

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week in school, with lots being achieved to support our wider curriculum offer to pupils.

National T.A. Day: Today we would like to recognise and celebrate National Teaching Assistants' Day and take this opportunity to thank all our fantastic Teaching Assistants for the incredible contribution they make to our school every day. Our Teaching Assistants play a vital role in supporting pupils' learning, wellbeing and personal development. Whether working with individuals, supporting small groups, helping to create engaging learning environments, or providing care and encouragement throughout the school day, their dedication, patience and expertise have a positive impact on all our children. We are extremely grateful for their hard work, commitment and the genuine care they show to our pupils and families. Thank you to all our amazing Teaching Assistants for everything you do to help our children thrive and achieve their very best.

Staff Updates: It is always sad when I must share that a member of the JFK team is moving onto new adventures. Mrs Mackintosh, who has been an excellent Office manager, for several years is now spreading her wings and working at three other schools within Oak Learning Trust: Columbia Grange, Springwell Village and Riverside Primary School. I would like to thank her for everything she has done for the school during her time at JFK, and she will be missed. Her position has already been filled and has led to Mrs Watson becoming our new Office Manager alongside Mrs Harrison, who will now be working full time at John F Kennedy.

Year One Artist Visit: On Wednesday, Year One enjoyed a fantastic visit from land artist James Brunt, who worked with the children to create a beautiful piece of natural artwork. The pupils were enthusiastic, creative and exceptionally well behaved throughout the day, representing our school brilliantly. It was wonderful to welcome parents to see the children's final creation, and we hope everyone enjoyed celebrating the children's hard work and teamwork.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thank you to everyone who donned their apron and created some delicious cakes for our Macmillan bake sale this morning. We hope lots of you were able to enjoy a sweet treat! We raised £267.54 for Macmillan Cancer Support – a charity very close the hearts of the John F Kennedy School family.

Year Six School Council Elections: This week, Mr Thompson organised an election for pupils across the school to vote on the Year 6 School Council members, to help decide who would be chosen for the various official roles. This was started on Tuesday, with the 4 candidates each speaking during assemblies, before campaigning throughout the week. This culminated with votes being cast in the main hall on Thursday. I am pleased to announce that through the democratic process, Millie M was appointed the leader of the school council, with Daniel C the deputy leader. A huge congratulations to both, who will take up their role imminently. A massive well done to Emilia H and Alfie W for their excellent speeches, and for taking part in the election process. They will both complete our school council team, who will meet over the coming weeks to discuss their vision for the year and set out their priorities for the remainder of this term.

School Yard: Can I please remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on the school yard when you are dropping off or picking up your child. This is to ensure that safeguarding procedures are being followed.

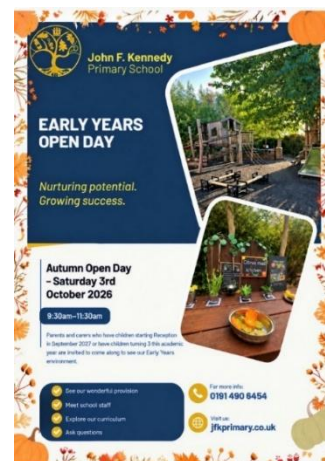
Year Six Parent Information Meeting: Thank you to the parents/carers, who were able to make the information meeting last night. We hope you found the session useful. For anyone who was unable to make this, the information will be shared via ParentPay email.



School Meal Promotional Day: On Thursday, 1st October, our school catering team are holding a special promotional meal deal with the theme of "Keep Fit". If your child does not normally have a school meal on a Thursday, but would like to take part in this delicious menu please complete the following form by Monday 28th September: [School Meal Promotional Day - Thursday 1st October – Fill out form](#)

Eary Years Open Day: Next Saturday, 3rd October, we will be holding an open morning for potential reception 2027 children and nursery children turning 3yr old this year. If you have any family or friends who are interested in our provisions, please spread the word about this event.

Attendance: This week, our attendance has been 94.92%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 2AP, and in Key Stage Two this was 3MT. Congratulations 3MT, as this is the 2nd week in a row you have had the highest attendance! Keep up the good work!



Class	NST	RAO	1EK	1FM	2AM	2AP	3MT	3RN
Attendance	92.97%	93.42%	93.62%	96.15%	96.25%	98.68%	100%	96.30%
Class	4MA	4MS	5DF	5MA	6GB	6VS	THBM	THIT
Attendance	98.56%	95%	87.93%	95.16%	91.96%	96.58%	85.42%	97.92%

School Football Team: Last night, the school team began their league campaign with fixtures against George Washington and Fatfield. There was some amazing football played by all the teams and the weather matched the occasion.

Our opening game saw us come up against Autumn Cup runners up Fatfield, who knocked us out of the cup last week. This was a great game with chances galore, especially from J.F.K. But some inspired goalkeeping kept it level. Not to be outdone, Joshua R pulled off some excellent saves of his own before we finally took a deserved 1-0 lead with a lovely calm finish from Jack R. The game ending 1-0 to us.

Our second game was against local rival George Washington. This was another game marked by excellent goalkeeping from both teams again. Joshua pulling off two top saves from free kicks. The team played some brilliant football but again the opposition keeper continued to thwart until Jack R was able to play a wonderful ball across the box for Daniel C to bury from the back post.

A shout out must go to the team for a great start, Joshua R, Joe E, Jack R, Seth A and Dan C as well as our debutants, Carson S, Ollie F, Brooke M and Henry P.

Our Girls' team begin their league season next week and the school team continue with both teams playing at home.

A big thanks to Mr. Turner who spent this week fitting the goals and ensuring the nets were up and ready to go for the games too.

Free School Meals: Could your child now be eligible for Free School Meals? From this this month, families who receive Universal Credit can now apply for Free School Meals for their child, regardless of household income. If your child already receives Free School Meals, you don't need to do anything. If you haven't already applied, we encourage you to log onto the following website as soon as possible to find out if you're eligible: <https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/free-school-meals>

Have a lovely weekend.

B. H. Adams

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher

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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Early Years	NST	Rosie L Raya B
	RAO	Charlie M
One	1EK	Robyn R
	1FM	Olivia M Dre A
Two	2AP	Lola R Grayson A
	2AM	Harrison M Oakley C
Three	3RN	Darcie – Mai G Kayden B
	3MT	Aurora R Hannah H
Four	4MA	Imogen H Mason R
	4MS	Freya D Isla L
Five	5DF	Honey K Irada E
	5MA	Rihannon F Thea W
Six	6VS	Carson S Sofia S
	6GB	Lexi K Sophie H
Treehouse	THBM	Lily A-M
	THIT	Georgia P



Timetables

P.E. Lessons: This year we are asking for pupils wear their normal school uniform and bring their P.E. kit on the day of their lesson, where they will have time to get changed. Just to remind that the P.E. kit should be a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or black jogging bottoms/ leggings and trainers. A jumper can also be worn. At this time of year, PE is generally on the yard or field depending on the weather

Week Commencing: 28 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year Four - Swimming	Year One
Tuesday		Year Three THBM
Wednesday		Year Four
Thursday	THIT	Year Six
Friday		Class 5MA – P.E. Class 5DF - P.E. Year 2 – P.E.

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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Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		
Friday		E.Y.F.S

*There will be no swimming on Friday for Treehouse or Year 5

