

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a miserable and wet start, we have finally seen the sun towards the end of the week. It's been a strange week at JFK, as I never thought I would have to evacuate the school hall because we had a naughty owl who wouldn't come down from a high perch! At least, we all found it funny!

Owl Adventures: We had some very exciting visitors in school this week. Year Five have been writing some very persuasive letters, trying to convince me to get a pet owl. As a compromise, Owl Adventures came into school, which gave the children a chance to see these birds up close. In the hall, they provided an informative talk and flight demonstration, where children were lucky enough to see a barn owl, eagle owl and harris hawk in action. Afterwards, they enjoyed seeing the barn owl and the white-faced owl up close, with some of them even being brave enough to hold them! The children then used this knowledge to write some informative non-chronological reports.



Year 3 Forest School Day: Yesterday year 3 had a fantastic time in Forest School! It was lovely to see the children working in teams to create dens, dig like archaeologists, bake and eat traditional Roman bread and create Roman artefacts. As always, we were lucky with the weather! Let's hope we are as lucky for our next Forest School adventure.

British Values: Over the last 2 weeks, Mrs Charlton, the Director for Learning and Performance across Oak Learning Trust has been visiting the school to talk to pupils about their understanding of British Values. I just wanted to let you know that me and Miss Conner were so proud to hear all the positive messages she shared about our pupils. The children had a good understanding of the values and were polite, enthusiastic and articulate in their responses.

World Book Day: This year, we will celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 7th March**. The theme is 'what makes me special?' and as a school, we will be reading 'The Most Remarkable Children I've Met – So Far!' by Clotilde Perrin. Each class will be exploring the characters from this story in detail. This is always an exciting time in school, and we can't wait to see how the children (and staff!) come dressed.

World Book Day Costume Swap: In preparation of World Book Day, we will be holding a costume swap in school. From Monday 17th February, children can bring used costumes into school. Please ensure costumes are clean and in good condition before donating to the swap. Costumes will be set out in the school hall on Thursday 20th February from 3:20pm for parents to take. Please enter the school hall via the side gate at the school office.

Attendance: This week our attendance is 93.98%, and our running total since the start of the term is now 93.92%. Unfortunately, this is still significantly below the government attendance targets, as the expectation of all schools is to have attendance of 96%+. The class with the highest attendance in key stage 1 was 2JW and in key stage 2 it was 3DF. These classes will be rewarded with an additional break time next week.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	93.85	94.00	97.00	95.77	99.09	100	92.31	97.78
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	94.33	92.31	96.30	96.30	97.46	90.77	87.14	84.17

JFK Superstars: Evelyn (3GB) kicked off her cheerleading season with an impressive performance, securing 3rd place in the Under-8 Elite category at the Legacy Cheer and Dance competition in Newcastle. A fantastic achievement—well done, Evelyn!



Elijah (1MT) picked up another trophy this week – this time for his incredible dancing. I've seen the video and he's a little superstar! Keep up the good work!



House Points: This week's winner of the most house points was Swan.

Year 3 Assembly: Just to remind all parents that year 3 pupils will be sharing work based around the Romans as part of their class assembly next Tuesday at 9.30am. Please use the side door to the main hall if you can attend. This is just one of the ways we will now be sharing the learning that goes on in school after the responses to the survey we sent before Christmas, so please keep your eyes peeled for all other year group assemblies across the remainder of the year.

Easter Holiday Club: Please see poster for information of a holiday club which is running over the easter holidays by a local day-care owner.

Have a lovely weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Mr B. Adams - Head of School

EASTER  **HOLIDAY CLUB**

Looking for a fun and engaging way to keep your children entertained this school holiday?

9AM - 3PM **BUILDING BLOCKS CONCORD** **INC HOT LUNCH**

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Our Easter Holiday Club offers a full day of exciting activities and includes a hot lunch, provided by Auntie's Coffee Shop. Spaces are limited, so book your child's place today by contacting Rebecca directly on:

07985 476 298.

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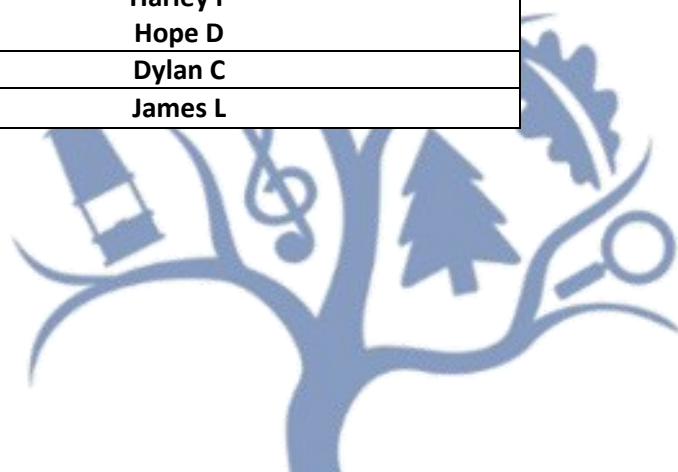


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Amelia M Penelope B
Reception	RAM	Macie N Harrison C
	RES	Leo C Theo M
One	1AP	Clara T Klayton R
	1MT	Oscar B Kyra-Mae N-D
Two	2MA	Ayda D Rory S
	2JW	Albie B Freya T
Three	3DF	Dixie P Max A
	3GB	Can Y Peter B
Four	4AF	Imogen H Jack R
	4BK	Isla Y Lacey-Mae B
Five	5RN	Emily-May M Flynn M
	5MA	Alice D Emelia B
Six	6PP	Alfred R Matthew T
	6LM	Harley F Hope D
Treehouse	TLC	Dylan C
	TNP	James L



Timetables

PE Lessons: This year we are asking for pupils wear their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit on the day of their lesson, where they will have time to get changed. Just to remind that the PE kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. A jumper can also be worn. At this time of year, PE may still be held outdoors, therefore please ensure your child bring appropriate clothing.

Week Commencing: 17 th February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 (Swimming) Year 1	
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	Year 6
Friday		5MA – P.E 5RN – Swimming

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 other 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: 17 th February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 5	
Tuesday		Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	Nursery
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Nursery	Year 6 (Both Classes)

