



John Blandy Primary School

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful break.

This term, our focus is on the local area and local history. These will form the basis for our learning in geography and history. In English, we will be reading *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* by Nizrana Farook and much of our English work will be linked to this text.

Reading and homework

Each week, the children will be set spellings and times tables / maths facts to rehearse. These will come home in their homework books on a Wednesday. They will be tested on their spellings and times tables/maths facts towards the start of the week. We have subscriptions to both EdShed and TT Rockstars and these are a great resource for practising. Your child's log in details are in the front of their homework books.

We expect children to read at least 5 times each week to an adult to help consolidate their reading and/or phonics. Please record the book they have read, along with the number of pages read in your child's homework book. Reading at home really does have a big impact on a child's learning so your support with this is greatly appreciated. House points will be awarded to those going above and beyond with their reading. We would love to hear how well they have read, so please do feel free to make a comment! Each child needs to have a reading book in school every day – this can be a book from home, from our class library, the school library or a phonics book. Reading books must be in school each day. Please ensure any school reading books are looked after to avoid incurring a book replacement charge.

Water bottles and Uniform

Please ensure that your child has a **clearly** named water bottle so that they have easy access to drinking water throughout the day. It is always helpful to have all school uniform and PE kit **clearly** named so that children and staff know who they belong to.

PE

PE kit should remain in school in a labelled bag. We aim for this to be sent home at half term to be washed, however PE kits can be washed at any point in the term should you wish. Please ensure though these are in school for our PE days which are:

Cedar – Tuesday and Thursday

Sycamore – Thursday and Friday

Walnut – Monday and Thursday

During the colder weather we would encourage children to wear black or navy-blue joggers/leggings as most P.E lessons will be outside.

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Year 3/ 4 Performance

This term, we have our spring performance. This will take place on Monday 23rd March with performances at 2pm and 5.30pm. The roles will be spread across the three classes with the year 4's having the lead roles. We look forward to sharing this with the children over the coming weeks and would be grateful if you could support them in learning any lines at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
The Year 3 and Year 4 team

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