

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from our Chair of Governors: Hello everyone. It's been a very busy start to the school year and it's wonderful to see all of the Children settling back into school so well. I've had my usual monthly meetings with Mr Adams where we discuss Attendance, Behaviour, Staffing and Safeguarding. These meetings are always very productive and allow me to challenge Mr Adams on some key areas which help to drive the standards everyone expects of the school. I've also been interviewed by Clennell as part of the schools Safeguarding audit. I was grilled for over an hour! However, it's really reassuring to know Safeguarding is always one of the highest priorities in school. Attendance is also a key area I have a focus on and it's good to see attendance close to 96% on average this year – always room to improve but I know through the work the teachers are doing this is increasing which is great to see. I chaired the 2nd Governors meeting of the year with a big focus on OFSTED given the school are now in the window for an inspection and I will be focussing a lot of my attention on helping the school to prepare should a visit happen this year. We are also on the countdown to Christmas and I'm excited to attend several school activities planned. Finally, it's amazing to see Miss Sheriff settling so well into school – I was part of the recruitment panel who appointed Miss Sheriff and I know she will continue to be an asset to the school. As always if anyone needs to contact me, please reach out to me via my school email – andrew.charlton@jfkprimary.co.uk

Children In Need: Today we celebrated Children In Need, with a non-uniform day theme of 'show your spots'. We also received a visit from a V.I.P. – Pudsey himself! Pudsey visited children in Early Years & Key Stage 1 throughout the afternoon. If you would like to make a donation towards the Children In Need charity, please click on the following link: [Donation Link](#)

Attendance: Our attendance this week is 95.02%, which is a slight drop from last week, bringing our year-to-date to 95.32%. The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage One was 1ES, and in Key Stage Two was 5RN. They will both be rewarded with an extra break-time next week.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	98.65	96.15	94.07	96.00	94.74	94.07	94.76	93.85
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	94.35	94.19	94.33	96.67	98.97	92.80	91.92	96.00

Odd Sock Day: On Monday we celebrated the start of anti-bullying week with 'Odd Socks Day'. We also asked for donations of chocolates and bottles which will help support some of our stalls at the upcoming Christmas Fayre. Thank you from all the staff for the donations received so far.

Year 1 Police Visit: On Monday, our year 1 children had a special visit from a real-life police officer who came in to school to talk about what it's like to be a police officer. The children had the opportunity to try on the uniform and even handcuffed some of their friends! It was a really useful insight into a vital role in our community, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The visiting police officer also commented on how well behaved and polite the children were – a huge well done to them all!

Year 4 Theatre Trip: On Wednesday afternoon, Year Four went to the Sunderland Empire to watch a live production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. The children were captivated from the very beginning and it was wonderful to see their faces as familiar characters appeared on stage. They were amazed by the talent on stage and visual elements of the production - which featured the White Witch rising up into the air. After reading and writing about the story in English, Year Four were delighted to see the story acted out on the stage. It was wonderful to hear positive comments from members of the public and staff of the theatre as the children represented our school brilliantly from start to finish. Well done, Year Four!

World Nursery Rhyme Week: Our Early Years children and some of the Treehouse children have been celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. The children were very excited to vote for their favourite nursery rhyme to decide on a class song. The children have been very excited to participate in a range of activities throughout the week such as; baking, weaving and crafting. Please take a moment to watch the children using Makaton to sing their chosen nursery rhyme on our school Facebook page.

Year 4 Parents Information Session: On Tuesday 18th November, parents/carers of children in Year 4 are invited to attend an information session about the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. This is a statutory test that all Y4 children will sit in June 2026. This session will run from 3:30-4pm in our school hall.

Bike & Scooter Rack: Can I ask for all families to take care when removing their bikes/scooters from the rack on the yard. We have received feedback from some parents that bikes are picked up and then left on the ground rather than being returned into the rack. We would appreciate everyone's support in this to ensure no damage is caused to anyone's belongings.

School Football Team: On Thursday night, the school football team took part in their first fixtures of the Futsal league competition.

Their first scheduled game was supposed to be against Usworth, who did not turn up. Due to this, the team played two games against George Washington, one being a league game and the other being a friendly fixture.

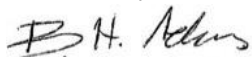
The league game started with JFK having the better of the chances. Early in the game, Jack R and Jude C were both denied by outstanding saves from the opposition keeper to keep the score level. George Washington did well to weather the storm, surviving chance after chance before capitalising on an error to put themselves 1-0 up. Moments later, the opposition doubled their lead with a well-placed shot finding the bottom corner of the goal. Joshua R made a number of fine saves to keep the score at 2-0 before Daniel C poked home a goal from a corner. George Washington defended well in the dying moments, the game ending 1-2 to our opponents.

The second game was a friendly against George Washington. Three quick fire goals saw George Washington take a strong 3-0 lead before Jude C saw his effort find the far corner of the goal. The game ended 3-1 to the opposition.

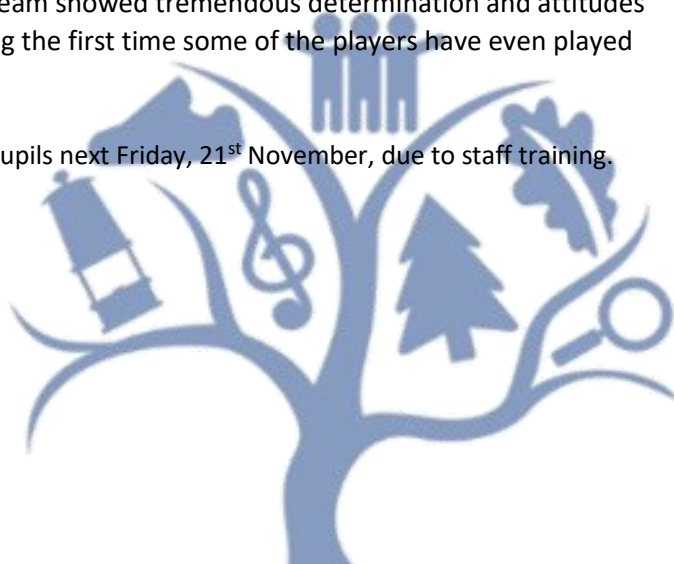
Despite the results not going the way that they wanted, the team showed tremendous determination and attitudes throughout to a new type of football and rules- with this being the first time some of the players have even played futsal. Well done to everyone who took part on the night!

INSET Day: Just a polite reminder that school will be closed to pupils next Friday, 21st November, due to staff training.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr B. Adams
Headteacher





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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Albie R Lilly B
	RAO	Yigit B Jude P
Reception	RST	Zac T Jessica F
	1ES	Eden G Asher S
One	1MT	Oakley F-G Hallie W
	2MA	Millie H Kyran C
Two	2MeA	Elliot A Kane C
	3GB	Isla O Freya D
Three	3AF	Rory S Alana R
	4BK	All of 4BK
Four	4MS	All of 4MS
	5DF	Pheobe A Olivia O
Five	5RN	Ronin S Oliver R
	6PP/LM	Tommy C Sophia H-H
Six	6VS	James B Shyla C
	THLC	Jack M
Treehouse	THIT	James C



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: 17 th November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 Year 4 Swimming	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday	Nursery	Year 4
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	School Closed	

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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