

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet another busy week in school.

Year 6 Production: Yesterday, if you were lucky enough to get your hands on a ticket to visit the magical world of Cherry Tree Lane, family and friends were treated to a practically perfect performance of Mary Poppins by our oldest pupils. The singing and acting were fantastic – a testament to all the effort they have put in during the summer term. As always, the slideshow of the pupils' time at JFK caused a few tears, along with some laughter – I always enjoy watching these, as even though it is just a snippet of photos, it shows how many opportunities we give our pupils at JFK. I must thank anyone who helped the children learn their lines or provide a costume – it is appreciated. Thanks must also go to all staff who helped to make scenery and props. Finally, huge thanks must also go to Mr Pearson, Miss Sheriff, Mrs Mewes, and Mrs Pearce who put the whole show together. Photos of the show will appear on our school Facebook page.

Year 6 Treat: Today, as has become a tradition at JFK, our year 6 pupils were treated to a special lunch menu prepared by our kitchen, which was served by members of staff. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal – lots of seconds were being eaten! Afterwards, they all enjoyed the water battle on the field – a lovely end to a busy week!

Treehouse Trip: On Wednesday, our Foxes and Hedgehogs from Treehouse visited Tynemouth Aquarium. They had a fantastic time looking at (and handling) various sea creatures that inhabit our local coastal waters. They also had the chance to watch the seal show – which was one of the highlights of the day. Their behaviour was brilliant and huge thanks must go to the staff (including minibus driver Mrs. Mackintosh) for making the trip a success.

Reception Grad Fest: Today, our reception children celebrated graduating from JFK Early Years with a magical festival in the forest. It doesn't seem like two minutes since most of the pupils arrived in our nursery for the first time – they have grown up so much in their time in our EYFS provision. Thank you to all the parents/carers who also came along to make the event a success, I hope you all enjoyed it. Photos of the event will appear on our Facebook page shortly.



Tales on the Tyne: On Wednesday, our Peter Rabbit sculpture, Unity, was unveiled and is on display at the Great North Museum: Hancock in Newcastle. He now forms part of the Peter Rabbit trail that runs across our region from 15th July – 14th September, which has been organised by St Oswald's Hospice. I do hope you get the chance to visit Unity during the summer and some of his many fluffle friends. It would be lovely to see any images you have when you find him.



Year 1: This week, our Year 1 pupils had an absolute blast getting creative with Cherry from ArtVenturers! They explored colours, textures, and all sorts of fun materials, diving into the activities with loads of enthusiasm and plenty of giggles. Cherry encouraged them to try things out, make a mess, and enjoy the process, and the kids really ran with it. By the end, the classroom was full of bright artwork, proud faces, and that lovely buzz you get when everyone's been busy making something they're excited about.

Attendance: Our attendance for this week has been 93.79%. This brings our year-to-date figure to 94.16%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 2MeA, and in Key Stage Two this was 4BK.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	94.46%	98.80%	94.07%	93.50%	90.50%	93.33%	98%	95.38%
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	86.40%	98.06%	93.67%	96.55%	92.50%	87.31%	96.40%	93.33%

End of Year Reports: All pupils have left school today with a copy of their end of year report and attendance record for the year. Please take time to read them and be proud of everything your child has achieved this year. I know as I've read every single one, I have smiled continuously.

Next Week: Just a reminder that next week we are holding a parent afternoon on Monday to look through your child's books and a family picnic on Tuesday afternoon on the field. Thank you to everyone who has completed the digital form to inform the school if you are able to attend the events.

JFK Superstar: A huge congratulations to Teddy M (3GB) who completed his first 20-mile bike ride for the Sunderland big bike ride! A fantastic achievement, I wonder if we have a future Bradley Wiggins on our hands?



HAF and Football Camp: Just another reminder about the start of the Summer Football Camps which are taking place at the Washington Football Hub over the Summer Holidays. To book your child's space please use this link: <https://www.washingtonafc.com/summer-football-camp/>. The Club also have Free Spaces with the support of Sunderland City Council. Any children receiving free school meals/ SEN/ struggling with cost of living can apply for their free spaces using the link above. The Football Camps focus is on the players, introducing and developing ball mastery skills to develop The Technical Balance Player to be comfortable with both feet on the ball. The sessions are designed to be challenging to keep the players engaged, focused and motivated. This is open for any children to attend from outside of Washington FC.

For other HAF and Summer activities, please follow the link to the Together for Children Website: [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme - Together for Children](#)

Also, just to remind everyone that our final day of school is **Wednesday 22nd July**.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

B. H. Adams

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher





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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	The whole of nursery for their hard work, positive attitudes and a fabulous year.
Reception	RAO	The whole of reception for a very successful, happy and progressive first year of school.
	RST	The whole of reception for a very successful, happy and progressive first year of school.
One	1ES	The whole of Year 1 for their amazing attitude to work and their kindness to others!
	1MT	
Two	2MA	The whole of Year 2 for their determination, resilience, and positivity all year!
	2MeA	
Three	3GB	Amelia D Freya T
	3AF	Ayda D Alana R
Four	4BK	Oliver R Archie H
	4MS	Neve W Jessica G
Five	5DF	Ava S Jason F
	5RN	Joel M Tilly R
Six	6PP/LM	The Whole Class for their Fabulous Mary Poppins Leavers' Show
	6VS	The Whole Class for their Fabulous Mary Poppins Leavers' Show
Treehouse	THBM	All of Squirrel Class
	THIT	Bobby G

