



# John Blandy Primary School

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. It has been great to be back in school this week and we are excited about all the learning we are going to be enjoying during this term.

## Curriculum

Please see the attached sheet which outlines our curriculum for this term. Our topic is titled 'Shining Bright'. We have been exploring Bonfire Night this week and reading books about stars and as the term goes on will be moving onto learn about Space and of course the Christmas Story.

## Forest School

Birch Class will be starting Forest School next Tuesday afternoon 11<sup>th</sup> November. As per the letter sent home recently, please ensure your child has their Forest School kit with them on Tuesday, in a named bag. Forest school will be every Tuesday for the rest of this term. After Christmas, Oak Class will begin their Forest School sessions. Details of kit required will be sent out nearer the time.

## Owl Visit

Next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November we have our visit in school from Millets Farm Falconry who will be bringing in some owls. We are very excited about this opportunity to remember all that we learned about owls last term when we were reading the story 'Owl Babies'.

## Phonics

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting their child with practising their sounds at home. This support really makes a difference. This week the children have started to bring home some exciting 'special friends' sounds, where 2 letters make 1 sound e.g. sh, th. Please continue to support your children at home with practising recognising all of the sounds speedily. They could spot sounds in picture books, on labels and signs or when out shopping. Practising forming the letter shapes is always fantastic too and means they are building their skills to become writers. They can practise on the sheets, in the mud using sticks, using paint or chalk or perhaps on a worktop sprinkled with flour! Do let us know if you need any ideas or guidance on how best to support your child at home by speaking to any member of the team.

## Clothing

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing in school for whatever the weather may bring. Please provide a change of clothing for accidents as it can get very wet and puddly outside!

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## Library Book Boxes

We are keen for the children to be able to borrow picture books from school to share at home. We will put library book boxes outside regularly so that children can choose a book to take home so please look out for these. This is in addition to any school books that are issued by school staff. Please take a book, enjoy at home and then return and swap it for another when you are ready.

## PE days

Due to Forest School PE days this term will change. Oak Class will have PE on a Tuesday starting next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Birch Class will have PE on a Friday from next week.

Warmest regards,

The Reception Team

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