

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



20th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evenings: Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the parent evenings this week. I hope you were all impressed with the work in your child's book and the positive comments shared by the teacher. I know I am always proud of everything your children achieve.

Matilda: On Wednesday our year 5 pupils visited Sunderland Empire to see Matilda as part of their English curriculum. They were a real credit to our school during their visit – their behaviour was excellent. Both the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the show- I've heard a particular highlight was the iconic "pigtail hammer throw". It was a fantastic experience for all involved.



National Careers Week: We will be celebrating National Careers Week in school during the first week back after half term. We have lots of visitors coming into school to talk to the children about their jobs and the careers they have chosen. We hope this will help the children see a wide range of different careers, spark their curiosity, and encourage them to think about what they might like to do in the future. A big thank you to the parents and carers who have already volunteered to take part — we really appreciate your support. If anyone else would like to get involved, it's not too late. Please speak to your child's class teacher for more information.

World Book Day: This year, we will celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 6th March**. Linking with our work around National Careers Week, the theme is 'Little People, Big Dreams' and as a school, we will be reading about a range of interesting people and their careers. Children will be invited to dress up in an outfit that reflects that they would like to be when they grow up. We are looking forward to seeing what the children will choose!

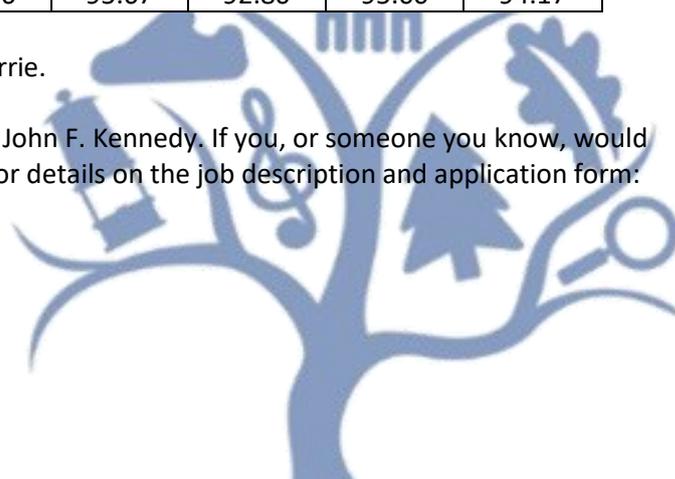
Attendance: This week's attendance is 94.29, a slight drop from last week. Our year-to -date figure is 94.54%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 2MeA, and in Key Stage Two this was 5DF.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	93.94	93.99	99.26	90.00	88.50	97.78	99.52	91.92
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	93.48	92.90	91.16	95.86	95.67	92.80	95.00	94.17

House Points: The winner of this week's house points was Currie.

Job Vacancy: We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant at John F. Kennedy. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in this position please visit our school website for details on the job description and application form:

<https://jfkprimary.co.uk/our-school/our-vacancies/>



JFK Superstar: Poppy H (5DF) recently graded for her Orange belt at Kickboxing. An amazing achievement Poppy – well done!



Evelyn M (4MS) won first and division champions with her cheer team Charm (North East Cheer) at the weekend and she is so proud!

School Football Team: On Thursday, the girl's football team completed their final round of fixtures in their Futsal campaign, taking on Usworth and Rickleton. These were two tricky games against very good opposition, which saw the team suffer two defeats. Despite the results, the girls all showed fantastic attitude and determination throughout. It was wonderful seeing the girls enjoy the opportunity to take part in Futsal, with it being the first experience of the format for some of the team. Teachers from other schools also commented on the attitudes and how well the team have represented our school over recent weeks. For taking part in the Futsal league, the girls all received medals which they were very proud to show off.



Healthy Heads Parent Support: We have recently started working with Healthy Heads – a mental health support team who work with schools in the Sunderland area. They have an upcoming session on Anxiety which will be held in school on Wednesday 11th March at 9:00am. An email was sent on Tuesday with more information. If you are interested in coming along, please complete this form so we can plan accordingly for the number of parents attending: [Healthy Heads - Anxiety Parent Support – Fill out form](#)

Choice Wellbeing: During the easter holidays, Choice Wellbeing Service are holding a SEND Family Fun Day at the Beacon of Light. There is no need to book – and you can stay as long, or as little, as you want. Please see poster for more information:

Have a lovely half-term holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd March.

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher

Rainbow Guide Live!

SEND Family Fun Day for all the family!

Sports Activities · Circus activities · Face Painter · Glitter Tattoos · Dancing · Under the sea Sensory space · Farm animals · Small lap animals · Bouncy Castles · Story Time · Fire engines · Activities · Information Stalls · Fun Stalls · Carnival Hair Braids · And Much More!

No need to book, stay all day or drop in and out!

When: 16th April 2026
Where: Beacon of Light Sunderland
Time: 10am - 2pm

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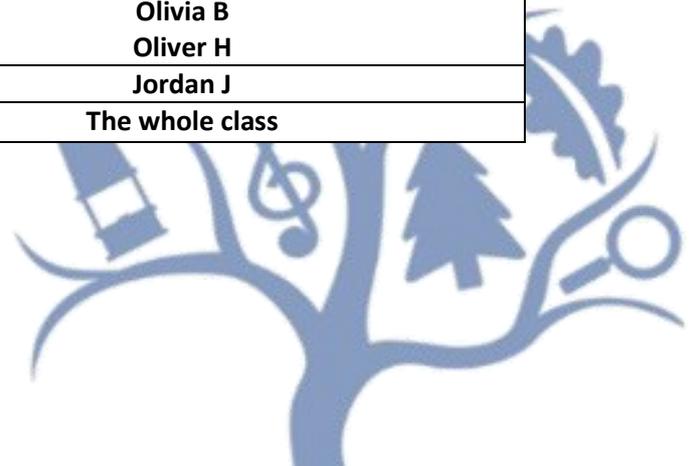


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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Isabelle A Eliza R
Reception	RAO	Arthur R Thomas H
	RST	Billie D Finley H
One	1ES	Beau H Asher S
	1MT	Lochlan M Chesca H
Two	2MA	Darcie-Mai G Rebecca S
	2MeA	Bella P Chloe W
Three	3GB	Joshua R Isla L
	3AF	Imogen H Reuben D
Four	4BK	Daniel W Poppy L
	4MS	Harper G Neve W
Five	5DF	Ada G Charlie B
	5RN	Lara A M Eva G
Six	6PP/LM	Jude C Olivia S
	6VS	Olivia B Oliver H
Treehouse	THBM/CG	Jordan J
	THIT	The whole class



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: 2 nd March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 – Swimming Year 1	
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 & Y5 pupils) – Swimming Reception	5RN – Swimming 5DF – P.E. 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: 2 nd March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Year Three	RAO & RST
Wednesday		
Thursday		Nursery
Friday	Nursery	

