

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another excellent week here at J.F.K. Pupils and staff have certainly hit the ground running and there is already lots of wonderful learning taking place across a wide range of subjects in every year group. Our pupils have settled in extremely well, are following school routines confidently, and are showing a positive attitude towards their learning. I have been particularly impressed by the fantastic pieces of writing I have seen this week, which reflect the hard work, effort and enthusiasm being demonstrated throughout the school.

Reminder About Playground Equipment Before School: Please can we ask parents and carers to remind their children not to play with balls on the school yard before the start of the school day, particularly during our staggered drop-off times. Despite previous reminders, this continues to be an issue. Staff have also shared this message with pupils in school, and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing this expectation at home to help ensure a safe and calm start to the day for everyone.

History Topic Homework: Next Friday, pupils will bring home information about their History Topic Homework for this half term. As always, we encourage creativity and see this as a wonderful opportunity for families to work together on a project linked to their chosen theme. As in previous years, parents and carers will be invited into school towards the end of the half term to view and celebrate the completed projects. We look forward to seeing the fantastic ideas and creativity that our pupils produce.

Phonics Information Meetings: Polite reminder, following last week's key dates for this academic year, next week, there will be phonics information meetings for reception and year one parent/ carers. Please arrive at the main school office where a member of staff will meet you.

- 15.09.26 Reception Parent Phonics Information Meeting – 4pm
- 17.09.26 Year One Parent Phonics Information Meeting – 4pm

Free School Meals: Could your child now be eligible for Free School Meals? From this month, families who receive Universal Credit can now apply for Free School Meals for their child, regardless of household income. If your child already receives Free School Meals, you don't need to do anything. If you haven't already applied, we encourage you to log onto the following website as soon as possible to find out if you're eligible:

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/free-school-meals>

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R.S.E.: Please find below an overview of the content pupils will be taught in their R.S.E. lessons next week.

RSE Lesson Overview: week beginning 14/09/26		
Year Group	Topic	Lesson Overview
1	Emotions	Managing our feelings – describe how to respond positively when I feel an emotion.
2	Emotions	Managing change – explain change and how it makes me feel.
3	Emotions	Managing conflict – describe how to handle conflict in a positive way.
4	Emotions	Living happy lives – describe the features of a happy life.
5	Emotions	Facing challenges – explain why I am feeling challenged and describe ways to take action to overcome this.
6	Communities	Diversity in modern Britain – explain what diversity means in Britain today and how respecting people of different backgrounds makes our society fairer.

Attendance: This week, our attendance has been 96.29%. A positive increase in comparison to our first week back at school. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 2AM, and in Key Stage Two this was 3MT.

Class	NST	RAO	1EK	1FM	2AM	2AP	3MT	3RN
Attendance	94.65%	95.26%	94.80%	98.46%	100%	96.32%	98.64%	92.14%
Class	4MA	4MS	5DF	5MA	6GB	6VS	THBM	THIT
Attendance	96.92%	96.80%	96.55%	98.39%	95%	96.33%	100%	95%

JFK Superstars: A big congratulations to Myles A (1FM), who was the Star of the Week at his swimming lessons this week. A fantastic achievement!



In Monday's Key Stage 1 & 2 assemblies we will be celebrating the successes of children who take part in this weekend's Junior Great North Run. If your child takes part, please send them in with their medal on Monday morning, and email any photos you have to info@jfkprimary.co.uk and we will publish them in next week's Buzz.

Family HAF Event: During the summer, one of the Family HAF events needed to be cancelled due to poor weather. This event has been rearranged for tomorrow 11:00-2:00pm. This is a free event, with lots of activities and fun planned. The address for the event is Lambton Street Youth Centre, Sunderland, SR4 6XA.

Washington Carnival: Please see leaflet for details of the Washington Carnival which will be held next weekend.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



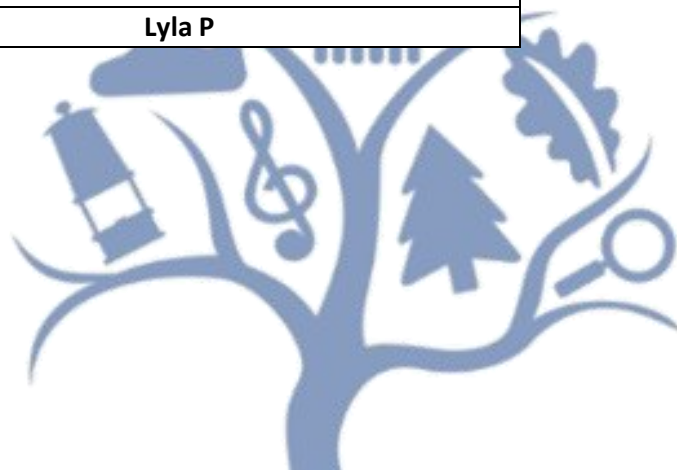


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Early Years	NST	Esmae M Archie H
	RAO	Elsie M Theo A
One	1EK	Alayna K Joshua C
	1FM	Henry R Jace S
Two	2AP	Hallie W Noah C
	2AM	Charlotte R Mason A
Three	3RN	Noah D Daisy C
	3MT	Ellie M Freda C
Four	4MA	Ayda D Reuben D
	4MS	Joshua R Talia K
Five	5DF	Sorch G Henry P
	5MA	Archie H Eleanor C
Six	6VS	Ava S Alfie W
	6GB	Daniel C Brooke M
Treehouse	THBM	Ronnie G
	THIT	Lyla P



Timetables

P.E. Lessons: This year we are asking for pupils wear their normal school uniform and bring their P.E. kit on the day of their lesson, where they will have time to get changed. Just to remind that the P.E. 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 is generally on the yard or field depending on the weather

Week Commencing: 14 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year Four - Swimming	Year One
Tuesday		Year Three THBM
Wednesday		Year Four
Thursday	THIT	Year Six
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 and Y5 pupils) - Swimming	Class 5MA – Swimming Class 5DF - P.E. Year 2 – P.E.

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.

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Friday	Year One	

