

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



27th March 2026

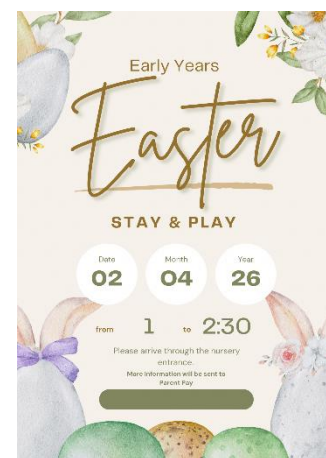
Dear Parents and Carers,

A slightly shorter week for the children this week, due to our INSET Day on Monday. During our training, we focused on our English curriculum and also looked at some of the geography curriculum in the afternoon. I look forward to this being shared with the children in our learning over the coming weeks and months.

Year 1 Parent Information Evening: A gentle reminder that we will be holding a parents' information session on Tuesday 21st April, starting at 4pm, focusing on the upcoming Phonics Screening Check (PSC), which all Year 1 children will soon be taking. During the session, we will explain what the check involves, what your child can expect, and how you can support them in the lead-up. A ParentPay message has been sent with further information.

Year 1 Learning Assembly: We are very much looking forward to welcoming the parents and carers of our Year 1 children next week for their learning assembly. The assembly will begin at 2pm on Thursday 2nd April. Please arrive at the main office by 1.45pm, where a member of our office staff will meet you and take you to the hall. The children are very excited to show off some of their work!

Early Years Easter Stay & Play: We're excited to welcome our nursery and reception families for our annual Early Years Easter Stay & Play. Please arrive at the nursery entrance where you will be greeted by a member of our E.Y. team to sign your child out. At the end of the session, children may leave with their grown up. Could you please let your child's class teacher know if you would like to take your child's sibling/siblings home, and we can organise this whilst you are enjoying the event.



World Earth Day: As part of our ongoing geography work, we will be celebrating World Earth Day in school on Friday 24th April. As part of this, we would like children to think about how they can care for the Earth and take simple actions to help protect it. Your child has been given a slip to bring home tonight – we would like each child to create something that shows what they have learned. We look forward to seeing some of the children's wonderful ideas and hope to see many of you busy crafting over the Easter holidays!

Attendance: Once again I am extremely pleased with this week's attendance, it's one of the highest figures we've seen this academic year - ending at 96.79%! This achievement has had a further positive impact on our year-to-date figure which is now 94.67%. 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	98.17	97.12	95.83	95.24	95.00	93.75	97.02	98.08
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	98.96	99.19	98.30	97.41	98.28	99.00	91.83	98.44

House Points: The winner of this week's house points was Franklin. Franklin are the overall winners of house points this term – and all Franklin house group members will enjoy a treat next week!

JFK Superstar: Isla O’N (3GB) received The North East Cheer Elephant this week for being a lovely friend & creating her own Cheer routine with her team. I know her parents are very proud of her – it’s a lovely achievement. Well done Isla!



Easter Competition: We will be holding our annual Easter competition on Tuesday 31st March. The pupils can design either a hard-boiled egg or an Easter bonnet at home, which should then be brought into school for judging on the day. Winners and prizes will be announced on Wednesday 1st April.

Easter Raffle: Tickets for our egg-cellent Easter hamper are now on sale via ParentPay, for £1.00. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 1st April – you’ve got to be in it, to win it



School Football Team: Last night, we played our qualifying round for the Columbia Cup with matches against local rivals, George Washington and St. Bedes.

Our opening game saw us taking on G.W., who started strong and took an early first half lead before Dane L cleared one superbly from underneath the crossbar. The team regrouped at half time, with what seemed a completely different team coming out; fighting from the start and winning every second ball, with Jack R and Miles M leading on that front. Excellent team work saw Daniel C win the ball high before slotting in an excellent finish. The team pushed for a winner but the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Our second game was a much better performance from the beginning. Pressure from Seth A and some excellent passing from Jacob L saw a through ball fine Jude C who scored with a great finish into the corner. We continued to push for a second with Joshua R and Joe E clearing anything that came towards our goal.

As the rest of the Columbia Cup results have not come through yet, we are not sure if we have progressed through to the final. Mr. Titmus will hopefully find out over the weekend.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



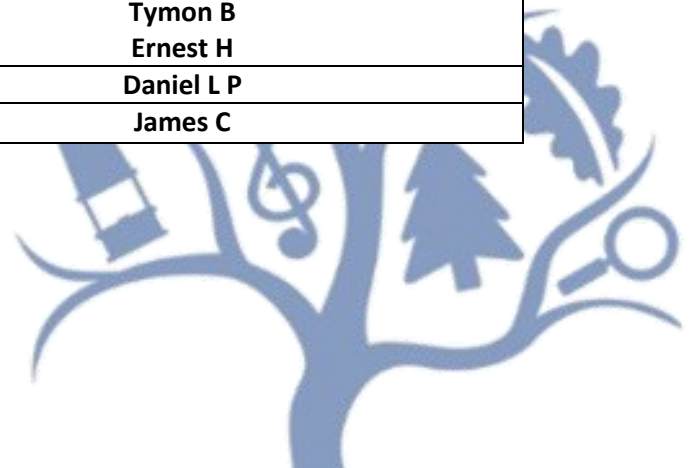


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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Solomon S Nolan L
Reception	RAO	Martha R Max H
	RST	Olivia M Aurora H
One	1ES	Kayla C Poppy N
	1MT	Alexander H Lola R
Two	2MA	Kayden B Klayton R
	2MeA	Albie L Emilia F
Three	3GB	Leon T-M Mia M
	3AF	Noah-James M Jude B
Four	4BK	Ethan M Dixie P
	4MS	Honey K Henry P
Five	5DF	Millie M Lily-Rose M
	5RN	Maisie C Maddison M
Six	6PP/LM	Lincoln P Rosie B
	6VS	Tymon B Ernest H
Treehouse	THBM	Daniel L P
	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: 30 th March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 Swimming Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse (THIT)	Treehouse (THBM)
Wednesday		
Thursday		Year 2
Friday		

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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Monday		
Tuesday	Year 3	Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		
Friday		



Wellbeing & Support

Healthy Heads Sessions: Please see details of upcoming support sessions from Healthy Heads which may be beneficial to some families:

Managing Difficult Behaviours For Parents/Carers
Join South Tyneside & Sunderland's Mental Health Support Teams to find out how to support your children and young people with challenging or difficult behaviour
Date: 24th March 2026
Time: 6 - 6:30pm

Join the Teams meeting here by scanning the QR code or clicking the link below:
[Click here to join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 311 699 501 934 5

Please note: For privacy and safeguarding reasons (in line with GDPR), we ask that parents/carers join as guests, keep microphones and cameras off, and do not use the chat function during the session.

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Topic	Date	Time
Introduction to Our Service	25th November 2025	6 - 6:30pm
Managing Worries and Anxieties	21st January 2026	6 - 6:30pm
Exam Stress	12th February 2026	6 - 6:30pm
Managing Difficult Behaviours	24th March 2026	6 - 6:30pm
Supporting Language & Communication in Young People	23rd April 2026	6 - 6:30pm
Introduction to Our Service	13th May 2026	6 - 6:30pm
School Transitions	25th June 2026	6 - 6:30pm
Anxious Returners	26th August 2026	6 - 6:30pm

helping and supporting you: The Healthy Minds and Healthy Heads Teams
Service provided by South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

HAF Programme: The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) - Wear Here 4 programme is a Department for Education funded programme delivered locally by Together for Children. It provides fun, enriching activities and tasty, nutritious meals during school holidays for children and young people across Sunderland.

Their Spring, Summer and Winter programmes give school-aged children the chance to enjoy a wide range of activities - from sports and dance to arts, crafts, outdoor fun and even science. There are also sessions focused on cooking skills and nutrition, helping families make healthy choices at home. It's a great way for young people to socialise, learn new skills and stay active.

To book a space:

They've introduced a new booking system to make it easier for families to secure places.

- Free activities are available for children aged 4-16 (or up to 25 with SEND) who live in Sunderland and receive benefit-related free school meals.
- Each eligible child can book up to 4 sessions in Spring, 16 sessions in Summer and 4 sessions in Winter.
- Healthy meals are included with every session.

View and book events: <https://eequ.org/collections/iframe/togetherforchildren>

