

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

New Addition: Hello everyone, my name is Miss Sheriff and I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Assistant Headteacher here at John F. Kennedy Primary School. I have already received such a warm and friendly welcome from both staff and pupils, and I'm really looking forward to getting to know our families and working closely with the whole school community in the months and years ahead.

Currently, I am teaching in Year 6, and alongside my class teaching role, I will also be leading Key Stage 2 and maths across the school. I've been working in education for the past 11 years, and this is my second role as Assistant Headteacher—something I feel very proud and excited about.

As part of my responsibilities, I will also be overseeing attendance and safeguarding, two areas I am especially passionate about. Most importantly, I aim to be a visible and approachable presence around school, so please do stop me for a chat if you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to say hello!

I'm really looking forward to the journey ahead and to working together to continue providing the very best opportunities and experiences for our children.

School Council: This week, all pupils took part in the JFK School Council elections. Our brilliant year 6 representatives read out their speeches in assembly on Wednesday before the big vote yesterday. After the voting closed, our year 5 councillors counted up all votes. It is a pleasure to announce the Chair of the School Council 2025-26 is Bella P (6VS). On Monday, she will decide on the roles for her School Council cabinet and is looking forward to getting started in her new role! Well done to all of the year 6's, who were very brave presenting in front of a large audience and showed fantastic attitudes throughout.

Macmillan Cake Sale: Thank you again for all cake donations received last Friday, for our cake sale in honour of Macmillan. I know many of the children enjoyed the tasty treats! We raised an amazing £410.76, thanks to your generosity. This will be donated to Macmillan on behalf of the school.

Superheroes Promotional Day: Yesterday our school kitchen team served a special menu, which I know many of our children enjoyed – including those who would normally have a packed lunch. I would like to thank our kitchen staff for their services yesterday, and well done to each year group winner of the cupcakes (their entries will be placed into the wider Sunderland draw to hopefully win one of the prizes). If your child would like to move from packed lunches to school meals moving forward, please contact the school office to arrange this change.

Sunderland Flag Bearer: Thank you to everyone who entered our prize draw to be a flag bearer at the Sunderland v Wolves match on Saturday 18th October. Our lucky winner, drawn at random, is Thomas B from year 6. Well done Thomas and we look forward to catching a glimpse of you on the television!

Year 1 Home Reading: Last week, all parents and carers were emailed out an invitation to join our new reading platform, where they can log and record their child's weekly reading. It has been lovely hearing from the year 1 staff about how much they've enjoyed reading your parent comments and seeing all the wonderful pictures and videos of your children reading! I encourage you to continue using the platform to support our school's aim of promoting reading for pleasure. If you have not received login information, or have any questions about the platform, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the year 1 team on the door.

Parents' Evening: Just a reminder to complete one of the following forms to request an appointment for parents' evening: [Nursery to Year 6](#) or [Treehouse](#)

Attendance: Our attendance this week is 95.38% and our year to date is also 95.38%, which is just below the government target of 96% but our weekly attendance has certainly moved in the right direction this week. The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage one was 2MeA, and in Key Stage Two was 4BK.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3GB
Attendance	96.49	97.12	96.76	91.25	94.74	91.35	98.81	97.85
Class	3AF	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	93.27	98.28	92.50	98.21	95.09	92.00	97.00	95.50

JFK Superstars: Following the visit from Ray Lonsdale on Friday, Max F (3GB) and his cousins to see 'Tommy Lad'. Max was able to tell his cousins all about the sculpture and what it was made from and how he was designed. They talked about the poem and posed for some pictures before playing on the beach and having an ice cream. A lovely update to share – thank you Max!



Poppy H and Leo H (5DF) were both graded at Kickboxing at the weekend and have now achieved their Yellow belt. Amazing progress both of you, well done!

Harvest Festival: Many children from school will be taking part in our annual Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 16th October. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate parents and carers at this event due to the number of children who will be attending. We are asking for any donations of tins, packets, and non-perishable foods, which families can make, to be handed into school by Wednesday 15th October. This will then be taken to the Washington Food Bank for families in need of support.

School Football Team: On Thursday, the school football team continued their league campaign with fixtures against Wessington and St Josephs.

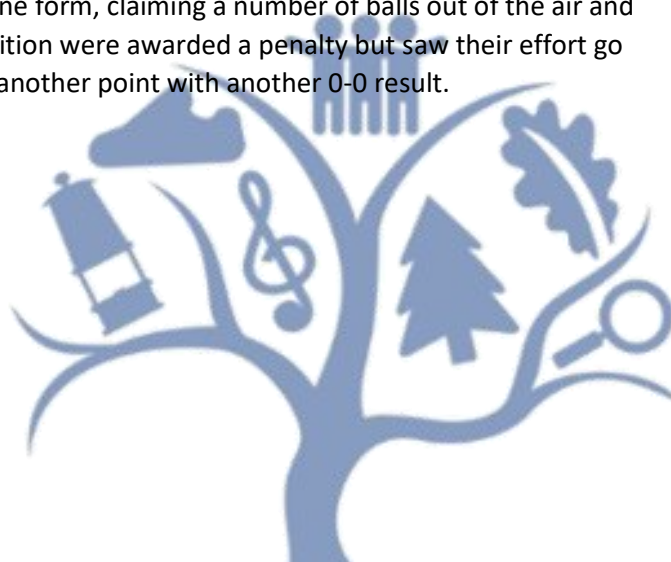
The first game saw JFK take on Wessington. This was a very tight fixture with both teams showing attacking threat. Wessington had the better of the chances in the first half - hitting the crossbar three times. Daniel C had the best chance in the second half, forcing a good save out of the goalkeeper. Both teams were unable to break the deadlock with the game finishing 0-0.

The second game saw an outstanding performance from Joshua R in goal. In the first half, Joshua was required to tip the ball over the crossbar to keep the scores level. Jack R and Calvin S were brilliant in midfield at winning the ball to disrupt St Josephs attacking phases. Joshua R continued his fine form, claiming a number of balls out of the air and making a number of saves. Late in the second half, the opposition were awarded a penalty but saw their effort go wide of the post. JFK defended well throughout and secured another point with another 0-0 result.

Well done to everyone who played.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



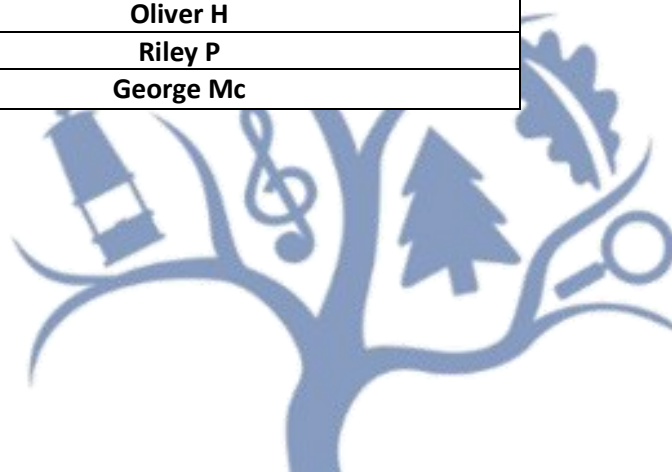


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Theo A Astryd L
Reception	RAO	Ella C Jude C
	RST	Dre A Sienna T
One	1ES	Mylaa C Beau H
	1MT	Reggie J Mila H
Two	2MA	Alex S Clara T
	2MeA	Keith R Hannah H
Three	3GB	Isla L Teddy M
	3AF	Derrick A Georgina H
Four	4BK	Daniel W Charlotte T
	4MS	Irada E Honey D
Five	5DF	Ada G Carson S
	5RN	Joe E Brooke M
Six	6PP/LM	Jack B Niamh C
	6VS	Sophia H Oliver H
Treehouse	THLC	Riley P
	THIT	George Mc



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: 6 th October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday	<i>Reception will not be doing PE this week as we have a special visitor.</i>	Year 4
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 & Y5 pupils) – Swimming	5DF– P.E. 5RN – Swimming Year 6

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.

Week Commencing: 6 th October		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Reception
Tuesday	3AF	
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday	1MT	
Friday		2MA (Miss Anderson's class)

