored to each year group and will focus on remarkable women such as Jane Goodall, Amelia Earhart or Vera Lynn, to name a few. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 will take part is an age-appropriate online workshop focussing on gender equality.

We encourage you, parents and carers, to discuss the learning with your children at home and help them recognise the impact women have made across history and in our communities today.

A huge well done to the John Perry Year 5 football team, who defeated Hunters Hall Primary School by a staggering 9–0 on 27th February.
The team showed fantastic teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship throughout the match. We are incredibly proud of all the players who took part. Well done!

Mrs Ogun's Book Recommendations

EYFS/KS1: '**I Want My Hat Back'** by Jon Klassen. A polite bear discovers his pointy red hat is missing and calmly asks various forest animals if they have seen it. After all animals deny seeing it, a deer helps the bear realise he saw the rabbit wearing it, prompting the bear to retrieve his hat. This is a beautifully illustrated book that will make readers laugh whilst thinking about moral dilemmas without even noticing.

KS2: '**The Penguin Lessons'** by Tom Michell. A young free-spirited man seeking adventure, has a plane ticket to South America to work as a teacher in a prestigious Argentine boarding school, looking forward to endless summer holidays. What he doesn't need is a pet. What he really doesn't need is a pet penguin. But while on holiday in Uruguay he spots a penguin struggling in an oil slick and knows he has to help. And then the penguin refuses to leave his side, transforming in the process Tom's life and the lives of all he meets

Calendar for Spring 2: March 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 School celebrating Women's History Month Word of the Week Assemblies: Leadership DHT meeting with children attending residential visit – 14:15, Juniors' Hall.	10 Year 5 and 6 attending Challenge Gender stereotypes online workshops – 09:30	11 UKS2 Residential Visit to Fairplay House (Day 1 of 3) – children and parents in school at 08:30, Juniors' Hall	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 – 14:45 approx. Parents to gather in the Juniors' Hall. Virtual Celebration Assemblies	14	15
16 Word of the Week Assemblies: Curiosity *(theme for British Science Week)* NCMP 1st Visit to Reception Classes	17 Performing Arts Club performance of "Frozen Jr." –16:00, Juniors' Hall *(Parents and carers invited)*	18	19 NCMP 2nd Visit to Reception Classes Full Body Governing meeting – 17:00	20 Year 1 History Drama Workshop – Infants' Hall, all day Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Wear Something Red Virtual Celebration Assemblies	21 Down Syndrome Awareness Day	22
23 Word of the Week Assemblies: Inclusion (linked to Syndrome Awareness Day) National Epidemiology Programme for selected children in Reception and Year 1	24 Diamond Time Disco: •KS2 11.15 - 11:45 •Reception and KS1 10:30 – 11:00 Golden Table for selected children – 12:00, Dining Hall Phonics Screening Check presentation for parents – 14:30, Infants Hall 15:30-16:15- Eid Celebration- Dining Hall- All families invited	25 Class photos *(letter to follow)* Golden Table for School Councillors – 12:00, Dining Hall **School early closure:** **•Nursery: 11:30 (normal time) and 15:00** **•Rec, KS1, ARP, Rainbow Room: 15:00** **•KS2: 15:15** **Parent-Teacher consultation meetings: 15:15 – 16:15 (Rainbow Room)** **•15:15-18:45 (EY, KS1 and ARP)** **•15:30-19:00 (KS2)**	26 Last day of Spring term for Nursery children Winning House Reward: Festival of Games *(House to be confirmed)* **School early closure:** **•Nursery: 10:30 and 14:30** **•Rec, KS1: 15:00** **•KS2: 15:15** **Parent-teacher consultation meetings (not for the ARP):** **•15:15-17:15 (EY, KS1)** **•15:30-17:30 (KS2)**	27 Last day of the Spring term 100% Attendance Celebration – in classes Whole-school virtual Celebration Assemblies **School early closure:** **•13:15 - EY/KS1/ARP** **•13:30 - KS2**	28	29
30	31	1	2	3 Good Friday	4	5

School holiday: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

School starts again on Monday 13th April for all pupils

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



Speech & Language Tip – March

Did you know asking **fewer questions** can help support your child's speech and language development?

Instead of lots of questions, try **commenting on what your child is doing**. For example, say *"That's a big tower!"* or *"I see a red car."* This keeps conversations relaxed and encourages children to join in naturally.

Try this during **playtime, meals, or everyday routines**—small changes can make a big difference to your child's communication skills!

Mobile phones: do you know the risks?

We know that children having access to a smartphone can expose children to risks including:

- **Viewing inappropriate content**
- **Excessive screen time/use, which in turn can affect their mental health and sleep pattern.**
- **Contact from inappropriate people/grooming**
- **Cyberbullying**
- **Spending money on in-app purchases/scams**

What effects do mobile phones have on children's mental health?

Compass discuss the research around this important topic, outlining the positive and negative effects that mobile phones have:

https://compass-uk.org/services/compass-changing-lives/online-resources/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/

EE Online Safety Hub

EE has published age guidance for smartphone usage to improve children's digital wellbeing. In summary, they recommend that children under 11 should use non-smart devices, for children aged 11-13, they advise that if a smartphone is used, then parental controls should be enabled and access to social media restricted. Finally, for 13-16-year-olds they still recommend that parental controls are implemented and appropriate restrictions set up.

You can read the full guidance here:

https://ee.co.uk/internet-online-safety

Could you delay when your child is given a smartphone with Smartphone Free Childhood?

Stars of the Week

Friday 6th March 2026

NAM: Natalia Virlici NPM: Mustafa Abdul Ahad						
Reception:	RD	Jasmine Saad Pires Fonseca Miguel	RZ	Atharv Patel	RN	Anaya Folarin
Year One:	1B	Rosie Teng	1S	Ador Uka	1A	Rishika Deb.
Year Two:	2C	Zaidaan Saeed	2R	Courtney Kadzanaia	2W	Anthony Fernandes Trindade
Year Three:	3M	Chris Deepu Sebastian.	3H	Sydney Jundo	3F	Precious James.
Year Four:	4V	Dennis Crudu!	4K	Farhan Al Mahmud.	4J	Queen KulemaMavuba
Year Five:	5T	Zayaan Qureshi.	5L	Brielle Blay	5U	Aaron (Tomi) Olaiya
Year Six:	6I	Zori Boycheva	6G	Skye Browning	6P	Chikamso Jonathan
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Lord Adofo **Sky Class:** Ameer Rabbe					
Swimmer of the week	Amethyst Cornibert					

Friday 27th February 2026

NAM: Haider Ali NPM: Adan Sufyan						
Reception:	RD	Jaxen Sanchez	RZ	Rayyan Ali	RN	Sanan Ali.
Year One:	1B	Izyan FrancisRiley	1S	Aseef Oyelekan.	1A	Victor Rusnac
Year Two:	2C	Devam Bhavsar	2R	----------	2W	AlfieJay Brooksbank
Year Three:	3M	Mateen Ayanlowo.	3H	Christian Shopov.	3F	Louie Cooper
Year Four:	4V	Arthur	4K	Imani Quartson	4J	Richard Uzodinma
Year Five:	5T	Michael Borisov	5L	Shayaan Muhammad	5U	Araf Khan
Year Six:	6I	Sufyan Sufyan	6G	Tommi Trifoi	6P	Noemi Doda
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Akinsola Jacobs **Sky Class**: Ianis Andriescu					
Star swimmer of the Week	Christian Tretyak					