

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dogs/Scooters: Can I remind all parents/carers that dogs must not be brought onto the school premises under any circumstances. We have had an increased number of incidents of dogs being brought onto the yard, both on leaders and being carried, along with being tied to the school fence and gate.

Also scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the yard, especially during drop-off and collection times when the yard is extremely busy.

These rules are in place to ensure safety for all our school families. I would appreciate the support of all parents and carers to follow these.

Year Five Dodgeball Festival: On Tuesday morning, Year 5 children braved going out in the stormy weather to take part in a sporting event. They joined together with children from other local schools to take part in a Dodgeball Festival at Sunderland Tennis Centre. They played games in small teams, trying to duck, dive and dodge out of the way of the opposing team's throws. They showed excellent teamwork, impressive energy and sporting strategy in all games. The members of staff that attended the event were exceptionally proud of the children and they should be proud of themselves too!

Year 1 Parent Assembly: Next half term, we will be inviting the parents and carers of our Year 1 children to attend their topic assembly. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase all the learning and progress they have made this term so far. Please keep an eye on ParentPay for further details.

Attendance: This week's attendance was 92.34%, which is a 3% drop from the previous week. This has impacted our year-to-date figure which is now 94.69%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 1MT, and in Key Stage Two this was 5RN. Both classes will be rewarded with an extra break time this week.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	95.45	85.38	87.04	90.00	94.00	91.85	92.38	93.46
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	95.65	85.16	92.00	88.97	98.00	97.20	94.62	99.17

House Points: The winner of last week's house points was Darwin again – let's see if another house can take the top spot of points this week.

JFK Superstar: Ethan F (4MS) has recently gained his 8th KYU/red belt in karate at his club, Toukon Martial Arts. Well done Ethan, this is a fantastic achievement.



Costume Exchange: Washington Library are running a World Book Day Costume Exchange this year – to help families celebrate in a fun, affordable and sustainable way. You can donate pre-loved costumes throughout February and pick up something “new” for free during the half-term holiday (w/c 23rd February). Houghton Library are also taking part in this event during the same time. It’s a great way to reduce waste and help make World Book Day accessible for everyone.



Creative Smart City Hubs @
Houghton & Washington Libraries

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher

World Book Day Costume Exchange

Donate from Monday 2 February
Collect from Monday 23 February

Sharing stories, sharing costumes! Join our free World Book Day costume swap at Houghton & Washington Libraries.

Do you have old costumes that have been outgrown or are gathering dust? Drop them at our libraries and choose another to re-home!

All sizes welcome!
Items to be clean and in good condition.



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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NMA	Katie W Archie H
Reception	RAO	Ella C Joshua C
	RST	Sienna T Toby R
One	1ES	Harrison M Aida S
	1MT	Hallie W Bobby Y
Two	2MA	Jerry C Kayden B
	2MeA	Alex S Kyra-Mae N-D
Three	3GB	Freya T Maxi C
	3AF	Ollie C Alana R
Four	4BK	Sophia C Thomas W
	4MS	Henry P Bailey P
Five	5DF	Isla D Joshua R
	5RN	Lara A-M Brooke M
Six	6PP/LM	Jack B Hunter H
	6VS	Demi-Leigh B Rosie C
Treehouse	THBM/CG	Anthony S
	THIT	Daniel M

Headteacher Award

Riley L (6VS), Shahmeer M (6VS), Niamh C (6PP/LM), Elliott D (6PP/LM)

All of the above pupils have been awarded the Headteacher's Award this week for their outstanding effort in this week's practice S.A.T.s papers.

Timetables

P.E. Lessons: Just to remind that the P.E. kit should be a plain white t-shirt (not a football shirt), black shorts or black jogging bottoms/ leggings and trainers. A jumper can also be worn.

Week Commencing: 2 nd February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 – Swimming Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 &Y5 pupils) – Swimming Reception	5DF – Swimming 5RN – P.E. Year 6

Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – ***long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible***. No additional accessories should be worn. Forest School still takes place when raining, and we don't want children sitting in class with wet clothes, so it would be useful to provide spare clothing/shoes on the day.

Week Commencing: 2 nd February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Year 3	RAO & RST
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		Nursery
Friday	Nursery	2MeA (Miss Atkinson)

