

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school after the Easter holidays, refreshed and eager to learn. The glorious weather has also helped this week settle everyone back into school.

Summer Safety: It's been wonderful so have some sun and warm weather this week (long may it continue!). Please see some polite reminders to help children feel more comfortable throughout the school day:

- Apply sunscreen before coming to school
- Provide your child a sun hat
- If your child suffers from hayfever, please remember to administer an antihistamine before school
- Children should bring a water bottle, filled only with water, to keep them hydrated throughout the day
- On Forest School days, children must have their arms and legs covered. They must not wear shorts.

Metro trip: Earlier this week, the children from Squirrel class in the Treehouse enjoyed an adventure on the Metro as part of their transport topic. They started their journey at Pelaw Metro Station and were able to find out about how the Metro works and liked looking at the map to see all the names of the different stations. The children then enjoyed using the ticket machine to purchase some tickets and applied their maths skills to add up the price. After that, the children were able to locate the right platform and safely waited for the Metro to arrive, learning that it is important to stay as far back from the edge of the platform as possible. When the Metro arrived, they boarded it carefully and enjoyed their journey to the Stadium of Light Station making lots of observations on the way.



Road Safety: On Wednesday next week, Year 3 will be working with Schools Go Smarter and begin learning about road safety. The sessions will focus on helping the children understand how to stay safe near roads, including how to cross the road safely, and being aware of their surroundings. Through local walks and discussions, the children will develop essential skills to become more confident and responsible when walking near roads.

VE Day Celebrations: On Thursday next week, children are invited to wear red, white and blue to help us celebrate VE Day. We will be holding a JFK street party and children are welcome to bring in a small party snack and drink for themselves to enjoy on the afternoon. Watch this space as we look to continue these celebrations later in the summer term and welcome families to join us.



Attendance: This week our attendance is 95.46%, and our running total since the start of the year is 93.97%. I am hoping to see our year-to-date attendance rise towards the government target of 96%+ this term. The keys stage 1 class with the highest attendance this week was 1MT, and the highest key stage 2 class was 3DF.

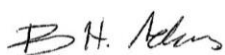
Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	95.34	89.52	94.50	93.85	100	95.20	99.23	97.24
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	94.33	98.552	96.79	96.00	95.00	93.85	95.00	91.67

Mobile Phones: Year 5 & 6 should only bring their mobile phones into school if they are walking to/from school without an adult. If they are dropped off and collected by an adult, they should not have any reason to bring their phone into school.

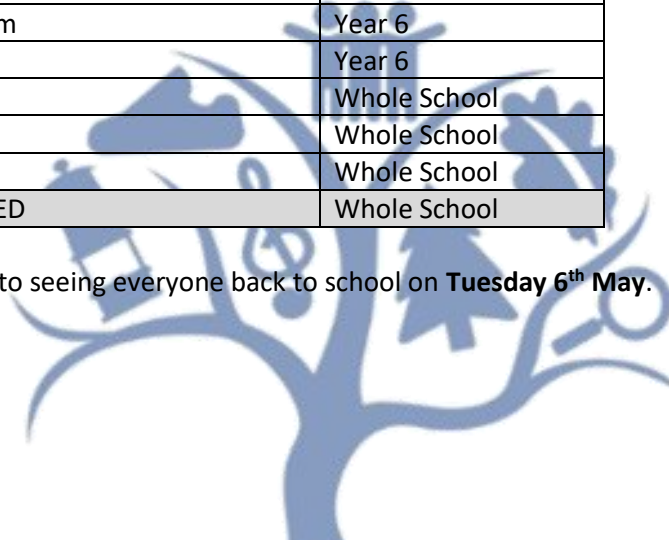
Summer Key Dates: Please see below a reminder of some of the key dates coming up during the summer term. We will add to these are the term progresses and inform parents via email or The Buzz of any updates:

Date	Event	Year Group
28.04.25	School re-opens	Whole School
05.05.25	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
12.05.25	Year 6 SATS week	Year 6
19.05.25	Assessment Week	Whole School
22.05.25	Year 6 Derwent Hill Information Meeting – 4pm	Year 6
23.05.25	EYFS Parent and Child Stay and Play - 2pm	Nursery and Reception
26.05.25 – 30.06.25	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
02.06.25	School re-opens	Whole School
09.06.25	Times Table Check (2-week period)	Year 4
09.06.25	Phonics Check Week	Year 1
06.06.25 - 08.06.25	Derwent Hill Residential, Lake District	Year 6
16.06.25	Year 6 Nissan Robotics Visit (Mr. Pearson's Class)	Year 6 – Class 6PP
17.06.25	Year 6 Nissan Robotics Visit (Mrs. Mewes' Class)	Year 6 – Class 6LM
24.06.25 – 25.06.25	Year 6 - Transition to Secondary School	Year 6
26.06.25	Year 5/6 Sports Day – 2:00pm	Year 5 and 6
30.06.25	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
02.07.25 04.07.25	York Residential	Year 5
01.07.25	Treehouse (Squirrel) Sports Afternoon and Picnic – 1:30pm	Treehouse – Squirrels
02.07.25	Reception Sports Day – 2:00pm	Reception
03.07.25	Year 3/4 Sports Day - 9.30am	Year 3 and 4
03.07.25	Year 1/2 Sports Day – 2:00pm	Year 1
04.07.25	Treehouse (Fox and Hedgehog) Sports Afternoon and Picnic – 1:30pm	Treehouse – Foxes and Hedgehogs
09.07.25	Summer Fayre – 3.30pm	Whole School
10.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 2pm	Year 6
11.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 9.30am	Year 6
17.07.25	Leavers' Lunch	Year 6
18.07.25	Reports Home to Parents	Whole School
21.07.25	Open Afternoon 1.30pm – 3.20pm	Whole School
22.07.25	Whole School Picnic - 12.30pm	Whole School
24.07.25	SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend, and I look forward to seeing everyone back to school on **Tuesday 6th May**.



Mr B. Adams - Head of School



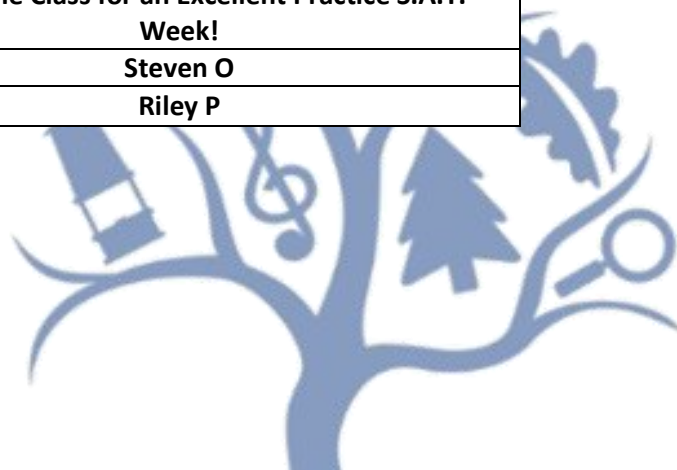


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Clayton Anthony D James W
Reception	RAM	Oakley FG Kayla C
	RES	Noah C Charlotte R
One	1AP	Ivy D Chloe H
	1MT	Travis B Albie L
Two	2MA	Georgina H Thomas P
	2JW	Jack M Esmae M
Three	3DF	Eleanor C Louie H
	3GB	Thomas A Neve W
Four	4AF	Imogen H Jack R
	4BK	Joshua R Thomas H
Five	5RN	Alice L Thomas B
	5MA	Ernest H Cora P
Six	6PP	The Whole Class for an Excellent Practice S.A.T. Week!
	6LM	The Whole Class for an Excellent Practice S.A.T. Week!
Treehouse	TLC	Steven O
	TNP	Riley 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: 5 th May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 3 Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	
Friday		Year 6 5MA – P.E 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.

Week Commencing: 5 th May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Year 3	Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		Nursery
Friday	Nursery	1MT



Sports News

Year 4 Football: On Thursday night, the year 4 football team played their second and final competition of the year, the Year 4 Cup. They played three games against Rickleton, Springwell and Holley Park hoping to qualify for the finals on a very warm Spring evening.

Our first game was against a strong Rickleton team who started quickly to take a 2-0 lead; however, the team grew into the game tremendously pushing forward and challenging their opponents. Joshua R, making two very impressive saves, including one with his face which Mr. Titmus called miraculous. Unfortunately, they couldn't find a breakthrough, with the game ending 2-0.

Our second fixture saw us play one of our Trust schools, Springwell. The team showed an immediate improvement, with better positional play and a greater understanding of their role in the team. Quick thinking from Seth A from a kick in, saw him drive to the line where he played a wonderful cross across the box to Carson S to tuck in from close range. A great goal which led us to a 1-0 victory.

Our final game was against Holley Park, with the team knowing a victory would see us through to the final. Joe E continued to impress in defence, resolute and composed he cleared everything that came his way. The team continued to impress, with two excellent goals from Jack R and Miles M putting us into a commanding 3-0 lead. A massive part in our second goal was the wonderful pressing work from Brooke M who battled hard and won the ball for Jack R to slot into the corner before Jack added a second with a great finish. Miles M was excellent in defence, running everywhere, covering ground and slotting a terrific effort into the corner from 20 yards, however, it was his tracking back, running 30 yards at the end of 3 hard games to tackle an opponent that drew praise from both Mr. Smith and Mr. Titmus.

A terrific night of football, with the 7 working hard without any subs, to qualify for the final in two weeks. Both Mr. Titmus and Mr. Smith were blown away by the progress the team made across the games and are looking forward to an exciting finals evening.

