

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Even though we are getting close to the end of term, there has still been lots going on at J.F.K. this week.

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Y5 & Y6 Sports Day: Year 5 and 6 had a brilliant Sports Day on Monday afternoon! Everyone worked so hard and cheered loudly for their teammates. We also had some great parent races at the end! Well done everyone.

Sunderland Sings: On Tuesday, year 5 had a fantastic afternoon taking part in Sunderland Sings 2026. This year's theme was Music Cities. 1500 children from the Sunderland area joined together to become star vocalists, singing along to the songs that they have been practising at school. The children represented our school brilliantly - well done year 5.

Music Concert: On Wednesday, several of our brass and guitar musicians from Key Stage 2 performed in their Summer Music Concert. It was an amazing morning with performances of latest pop hits, as well as some summer classics. The standard of the playing gets better every year and as a school, we are so proud of all our young players.

Reception Grad Fest: We can't wait to celebrate at our reception at our Grad Fest in Reception next Friday 17th July, 1:30–3:00pm, where our reception children will celebrate graduating from JFK Early Years with a magical festival in the forest. Children are welcome to come dressed in party or festival clothes, but please ensure outfits are long-sleeved and full-length to keep them safe for forest school fun. Can all parents/carers please complete the attendance survey so we can plan for the day—children without confirmed attendance will enjoy a celebration in the reception outdoor area with a member of our team. We can't wait to end a fantastic year with your wonderful children.



Colour Run Sponsorship Winners: Thank you to everyone who handed in their sponsorship money – I'm pleased to confirm we have raised **£5,784**. This money will go towards enhancing our outdoor provisions for children throughout the school.

Well done to our winners from the draw:

- Maisie C (5RN) – winning an Echo Dot, art bundle and sweets
- Louie H (RAO) & Archie H (NAM) – winning a scooter, art bundle and sweets
- Orla G (3GB) - winning a football, bubbles, art bundle and sweets



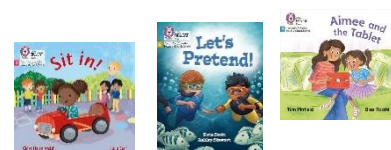
Tales on the Tyne: Next week, our Peter Rabbit sculpture, Unity, will take pride of place on display somewhere in the Newcastle and North Tyneside area as part of a special community art trail. We can't wait to discover where he will be found!

Presented by St Oswald's Hospice, the trail runs from 15 July to 14 September 2026. To follow Unity's journey and get a behind-the-scenes look at his creation, be sure to visit our Facebook page, where we'll be sharing updates and insights into the creative process.

Attendance: Our attendance for this week has been 93.50%. This brings our year-to-date figure to 94.18%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was **1MT & 2MeA**, and in Key Stage Two this was **5DF**.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	85.00	98.40	97.41	98.00	99.50	96.67	99.50	94.23
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	88.80	94.52	92.33	96.55	93.57	83.08	87.60	93.75

Reception and KS1 Home Reading Books: Home reading books will not be sent home now for the remainder of this academic year. This will allow us to check our stock of books and reorganise them ready for September. If you have not yet returned either your child's Little Wandle book or their reading for pleasure book, could you please hand it in to their teacher by the end of next week.



Summer Fayre: Thank you to everyone who attended our Summer Fayre on Wednesday – it was certainly a hot one! The atmosphere and buzz on the yard and field were amazing. It was also lovely to see so many community stalls from local businesses. We've had some great feedback on the event. I am pleased to say we raised **£1,408.95** for resources within school.

We are excited to announce the winners from our raffle and other games:

- Guess The Sweets - Poppy N (1ES) with the exact number of 103
- Name The Panda - Isaac D (2MA) with the name Rocky
- Lucky Bucket -Thomas B (6PP/LM) winning £22.00

Raffle Prizes: (Well done to all our lucky winners. Prizes can be collected from the school office)

A huge thank you must go to all the amazing local businesses who have donated towards the raffle – I think this has been our best one yet!

Prize	Winner	Prize	Winner
Luxury Hamper	Lily S (Treehouse)	Lucky House Chinese £20.00 Voucher	Travis H (4BK)
Tea & Cake with Mr. Adams & Staff Member (of winner's choice!)	Poppy L (4BK)	Lucky House Chinese £20.00 Voucher	Teejay Mc (local resident)
Ruby Nails £10.00 Voucher	George Mc (Treehouse)	Nanny's Little Bakeshed £15.00 Voucher	Aida S (1ES)
Ollive Wellness £10.00 Voucher	Dylan (local resident)	Nanny's Little Bakeshed £15.00 Voucher	Harry W (4BK)
Ironed Out £30.00 Voucher	Dominic W (RAO)	Art Venturers Build-A-Cuddly Kit	Dominic W (RAO)
Shaft Hairdressers £15.00 Voucher	Debbie L (local resident)	The Courtyard £10.00 Voucher	Ronin S (5RN)
Shindigz Flower Balloon Bouquet Voucher	Lily Mc (RAO)	Bottle of Whiskey	Isaac D (2MA)
Floral Wine Bouquet	Greia T (5RN)	Hendricks Summer Solstice Gin	Dominic W (RAO)
Nail Luxe Wrekenton £30.00 Voucher	Riley & Junior S (RST)	M&S Rhubarb Gin Liqueur	Ayesha B (3AF)
The Midas Touch Massage Voucher	Ayesha B (3AF)	NiKells Beauty £10.00 Voucher	Imogen B (2MA)
Toukon Martial Arts One Month Pass	Harry M (3GB)	DT Fitness 5hrs Personal Training Sessio	Mia W (6PP/LM)
Casa Rosa 12" Pizza Voucher	Henry R (RST)	Sienna House of Beauty Voucher	S Laidler (local resident)
Casa Rosa 12" Pizza Voucher	Louie H (4BK)	LKM Beauty 'Brows & Lashes' Voucher	Harrison F (2MeA)
Cross Keys £30.00 Voucher	Ayesha B (3AF)	Beamish Museum Vouchers	Henry R (RST)
Mini Karaoke Machine	Isaac D (2MA)	Sweet Occasions 1kg Sweet Pouch	Reuben D (3AF)
Aura Ink £30.00 Voucher	Susan (local resident)	Polished Hair & Beauty Voucher	Mia W (6PP/LM)
Aura Ink £30.00 Voucher	Nathan B (2MeA)	Sweet Dreams Red Velvet Tower Cake	Emily-May M (6PP/LM)
Clip & Climb £10.00 Voucher	Riley L (6VS)	Prosecco	Talia K (3AF)
Clip & Climb £10.00 Voucher	Alana R (3AF)	Prosecco	Thomas H (5RN)

JFK Superstars: Ava Stephenson (5DF) and Brooke Moon (5RN) with the U10 Washington Athletic Wolves have just won another football tournament on Saturday 4th July. 10 teams in total; the Wolves played 6 games, scored 12 goals and only conceded 1 throughout all games! Special mention to Brooke as well as she has been picked for Newcastle academy after a trial for the second year running!

Chesca H (1MT) won gymnastic of the month recently. Here she is pictured with her sparkly trophy! Well done!



School Football Team Trials: On Monday afternoon, we will be holding trials for the school football team 2026/27. All children from our current year 4 and year 5 classes are welcome to try out. They will need to bring comfortable sports clothing to change into and a pair of trainers.

HAF and Football Camp: There is 2 weeks till the start of the Summer Football Camps to take place at the Washington Football Hub over the Summer Holidays. To book your child's space please use this link: <https://www.washingtonafc.com/summer-football-camp/>. The Club also have Free Spaces with the support of Sunderland City Council. Any children receiving free school meals/ SEN/ struggling with cost of living can apply for their free spaces using the link above. The Football Camps focus is on the players, introducing and developing ball mastery skills to develop The Technical Balance Player to be comfortable with both feet on the ball. The sessions are designed to be challenging to keep the players engaged, focused and motivated. This is open for any children to attend from outside of Washington FC.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

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Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



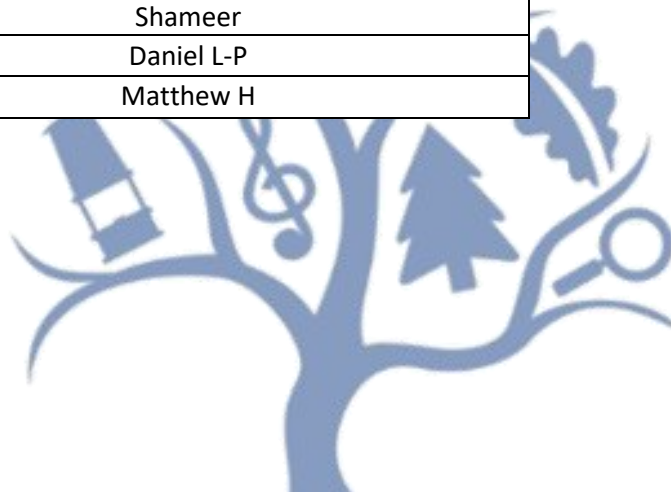


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Primary School

Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Robyn R
Reception	RAO	Noah H Ivy P
	RST	The Whole Class For their beautiful walking through school! Well Done.
One	1ES	Lockie B Oakley C
	1MT	Thomas S Hallie W
Two	2MA	Owyn L Kayden B
	2MeA	Jaxon J Bella P
Three	3GB	Jack M Robbie H
	3AF	Eve D Imogen H
Four	4BK	Eleanor C Yousaf M
	4MS	Bailey P Henry P
Five	5DF	Hatty C Charlie B
	5RN	Jack R Willow B
Six	6PP/LM	Elliott D Alice L
	6VS	Hayden S Shameer
Treehouse	THBM	Daniel L-P
	THIT	Matthew H



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: 13 th July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 - Swimming	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse (THIT)	Treehouse (THBM) Year 1
Wednesday		Nursery
Thursday	Nursery	Year 2 Year 5
Friday	Treehouse - Swimming (Year 4 & 5) Reception Year 6 PE	

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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