



John Blandy Primary School

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

We hope that you have all kept well over Christmas and enjoyed a fun time with your family and friends. We have an exciting term ahead in UKS2 and more information about what we will be covering is included in the attached curriculum web.

Curriculum

Our chosen text this term is *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver and we will be also completing some writing based on the music video 'Titanium'. In History, we will be learning about what life was like in Roman times and we will end our topic with a fabulous curriculum enrichment Roman Day (more information to follow.) In DT, we are going to develop our sewing skills by creating our own Roman coin purses.

Homework

Reading - We expect children to read at **least 5** times each week to an adult to help consolidate their reading fluency and understanding of texts. Please record the book name/title, along with the number of pages read in your child's homework book. Reading books must be in school each day, these can be from home or from the school/class library. Each class has an allocated library day where your child can independently choose a reading book. Homework books are marked weekly, so please do add any communication with us in there that you wish.

Spellings and times tables/maths facts – Each week, the children will be set spellings and a maths focus, both of which will be tested each week (on a Monday) and scores will be recorded in your child's homework book. Edshed is a great way to learn spellings and TT Rockstars is great for times tables. Your child has a login for both of these in their homework book.

Year 6- Thank you for purchasing the **Achieve Books** for children's homework. The children appear to enjoy using them and are very animated when they mark them. SPaG and maths pages will be set on a Thursday (Maple Class) and Friday (Poplar and Willow class.) They need to be completed and returned on the following Thursday (Maple) or Friday (Poplar and Willow.)

Equipment

Please ensure all children come to school daily with a labelled water bottle and if they bring a pencil case ensure it has been topped up ready for the new term.

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Year **6** **SATs**

This term we will continue to help prepare Year 6 for their SATs (Monday 11th May through to Thursday 15th May inclusive). We will be encouraging and supporting the children to be ready and prepared over the next term, so that we can reduce any worry and enable them to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and understanding, with confidence. In addition, we will be running early morning/after school booster clubs in maths and writing. There will be a parent meeting regarding SATS on Tuesday 3rd February 3:15pm in Willow class.

Staffing

We are very lucky to have the following staff working in Year 5/6 this term:

Maple Teacher- Mrs Williams

Poplar Teacher- Miss Matheson (Monday-Thursday) Mrs Fleet (Friday)

Willow Teacher- Mrs Kane

The children are also supported throughout the week by Teaching Assistants allocated to each of the classes.

PE/Games

For Term 3, we have the Chance to Shine cricket team coming in to teach our sessions for all of UKS2 on a **Thursday afternoon**. As the weather has turned colder, we are happy for children to bring in warmer PE kit (joggers, under skins and fleeces / jumpers). These just need to be black or navy blue (no large logos please).

Our other indoor slots for term 3 are:

Monday- Willow

Tuesday- Poplar and Maple

Please could you remind your child that they need to have the appropriate PE kit in school on the correct days, including a suitable pair of trainers.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us, either by email via the School Office or via a note in the homework book. Alternatively, do feel free to catch your child's class teacher at the end of the day on the playground.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Kane, Mrs Williams, Miss Matheson and Mrs Fleet

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