

# John F. Kennedy Primary School



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Primary School**

**Year Four  
Autumn One 2026**

## Class Novels

Matilda by Roald Dahl  
The Creakers by Tom Fletcher



## Weekly Notices

Swimming – Mondays (4MS 9:00 4MA 10:45)  
P.E. - Wednesday  
Spelling and Multiplication Homework - Given on Friday  
Spelling Test - Friday  
Multiplication Test - Friday

## Parents and Families

Staff Training Day – School Closed to Pupils – Monday 21 September 2026  
MacMillan Cake Sale -3pm (School Yard) - Friday 26 September 2026  
School Photos – Tempest Photographer in School (AM Only) - Tuesday 13 October 2026  
Parents' Evening - 3.30pm – 6pm - Monday 19 October 2026  
Parents' Evening - 3.30pm – 6pm - Wednesday 21 October 2026  
School Closes for October Half Term - Friday 23 October 2026  
School Returns for Autumn Two Term - Monday 2 November 2026

## Wider Curriculum

Harvest Church Service – Thursday 15 October 2026  
Scarecrow and Pumpkin Trail – 3.30pm - Thursday 22 October 2026

## English

- Narratives
- Recount
- Explanation Texts

### English Key Skills

- Use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech
- Fronted adverbials
- Using a range of conjunctions
- Using paragraphs

## Maths

### Number and Place Value

- Recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones)
- Order and compare numbers beyond 1000
- Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- Count backwards through 0 to include negative numbers

### Addition and Subtraction

- Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition where appropriate
- Solve addition and subtraction two-step problems in contexts

### Multiplication and Division

- Use place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying and dividing by 0 and 1
- Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout

### Maths Key Skills

- Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000
- Recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to  $12 \times 12$
- Read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C) and know that over time, the numeral system changed to include the concept of 0 and place value

## Science

### Animals, Including Humans

In this unit, we will learn about our bodies and the journey of food. Starting off with our teeth and their functions, we will explore tooth decay and then move onto how food is broken down through the digestive system.

## History

### The Anglo Saxons

Through historical questioning, the children will discover what life was like in Anglo-Saxon Britain. They will uncover the journey taken by the settlers and by exploring a range of sources, the children will learn about Anglo-Saxon law, settlements and how they chose to split England into several Kingdoms.

## Computing

### Computing Systems and Networks

Children will apply their knowledge and understanding of networks, to appreciate the internet as a network of networks which need to be kept secure. They will learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet and will be given opportunities to explore the World Wide Web for themselves in order to learn about who owns content and what they can access, add, and create.

## Art and Design

### Frank Gehry

In this topic, children will explore and investigate the great architect, Frank Gehry. They will consider his approach to designing a building and what makes him unique by analysing his use of shape and material. They will discuss how his buildings do not fit societal norms and consider why this might be.

## Music

### ABBA

As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose the well-known song Mamma Mia, children will listen to and appraise other popular music created by the famous pop band, ABBA.

## P.E.

### Hockey

In this PE hockey unit, children will learn the basic skills players need to play hockey. Children will establish an understanding of the rules of hockey and how to play the game safely and successfully. The children will recognise and practise how to pass, receive and travel with the ball as well as tackle and shoot.