

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to everyone! I hope you all had a great Christmas and a good start to 2025. It's hard to believe this is the first Buzz of the year!

In assembly this week, I asked all pupils to think about a goal they want to achieve this term around work, attitude or behaviour. The children have settled very well into their learning – there has been a real buzz around lessons and work; they have also been incredibly polite and well-mannered around school, which has been lovely to see.

School Council: This week, members of the School Council met to discuss what outdoor equipment the money raised from July's colour run could be spent on. They will be taking these ideas back to their classes and we will be looking to order equipment later in the Spring term.

School Crossing: Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the lack of a school crossing patrol outside the main school. We will continue to work with Sunderland council to rectify this as soon as possible.

Parking Around School: Further to the leaflet we shared earlier in the week, we have still received feedback from parents/carers around the inconsiderate parking around the immediate school areas – particularly cars parking on footpaths. I must remind everyone of danger and inconvenience this poses to our families and members of the wider public. We have received reports of people struggling to get past cars with their pushchairs. I urge everyone to think carefully about their parking and ensure they utilise the dedicated lay-bys on Emerson Terrace, as well as the small car parks on Station Road or at The Westwood Club.

Year 6 Theatre Trip: We have been presented with a fantastic opportunity for year 6 to see the award-winning Broadway production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat next week. A letter was sent earlier this week regarding the trip. If you could pop onto the Payment Items section of ParentPay to give your consent before Wednesday.

Great Fire of London: On Thursday 15th January our school kitchen team are holding a promotional day with the theme of 'The Great Fire of London'. If your child does **not** have a school meal on a Thursday but would like to join in on this day, please complete the following form by Monday: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/QanSe1MxiD>

INSET Day: Just a polite reminder that school is closed to pupils on Monday 27th January due to staff training.

Attendance: This week our attendance is at 94.74%, and our running total since the start of the term is at 93.75%. Unfortunately, this is still significantly below the government attendance targets, as the expectation of all schools is to have attendance of 96%+. Starting from next week, the class with the highest attendance in key stage 1 and key stage 2 will be rewarded with an extra break time. The first classes to receive this will be 1AP & 4AF.



Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	87.65	93.00	96.00	98.46	95.42	93.60	94.62	96.67
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	97.33	99.23	96.30	95.20	96.69	93.46	94.81	92.50

House Points: The house with the most points on our first week back is Darwin.

Have a lovely weekend!

B.H. Adams

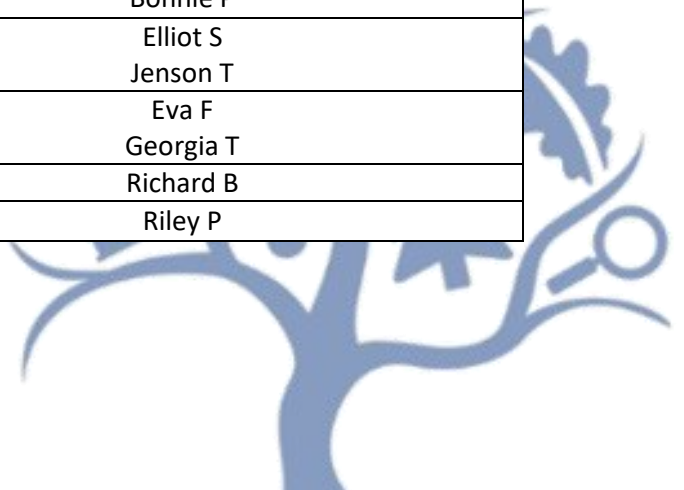


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	George R Jude P
	RAM	James B Max M
Reception	RES	Mason A Thomas S
	1AP	Rebecca S Frankie P
One	1MT	Chloe W Keith R
	2MA	Arthur S Robbie H
Two	2JW	Luna S Max F
	3DF	Rihannon F George H
Three	3GB	Harry F Harper G
	4AF	Brooke M Oliver R
Four	4BK	Sofia S Jason F
	5RN	Mohammed A Norah R
Five	5MA	Riley L Bonnie P
	6PP	Elliot S Jenson T
Six	6LM	Eva F Georgia T
	TLC	Richard B
Treehouse	TNP	Riley P



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: 13 th January		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 Year 4 (swimming)	Year 3
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	Year 6
Friday		5RN swimming 5MA PE

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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Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Reception
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		
Friday		1MT

