

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week in terms of weather. Fingers crossed that summer might finally have arrived!

Summer Safety: Just a polite reminder that all children should come to school with a water bottle, filled only with water, to keep them hydrated throughout the day. We also ask that sunscreen is applied to you child each, and where needed send in a sun-hat on sunny days. Also, if your child suffers from hayfever please ensure medication, where necessary, is administered before they come to school. We've all been enjoying more time outdoors lately, but we also want to ensure the children are as comfortable as possible.

Yard Safety: Just a polite reminder that children, and adults, should not ride on bikes or scooters during drop off and collection time. The yard is extremely busy during these periods, and riding on equipment poses a risk for injury to all on the yard. From Monday, may I also ask that children, who arrive to school prior to the official opening of the gates, do not play football on the reception/Treehouse yard as there have been a couple of incidents this week where the football has hit other children in the vicinity, almost causing injuries.

Nissan Skills Foundation: On Monday and Tuesday, year 6 visited Nissan for a day of coding. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time there where they were able to develop their S.T.E.M. skills. They learned how to program small robots and through fun challenges, they developed their coding, engineering, teamwork and problem-solving skills, while gaining inspiration for future careers in technology and manufacturing. A highlight of the day was trying to create a sequence to manoeuvre the robots in a series of assault courses! It was a wonderful day and our pupils impressed the Nissan staff with their understanding of coding from their computing lessons in school this year.

Year 4 Multiplication Check: Huge congratulations to those children who have completed their times table check over the last two weeks. Not one of the children were panicked by the timed test on the laptop and they all gave their very best to correctly answer the 25 questions. I'm so proud of their effort to become fluent with all of their tables.

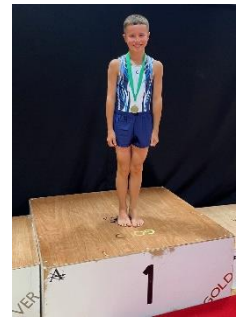
The Wizard of Oz: All parts have been cast, and rehearsals are now in full swing as year 6 prepare for the end of year show. I always love this time of year as I enjoy working in my office and hearing the wonderful singing drifting from the classrooms. For any family and friends hoping to come over the rainbow with the children, please keep your eyes peeled for the release of tickets for the two shows on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July.

York Residential: Last night, Miss Atkinson and Miss Newsome held a parent information meeting for the year 5 York residential which is taking place next month. The information shared will be sent to parents/carers for those unable to make it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Attendance: This week our attendance is 91.51%, and our running total since the start of the year has dropped to 93.55% The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage 1 was 2JW, and in Key Stage Two was 6PP.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	86.45	87.14	86.00	93.46	93.04	95.42	91.54	93.21
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	92.33	98.85	92.50	86.00	87.46	91.15	98.93	94.17

JFK Superstars: Alfie Y (5MA) competed in a gymnastics competition last Saturday, at the Athena in Newton Aycliffe, and placed first for his category! An amazing achievement Alfie – well done!



Summer Fayre: In preparation for our upcoming Summer Fayre (on Wednesday 9th July), we are looking for donations of books in excellent condition along with tombola prizes. If you are able to donate any, please hand them in to your child's class teacher or the school office by Friday 4th July.

We're also look for donations of home-baked, or shop-bought cakes to sell on our stall on the day. If you are able to contribute, please could these be handed in to your child's call teacher, or the school office on the morning of the Summer Fayre (9th July).

St Mary's Lighthouse: Next Thursday our pupils from year 2 will be visiting St Mary's Lighthouse. If you haven't already done so, please provide your permission for them to attend this visit. If you have any questions about this trip, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Reminder: Just to remind everyone that school is closed to pupils on Monday 30th June for a teacher training day.

Have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'B. H. Adams'.

Mr B. Adams - Head of School



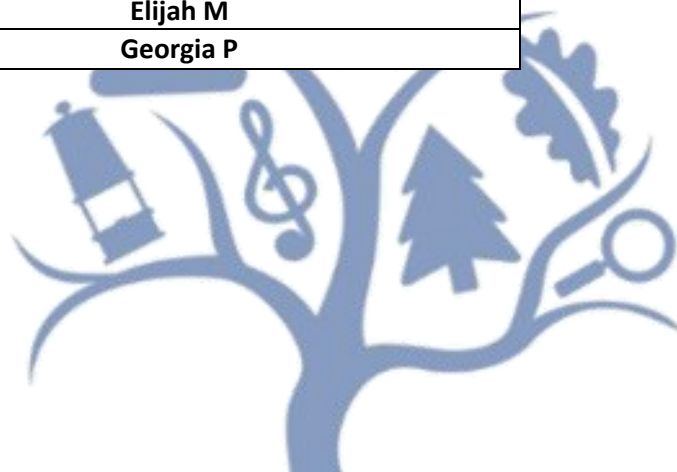


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Codey L Ivy P
Reception	RAM	Jaxon L Harlow M
	RES	Mylaa C Noah C
One	1AP	Ivy D Isabella M
	1MT	Junior S Freda C
Two	2MA	Rory S Tallulah T
	2JW	Emily C Sylvia H-F
Three	3DF	Daniel W Jorgie T
	3GB	Harrison G Henry P
Four	4AF	Maisie C Ollie F
	4BK	Leo H Isla Y
Five	5RN	Tommy C Jack B
	5MA	Rosie C Sophia H
Six	6PP	Lucas S Adam W
	6LM	Evan Mc Lilly-Rose M
Treehouse	TLC	Elijah M
	TNP	Georgia P



Timetables

PE Lessons: This year we are asking for pupils wear their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit on the day of their lesson, where they will have time to get changed. Just to remind that the PE 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. At this time of year, PE is generally on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing: 23 rd June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 Year 4 (swimming)	Year 3 Year 6
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	Year 5 Year 6
Friday		5RN – Swimming

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	Nursery	Year 5
Tuesday	Year 3	
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		Nursery
Friday	Nursery	1AP

