

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have seen the first glimpse of Winter, but that hasn't stopped the majority of pupils being in school on time, ready for their learning.

**Treehouse:** On Monday, children from The Treehouse visited the Cosy Cafe at Woodridge Gardens. They had a wonderful time, practising their life skills by ordering what they would like at the counter and then paying themselves. A huge thank you to the staff for welcoming our pupils - we cannot wait to go back.

**Year Five Young Leaders:** On Monday morning, some of our year 5 children were specially selected to take part in Young Sports Leaders training at Farringdon Community Academy. They took part in a range of small activities, delivered by experts, which helped them to develop their leadership, teamwork and communication skills. They all listened and watched each coach's demonstrations carefully before following instructions and trying out each task themselves. We are excited to see the Young Leaders applying their new skills in school soon, supporting the younger children in sports activities and during play at break times and lunch times in the new year.

**Year 4 Parents Information Session:** On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, parents/carers of children in Year 4 attended an information meeting regarding the Multiplication Tables Check which will take place later this school year. Thank you to all that were able to make this session. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

**Year 5:** Today, 30 pupils from year 5 spent the day at Durham Cathedral, as they were performing with 7 other schools as part of Durham Outreach. The theme of the 9 songs was related to the seasons, and these ranged from 'Summer Holiday' to 'Walking in the Air'. After rehearsing all morning, they performed a concert to a full appreciative Cathedral audience – if you were lucky to attend, I hope you enjoyed the singing. The pupils were amazing and were a credit to the school.



**Geography Awareness Day:** Today, children across school celebrated Geography Awareness Day. It was an opportunity for the children to explore the world we live in and appreciate all that is good about our planet. Each year group was given a country to focus on and completed a range of activities linked to that country – from composing fact files to comparing human and physical features - and I saw some amazing map work on my travels through school. It was lovely to see the children so engaged in their work. We will be celebrating other events later in the year linked to our Geography curriculum, so stay tuned for further updates.

**Christmas Lunch:** On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December our school catering team will be serving our traditional Christmas dinner. If your child does not normally have school meals on a Thursday, but would like to join in on this special meal please complete the following form by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December so our catering team can start planning their serving numbers: [Christmas Lunch – Fill out form](#)

**Attendance:** Our attendance this week is 94.85%, which is a further drop to our overall year to date, which is now 95.28%. The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage One was 2MeA, and in Key Stage Two was 4BK. They will both be rewarded with an extra break-time next week.

This week, we have seen a lot of pupils arriving late to school (today being an exception due to the weather). Can I just remind all parents/carers children should arrive to school between 8:40-8:50am.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	94.53	94.23	93.06	92.50	95.39	95.83	99.40	96.63
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	97.28	98.39	90.00	95.83	93.97	88.00	94.23	98.97

**Christmas Fayre:** We are holding our annual Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We can't wait to have some festive fun with you all!

**Christmas Fayre Donation:** We're looking for donations for bottle bags and tombola prizes for our upcoming Christmas fayre. If you have any items you can donate, please hand these to either your child's class teacher or the school office.

**INSET Day:** Just a polite reminder that school is closed to pupils tomorrow due to staff training.

Have a lovely long weekend, and we'll see all pupils back to school on Monday.

*B. H. Adams*

Mr B. Adams  
Headteacher



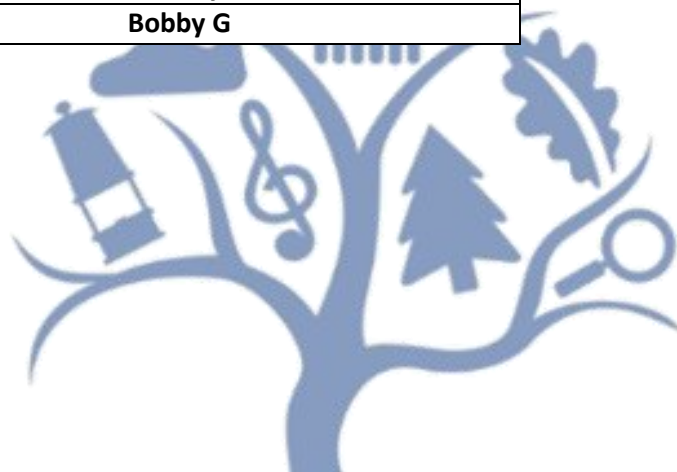


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# Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Trudie H Nolan L
Reception	RAO	Jude C Lily M
	RST	Toby F Rhys D
One	1ES	Aida S Charlotte R
	1MT	Mila H Lyla P
Two	2MA	Edward D Victoria R
	2MeA	Elijah J Freda C
Three	3GB	Mia M Sylvia H-F
	3AF	Eve D Mason R
Four	4BK	Poppy L George B
	4MS	Patrycja S Harrison G
Five	5DF	Poppy H Jackson M-B
	5RN	Jacob B-M Joe E
Six	6PP/LM	Calvin S Lucy R
	6VS	Katie C Shahmeer K
Treehouse	THLC	Anthony S
	THIT	Bobby G



# 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: 17 <sup>th</sup> November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 Year 4 Swimming	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday	Nursery	Year 4
Thursday		Year 2
Friday		5DF – Swimming 5RN – 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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Monday		RST
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	RAO
Thursday		Nursery
Friday		

