John Perry Primary School

Newsletter

Issue 3 – Wednesday 14th October 2026

Note from our Head Teacher

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent teacher presentation meetings. We hope you found these sessions informative and that they provided a valuable opportunity to learn more about your child's curriculum, classroom routines and expectations for the year ahead.

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we are delighted to welcome Habiba Katsha, journalist and founder of Congolese Roots, as our guest speaker at Monday's assemblies next week. Congolese Roots is a London-based community initiative that brings people together through learning, connection and shared experiences, fostering a strong sense of identity and belonging. Habiba will speak to the children about Black History Month, helping them appreciate the importance of celebrating cultural heritage, sharing stories and ensuring that different voices and experiences are recognised and valued. We look forward to what promises to be an inspiring visit.

Finally, a reminder that Friday 23rd October marks the end of Autumn Term 1. Half-term runs from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October, with children returning on Monday 2nd November.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance Winners

EYFS- No classes reached the 96% target
KS1- 1st - 1S- 99.4%
LKS2- 1st -3H- 99.1%
UKS2- 1st- 5U & 6P- 99.2%%
ARP and Rainbow Room- No classes reached the 96% target
Best punctuality- AE SEA, RD and RZ

Overall whole school attendance- 95.1%

Safeguarding our pupils

NSPCC Support for Families

Useful advice, support and activities to help parents and children stay safe:

- **Parents & carers: www.nspcc.org.uk/parents**
- **Home learning & safety activities: www.nspcc.org.uk/activities**
- **Online safety: Advice on gaming, social media, parental controls and more: www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety**

Words of the Week

W/b 12/10/2026: Respect

W/b 19/10/2026: Courage

Understanding SEND

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is a broad term that covers many different needs. Every child with SEND is an individual, and their strengths, needs and experiences will be different.

Some children may need additional support with communication, learning, social interaction, sensory needs or emotional regulation. Providing the right support can help children to overcome barriers and take part fully in school life.

We encourage families to speak with us if they have concerns about their child's development, learning or wellbeing. Working together helps us to understand each child and provide support that is right for them.

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:
Mrs Walker: Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Langridge: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Buckle: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Hart: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Lane: Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Southall and Mrs Rose: Safeguarding Governors

Mrs Lane's English Corner

Tips for Parents: Improving Vocabulary and Oracy at Home
Vocabulary is knowing and understanding words. Oracy is the ability to speak and listen effectively. Both are essential for reading, writing and learning across the curriculum.

1. **Talk together every day**- Make time for conversations at mealtimes, on journeys or before bed. Encourage your child to talk about their day using full sentences. Ask open-ended questions, such as: "What was the most interesting thing you learned today?"
2. Read regularly- Read with your child every day. Discuss the new words that you find in books. Ask your child to predict what might happen next or explain a character's actions.
3. Introduce new words- use ambitious vocabulary in everyday conversations. Explain the meaning of unfamiliar words and use them again in different contexts.

The best way to develop vocabulary and oracy is through regular conversation.

Calendar for Autumn 1: September - October 2026						
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
12 Word of the Week Assemblies: **Respect –** linked to our School Values 18:00 Fairplay House residential Zoom meeting with parents, led by Dominic Barnes, Head of Centre	13	14 Invacuation practice: 09:30 Reception 09:45 ARP and RR 10:00 Yrs 1 and 2 10:15 Yrs 3 and 4 10:30 Yrs 5 and 6 12:25 Subject Ambassador meeting	15 Nursery welcome picnic: 10:30 - 11:30 and 14:30 - 15:30 Harvest food donations collected from school	16 Celebration Assemblies	18	19
19 Word of the Week Assemblies: **Courage –** linked to Black History Month Habiba Katsha, journalist, presenting the Word of the Week assemblies	20	21	22	23 Celebration Assemblies Last day of Autumn 1	10	11

October half term: Monday 25th – Friday 30th October

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

What time should children be in bed on a school night?

Recommended bedtimes depend on the child's age:

- **Ages 3–5 (Preschool):** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (10–13 hours of sleep)
- **Ages 6–7:** 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM (10–11 hours of sleep)
- **Ages 8–9:** 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM (10–11 hours of sleep)
- **Ages 10–12:** 8:30 PM – 9:00 PM (9–12 hours of sleep)
- **Ages 13–15:** 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM (8–10 hours of sleep)
- **Ages 16–18 (Teenagers):** By 10:00 PM – 11:00 PM (8–10 hours of

Stars of the Week

Friday 9th October 2026

NAM: Elias Bus NPM: Esa Ali						
Reception:	RD	Ayyub Islam	RZ	Talha Ahmed	RN	Amas Ahmed
Year One:	1B	Angelo Ferreira	1S	Rory Marshall	1A	Inara Hossain
Year Two:	2C	Keisi Bokciu	2R	Maya Malek	2W	Nausicca K
Year Three:	3M	Aleks Tretyak	3H	Abedine Doumbouya	3F	Amina Ali
Year Four:	4V	Ayman Haneef	4K	Aisha Rashid	4J	Ava-Pearl
Year Five:	5T	Richard Uzodinma	5L	David Tolentino	5U	Arsema Alemu
Year Six:	6I	Tyler Collins	6G	George Afolan	6P	Abdulnasir Nassor
ARP:	**Sea Class:** Hamza Izzo **Sky Class:** Eesa Akhtar					
Swimmer of the week	Antos Sudol					

Friday 2th October 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	Nothing recived	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					