

JOHN CLIFFORD SCHOOL BULLETIN



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INSET DAYS FOR 2026-27

Following the INSET day today, I thought it would be useful to share the INSET days for the next academic year.

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Friday 2nd July 2027

Wednesday 28th July 2027

Sadly we are saying farewell to Mrs Allcoat at the end of this term. For many parents and pupils, Mrs Allcoat has been a huge support, navigating the systems and enhancing the provision for our pupils with Special Educational Needs. Her impact on school has been extensive.

Some of you will know that alongside being the Assistant Head and SENCo at John Clifford 2 days a week, she is also the Family SENCo. She will remain in that role, but is returning to her roots, in special school education.

There will be an interim period in the Autumn term, where I (Mrs Roberts) will assume the role of SENCo, whilst we advertise. This is a role that I held for over 10 years up until I took on Headship at JC, so it is very familiar. I really look forward to working with parents.

STAFF LEAVERS



Miss Leverington will also be leaving JC. She has secured a job close to her home and is continuing her teaching journey.

She has been a wonderful colleague to work with, an empathetic and skilled practitioner, who children and staff will really miss!

We wish her the best of luck!

CLASSES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

The teachers are very busy currently planning for the transition day on Wednesday 8th July and this week they have spent time sharing information about the children in their class ready for the next teacher. Here is an overview of our teaching staff structure for the next academic year and an introduction to our new members of staff. Children will find out their new class teacher on **Monday**.

Sweet pea class teacher (nursery) Mrs McGrath

Bluebell class teacher (reception) Mrs Finch

Primrose class teacher (reception) Miss Thomas

NEW

Honeysuckle class teacher (Year 1/2) Mrs Julian/Mrs Rogers

NEW

Rosemary class teacher (Year 1/2) Miss Ditchfield

NEW

Lavender class teacher (Year 1/2) Mrs Maxwell

NEW

Violet class teacher (Year 3) Mrs Johnson

NEW

Snowdrop class teacher (Year 3) Mrs Pounder/Miss Luck

NEW

Heather class teacher (Year 4) Miss Howie

Clover class teacher (Year 4) Miss Powell

Buddleia class teacher (Year 5) Miss Padhiar

Allium class teacher (Year 5) Miss Corrall

Lupin class teacher (Year 6) Miss Joynes

Foxgloves class teacher (Year 6) Mr Wildman/Mrs Willimsky

NEW

From September, Mrs Roberts will be in school Tuesday-Friday
Mr Wildman, our new Deputy Headteacher, will be in Monday-Friday

Miss Thomas is currently already working in Snapdragon class ahead of officially starting in one of our reception class, Primroses, in September. Miss Thomas will work very collaboratively with Mrs Finch, who is moving from Year 2 into the other reception class, Bluebells. Mrs Finch will lead the Early Years provision and work closely with Mrs McGrath, our wonderful nursery teacher.

Some parents will already be familiar with Mrs Rogers, as she is a parent to children at JC! A very experienced and highly skilled teacher with a wealth of experience in the early years and KS1. Mrs Rogers will be teaching in Honeysuckle class and leading this year group, with Mrs Julian teaching the class on a Monday.

Miss Ditchfield started her career as a midwife, but has recently retrained and joined the teaching profession. We are thrilled to be welcoming her to both Nottingham and John Clifford. Miss Ditchfield will be the teacher in Rosemary class, working alongside Mrs Rogers and Mrs Maxwell.

Mrs Maxwell has over 15 years of teaching experience, working mostly in KS1. She has led maths and enrichment alongside multiple other responsibilities and is going to bring with her many fantastic skills and knowledge to benefit our Year 1 and 2 learners. She will be the teacher in Lavender class but move into Snapdragon classroom.

Year 3 are welcoming Mrs Johnson into Violet class, she is experienced in leading maths and phonics and in her current school contributes to the whole school improvement priorities. Mrs Johnson will be working alongside Mrs Pounder, who remains Snowdrops class teacher but will be joined by Miss Luck!

Miss Luck started her career as a paediatric nurse before diversifying into teaching. At her current school, she teaches in both Year 1 and Year 3 and has visited John Clifford before as a supply teacher. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Luck...isn't that a great 'teacher name'!

Much of our KS2 teaching team remains the same, with a couple of year group swaps. Miss Howie is remaining in Year 4 and being joined by Miss Powell who after 2 years in Year 5 is ready for a new experience.

Miss Padhiar is swapping and leaving Year 4 to move up to Year 5, where she will work alongside Miss Corral.

Miss Joynes has been an exceptional Year 6 teacher this year and will continue to teach Lupin class as well as lead Maths across school.

Mrs Willimsky will be job-sharing with Mr Wildman in Foxgloves class. Mrs Willimsky will teach the class Monday-Wednesday and joins JC with over 15 years of teaching experience and science leadership.

Mr Wildman is joining school as the new Deputy Headteacher, he will work closely with myself, Mrs Julian and the wider school team to drive improvement. Our goal is to continue to strengthen the teaching and learning whilst providing the children with enriching opportunities, allowing the children to feel safe and valued.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant amount of change to the staffing since January and in readiness for the next academic year.

In schools, change often happens in cycles and whilst it can feel unsettling it also brings with it new possibilities. Staff joining John Clifford will bring fresh ideas and a broad range of different knowledge and skills to further enhance the provision.



"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."
Winston Churchill

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event	Year group
3 rd July	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	ALL
6 th July	Taster Day @ Chilwell	Year 5
7-8 th July	Transition Day - George Spencer	Year 6
8-10 th July	Transition Day - Chilwell	Year 6
8 th July	Transition Day/Meet your new teacher	Reception - Year 5
20 th & 21 st July	Performance of Shakespeare Rocks!	Year 6 families
21 st July	Trip to National Justice museum	Year 5
22 nd July	Celebration event and graduation	Year 6

Y6 CHILDREN TO ATTEND AS NORMAL ON TRANSITION DAYS THAT DON'T APPLY TO THEM.

Reminder - Thursday 9th July - 3.45pm a meeting for any parents who have children moving into the mixed Year 1&2 classes in September (current reception and Year 1).

PLEASE ENSURE ANY LUNCH DEBTS ARE PAID BY THE END OF THE TERM.

FOOD FESTIVAL by Aspin WEEK 1 Spring/Summer 2026 13/04/26, 04/05/26, 25/05/26, 15/06/26, 06/07/26, 27/07/26, 17/08/26, 07/09/26, 28/09/26, 19/10/26		LUNCHTIME					PRIMARY HALAL TRADITIONAL
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
 MAIN EVENT  MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish  RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads  BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets  DESSERT TROLLEY		Macaroni Cheese 	Homemade Sausage Roll with Wholegrain Rice Salad 	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy 	Cottage Pie 	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips 	
		Mixed Bean Fajitas with Wedges 	Veggie Sausage Roll with Wholegrain Rice Salad 	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake, Skin on Roasties and Gravy 	Shepherdless Pie 	BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips 	
		Vegetable Sticks	Mixed Salad	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas	
		Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo 	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo 	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo 	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo 	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo 	
		Orange Squash Cupcake 	Strawberry Jelly 	Peach Upside Down Cake and Custard 	Chocolate Cinnamon Cake 	Banana Cookies 	

DELAY TO SATS RESULTS

You may have seen on the news that SATs result, which were due to be released next week have been delayed until the 16th July. We will keep parents of Year 6 updated, if we have anything further to share.

farewell

Mr Lumley has now finished his time at John Clifford, he has been asked to support another school in the Trust and therefore requires a Friday to be able to fulfil the role.

I will be present in school on the remaining Fridays of this term.

Mr Lumley has been a great addition, the children have really warmed to him and he has been a good support for me in my first 2 terms at John Clifford. Thank you to him for his commitment and he was keen for me to pass on his best wishes and gratitude to the families of John Clifford.