

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED: This week, we were visited by an Ofsted team made up from an HMI inspector and 4 other inspectors. During their time in school, they visited classes across the school, joined the pupils in their learning, looked through books, and spoke to trustees, governors, staff, pupils and parents. The inspectors were very complimentary of the school with a special mention to the all the well-mannered and polite pupils we have - I couldn't be prouder. Thank you to anyone who spoke to the inspectors on the school yard or took time to complete the parent questionnaire; your responses all helped build a positive picture of the school. We now need to wait for the report to be published – as soon as it is, I will send a copy out through ParentPay.

Special Promotional Meal: Yesterday, our school catering staff prepared a special meal for children based on the theme "Around the World". There were various choices available such as Mexican chick vegan fillet, Italian pasta Bolognese, Indian tikka masala and English fish and chips. All the children seemed to really enjoy their choices – there was lots of empty plates as they cleared their trays away. I'd like to thank our catering staff for putting on this menu, it's always greatly appreciated. If any children who tried a school meal yesterday would like to switch over permanently, please let the school office know.

Attendance: This week's attendance was 94.67%, which dropped our year-to-date ever so slightly to 94.79%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 1ES, and in Key Stage Two this was 5RN. Both classes will be rewarded with an extra break time next week.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	98.03	93.46	94.07	98.00	97.00	96.30	84.29	94.62
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	93.04	91.61	93.67	96.90	97.00	90.40	97.31	99.17

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

JFK Superstars: Poppy H (5DF) has recently passed her stage 7 swimming course, and is now on the path towards competitive swimming! This is an amazing achievement; I know her parents are super proud of her! Will we be seeing Poppy in the Olympics in the future? Well done Poppy!

Ella C (RAO) received her first ever trophy for completing her first dance exam in in tap and fusion at the weekend. Miss Owens and her parents are very proud of Ella for getting this award at such a young age. Keep on performing Ella, and keep us in mind when you're performing in the West End.

Year 6 S.A.T.s: Just a polite reminder, that on Tuesday next week, year 6 staff will be holding an information meeting for parents/carers regarding the S.A.T.S for this year. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



Valentines Disco: In February we will be holding a Valentine's disco for Keys Stages One and Two. Ticket will be available to purchase via ParentPay next week (a message will be sent to parents/carers once these are available). Please note, if you have siblings in school, they will need to attend with their own year group.

School Football Team: Last night, our school football team took part in the Daniel O'Hare Trophy. We qualified for this tournament through our success in the Autumn Cup earlier this year and went to compete with the best teams in the county, representing the Washington area.

Our first game was against St Margarets from Chester-Le-Street. This was a very tight contest, with both teams battling well. Joshua R was called upon a number of times, making some fantastic saves to deny the opposition. Despite battling hard, St Margarets were able to score a late winner.

Unfortunately, J.F.K. were due to take on another opponent; however, they had dropped out on the night.

The second game saw J.F.K. take on St Marys from Sunderland. This was another really good battle and despite the score not going in their favour, they showed tremendous determination throughout. St Marys took the 3-0 win and advanced on to the final and went on to win the overall tournament.

Well done to Joshua R, Miles M, Joe E, Jacob L, Jude C, Calvin S, Dane L, Daniel C, Seth A and Jack R for battling all the way to the end. Although they did not get the results they wanted, our football team represented J.F.K. perfectly, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout.

The league and training re-commences after half term and I am positive the school team will take what they have learnt from this experience into these games, building upon the strong foundations already in place.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr B. Adams
Headteacher





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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NMA	Savannah S Evie N
	RAO	Alayna
Reception	RST	Aurora H Riley S
	1ES	Halle B Leo C
One	1MT	Alexander H Tommy S
	2MA	Victoria R Klayton R
Two	2MeA	Keith R Nathan B
	3GB	Harry M Kaiden S
Three	3AF	Ayda D Elliott H
	4BK	Edith R Yousaf M
Four	4MS	Grace L Ceejay C
	5DF	Lilly H Finlay B
Five	5RN	Jack R Willow B
	6PP/LM	The Whole School
Six	6VS	Freddie B Rosie C
	THBM/CG	Dylan C
Treehouse	THIT	George McC

Headteacher Award

This week's Headteacher Award goes to **Alexander H** (1MT).

Alexander started at J.F.K. on Monday and has blown his teachers away with his excellent attitude and amazing phonics. He has settled in brilliantly to his new school and has made a great first impression on his teachers and his new friends. He impressed Mr. Thompson and Miss. Anderson with his writing and phonics knowledge. An amazing start to his time at JFK - keep it up!



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: 19 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 – Swimming Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday		
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 & Y5 pupils) – Swimming Reception	5RN – P.E. 5DF – 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: 19 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Year Three	RAO & RST
Wednesday	Treehouse	Year 4
Thursday		Nursery
Friday	Nursery	2MeA (Miss Atkinson's class)

