John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 15 – Wednesday 6th May 2026

Note from our Executive Head Teacher

I hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together. Thank you to all the families who attended our recent Class Sharing Assemblies and Sports Days. It was wonderful to see such strong support for the children. A quick reminder that Nursery AM Sports Day will take place this Friday at 10:30 on Tellytubby Hill - we look forward to seeing you there. We would also like to remind parents that taking photographs or videos of children at school events is not permitted. This helps us ensure the safety and privacy of all pupils. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

A reminder that school will be closed to all pupils, except those in Year 6, on Thursday 7th May, as the premises will be used as a polling station for the Local Council Elections.

We wish all our Year 6 pupils well as they begin their SATs on Monday 11th May; they have been working incredibly hard and will now have the opportunity to demonstrate the progress they have made since joining the school. The tests will take place over the course of the week in a calm and supportive environment. We encourage pupils to get plenty of rest, arrive on time each day and approach the week with confidence. Finally, a reminder about our 'Spare Change' fundraiser on Friday 15th May, raising funds for the Year 6 Leavers Festival later this term.

Attendance and Punctuality

Key Stage winners

EYFS: RN with 97.9%
ARP: Sky with 91.2%
KS1: 1B with 98.1%
LKS2: 4J with 97.7%
UKS2: 5U with 98.02%
Overall whole school attendance:
94.9% (**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 04/05/2026: Courtesy

W/b 11/05/2026: Maturity

Sports Day 2026 – A Celebration of Team Spirit

It was lovely to see children from all year groups enjoying Sports Day, trying their best and taking part in a wide range of fun and challenging races and activities planned by our school's P.E. Lead, Mr N'Kansah ('Mr K').
It was heart-warming to see so many pupils cheering one another on and celebrating each other's successes, a real testament to our school's inclusive and supportive ethos.
Thank you to all the families who joined us to cheer from the sidelines; your support helped make the events truly special.
A big well done to all of our children — we are incredibly proud of your effort, your team spirit, and the way you represented our school and your House.

Brittons Maths Competition

A huge well done to Rudraneel, Ammaar, Dwarak and Elijah, who represented our school in the Brittons' School Maths Competition on 23rd April. They took part in a variety of challenges designed to test their mathematical understanding, competing against 12 other primary schools from our borough and neighbouring areas.

We are delighted to share that they performed exceptionally well and achieved an impressive 2nd place. The team proudly brought back a gleaming golden trophy to mark their success, which is now on display in the school office.

Miss Rahman's Book Recommendations

EYFS/KS1: '**Green Eggs and Ham'** by Dr Seuss. It's the 60th birthday of Green Eggs and Ham – and you're invited to the party! When Sam-I-am pesters a grumpy grouch to eat a plate of green eggs and ham, we soon find out we can't really know what we like until we try it! Written using only fifty words, this is the perfect book to introduce children to the joy of words, reading, and Dr. Seuss, or delight existing fans with this gorgeous edition of a worldwide favourite.

KS2: '**The Gingerbread Witch'** by Alexandra Overy. Maud has grown up in a house made of gingerbread, wanting nothing more than to be a witch like Mother Agatha. But just like all of Agatha's gingerbread creations—from the magical house to the chocolate mousse squirrel—Maud will turn back into crumbs if anything ever happens to Agatha. This seems unthinkable…until Hansel and Gretel, a pair of witch hunters, push Agatha into the cottage's oven. To save herself and the other creations, Maud will have to go into the dangerous forest of the Shadelands to find the First Witch's spellbook. But can Maud bring back the only mother she's ever known…or will witch hunters capture her?

Calendar for Summer 1: May 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 **May Bank Holiday – School Closed**	5 Word of the Week Assemblies: Courtesy	6 Class Sharing Assembly – 5T, 09:15, Juniors' Hall Class Sharing Assembly – 2W, 14:30, Infants' Hall	7 **Local Election Polling Day – school closed for most children.** **Year 6 children in school – 09:00 – 12:00**	8 Nursery AM Sports Day, 10:30 – 11:30, Teletubby Hill Virtual Celebration Assemblies	9	10
11 Word of the Week Assemblies: Maturity KS2 (Year 6) SATs week – children invited to have breakfast in school all week SATs tests (Year 6): English grammar, punctuation and spelling: Papers 1 and 2	12 SATs test (Year 6): English Reading	13 SATs tests (Year 6): Mathematics: Papers 1 and 2 Class Sharing Assembly – 4J, 09:15, Juniors' Hall Class Sharing Assembly – 1A, 14:30, Infants' Hall	14 SATs test (Year 6): Mathematics Paper 3 5T Summer Gardening with Trader Workshop, 09:45 -12:00	15 'Spare change fundraiser' to raise funds towards the Year 6 Leavers event Virtual Celebration Assemblies	16	17
18 Words of the Week Assemblies: Children's Rights	19	20 Class Sharing Assembly – 4K, 09:15, Juniors' Hall Class Sharing Assembly – 1B, 14:30, Infants' Hall	21 Summer Census Day ARP and UKS2 Sports Day: 09:15 – 10:45, Juniors' field	22 Virtual Celebration Assemblies **Last Day of Summer 1 Term – school ends at the usual times**	23	24
25 Spring Bank Holiday	26	27	28	29	30	31

May Half Term Break – School closed to all pupils

Reminder: School Closure – Thursday 7th May

John Perry Primary School will be closed to most pupils on Thursday 7th May, as the premises will be used as a polling station for the upcoming local election.
Pupils in Reception to Year 5 will take part in online learning during the morning. In the afternoon, they will be set independent tasks to complete at home, while teachers undertake planning, preparation and assessment activities. Year 6 pupils are expected to attend school as normal from 8:55am to 12:00pm. They will then complete independent learning tasks at home in the afternoon.

Advanced notice: Staff INSET Day – Monday 1st June

Please be aware that Monday 1st June, the first day after the May Half Term break, will be an INSET Day with school closed for all students.

All pupils are expected back in school on Tuesday 2nd June, ready for the Summer 2 term.

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

Stars of the Week

Friday 1st May 2026

NAM: Yasin Rahman NPM: Sultan Islam						
Reception:	RD	Inara Hossain	RZ	Kasparas Mockevicius.	RN	Lexi Marquis
Year One:	1B	Hamza Ibrahim	1S	Arafath Haque	1A	Darius Stoica.
Year Two:	2C	Ethan Zandu	2R	Zachariya Francis-Riley	2W	Isaac Ahmed
Year Three:	3M	Thomas Iordanescu.	3H	Justice Kolajo	3F	Dorabelle Boola Ndjoli
Year Four:	4V	Audelon Qarri	4K	Imani Quartson	4J	Dara Ashogbon
Year Five:	5T	Chibuchi Nkeaka.	5L	Isabella WilliamsPoenaru	5U	Ameemah Oyelekan
Year Six:	6I	Fikayomi Olowoyo	6G	Tre Theodore	6P	Hashir Saeed
ARP:	**Sea Class: ----------** **Sky Class:** Ameer Rabbe					
Swimmer of the week	Izyan Francis-Riley					

Friday 24th April 2026

NAM: Araf Rana NPM: Nicholas Solovastru						
Reception:	RD	Ariz Ahmed	RZ	Yaara Noorta	RN	Lily Smith.
Year One:	1B	Kayin Otubanjo	1S	Thomas Adane	1A	Radhav Sharma
Year Two:	2C	Adelaide McAlliste	2R	Iylah Ahbab	2W	Matei Virlici
Year Three:	3M	Henry Pierre	3H	Klea Gjana	3F	Michelle Habeeb
Year Four:	4V	Fateh Singh	4K	Isa Rahman	4J	Nasif Samad
Year Five:	5T	Tasmiyah Rahman.	5L	Ayana Ahmed	5U	Kaysan Hasan
Year Six:	6I	Adore Eneremadu	6G	Hannah Mosabbir	6P	Sergiu Creizan
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Akinsola Jacobs **Sky Class**: Jeremiah Asihene					
Star swimmer of the Week	Nausicaa Konstantinidis 1B					