Autumn Newsletter

John Grant School

Working together, to be the very best that we can be

John Grant School * November 2026

Dear Parents & Carers Welcome back to our second half term of this year where we will be celebrating the winter holiday period in a variety of ways with lots of opportunities for you to join us and support this – please see dates below for your information – more details to follow soon!

Useful dates

Wednesday 25th November - 'Panto' Performance in school
Monday 30th November - Hairdresser
Monday 7th December - Young Carers Breakfast
Monday 7th December - German Christmas Market Experience
Christmas Performances - Parents and Carers will be invited to attend
- Monday 14th December (pm) - Primary (Key stage 2)
- Tuesday 15th December (pm) - Secondary
- Wednesday 16th December (pm) - Fledglings (Early Years)

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner
Friday 18th December - Santa visit

Behaviour Support Parent Workshop

We will be running another Behaviour Support Parent Workshop in the spring term. This will run on five consecutive Friday mornings between 9.30am and 12pm starting on Friday 15th January. Further information regarding this will be sent out early December.

If you feel this is something you would be interested in attending, please let your child's class teacher know and they can pass on to our behaviour support team.

Thank you to those families that joined us for our parents/carers open evening last week. We saw more families coming in than ever before and we hope it felt helpful to meet some of the staff and visitors that joined us.

I am delighted to be able to share with you that John Grant School is the second special school in the UK to achieve the 'gold' award for our work with our parents, carers and families. We would like to thank those parents and carers that supported the visit as well as all of our families that continue to be committed to working together with us. We are so proud of the work that we do together. Please keep an eye out for our official photoshoot and celebration later this term !

Parent-friendly school GOLD

Interactive Learning at Home

We have been reviewing the way we offer suggestions for supporting learning at home. Please take a look at your class page on the school website where you will find a variety of ideas and links. We would welcome any feedback you have and would love to hear about anything your child has particularly enjoyed.

PE

This term in PE, pupils are learning how we use the trampolines. We are doing this via the use of rebound therapy, accompanied with some small aspects of trampolining. So far, pupils have shown great progress.

PE and Sport lunch clubs are also as follows:

Monday
Secondary: Trampolining/Rebound
Primary: Yoga

Tuesday
Secondary: Kuk Sool Won
Primary: Kuk Sool Won

Wednesday
Primary: Trampolining/Rebound

Thursday
Secondary: Sensory Club
Primary: Sensory Club

Friday
Secondary: Dodgeball

We also have an exciting visit upcoming from Premier Sports at the end of the term, where pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a Glow In The Dark Dodgeball session!

If you need any help, feel free to contact me. Belinda Brookes, Headteacher

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Let's Celebrate....Empathy Lab week



As part of our Empathy Lab week, we have been looking at the topic of 'caring for others'. We have looked at the books Kind by Alison Green, The Girl and the Mermaid by Hollie Hughes, Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox and The Kindness Quilt by Nancy Elizabeth Wallis. We have had a visit from some of the Claremont house residents who worked collaboratively with some of our pupils to create patches for our own kindness quilt.

Some classes have designed care packages for people that care for them, pupils really thought about what their adults would like. Other classes have used caring cards with ideas of things they could do to care for each other, the school and the environment. When they have completed one of these tasks they have posted in into a caring post box, one class has set themselves a challenge to completely fill their post box by the end of the week. The week will be finished off with celebrating Children in Need and thinking about how their work cares for others too.



15th October

On this day some pupils from St Nicholas Priory Primary School came on a visit to school. Bittern class provided both a tour of the school and then drinks and refreshments in No38.

They then met with our school council, who were able to answer lots of their questions regarding our school and the work that goes on within it.

It was a very positive visit and we have been invited to visit their school next term.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

Friday 18th December 2026	3.15 pm School closes for Christmas Holidays
Christmas Holidays Monday 21st December 2026 to Monday 4th January 2027	

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January 2027	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	School Opens
Friday 12th February 2027	3.15 pm School Closes for half term
Half Term Holiday Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027	
Monday 22nd February 2027	School Opens
Thursday 25th March 2027	3.15 pm School Closes for Easter Holidays
Easter Holidays Monday 29th March 2027 to Tuesday 13th April 2027	

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April 2027	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 13th April 2027	School Opens
Monday 3rd May 2027	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May 2027	3.15 pm School Closes for half term
Half Term Holidays Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027	
Monday 7th June 2027	School Opens
Wednesday 21st July 2027	3.15 pm School Closes for summer holidays
Summer Holidays Thursday 22nd July 2027 to September 2027 (To be confirmed)	