

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have started May! This year has gone so fast. The weather has been lovely this week, and many of our classes have been able to spend some time learning or recharging their batteries outside. Fingers crossed this will be the start of a glorious summer.

Reception Farm Trip: Reception had a brilliant day at Hall Hill Farm yesterday as part of their Spring topic on farm animals. The children were excited to meet, hold and feed a range of animals, including chicks, lambs and guinea pigs. A real highlight of the trip was meeting the farm's newest arrival — a day-old Highland calf, which the children were excited to see. Throughout the visit, staff and members of the public commented on the children's excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of Reception for representing our school so brilliantly. Please see our Facebook page for some lovely photos of the visit.

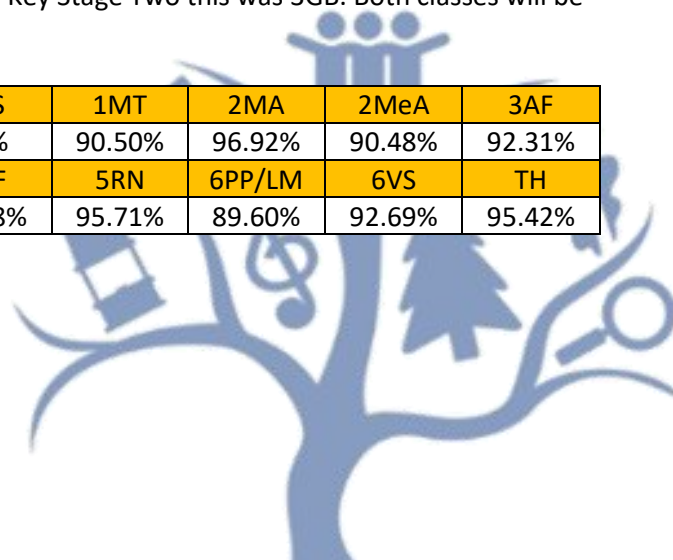
Road Safety: Could all parents/carers ensure they cross the road, both on Station Road and Emmerson Terrace, at the designated crossing points which are supervised by a School Crossing Patrol Officer. This demonstrates positive and safe behaviour for our children to model. Please also ensure you and your children cross the road only at the time which the SCPO indicates it is safe to do so. If your child has permission to walk or cycle to school on their own, we would be grateful if you could reiterate this message to them in your absence.

Summer Reminders: It's that time of year, when the sun begins to shine more and the warmer weather increases! Please see below some general reminders which will help keep your children more comfortable at school during the summer term:

- Apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school
- Provide a sun hat/cap for your child to wear during break and lunchtime
- Administer hay fever medication (if required) before your child comes to school
- Ensure your child brings their water bottle to school (this should be filled with water, not juice)
- On Forest School days, children must still wear long sleeved tops and trousers for safety

Attendance: Our attendance for this week has been 94.17%. This brings our year-to-date figure to 94.72%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 1ES, and in Key Stage Two this was 3GB. Both classes will be rewarded with an extra break-time next week!

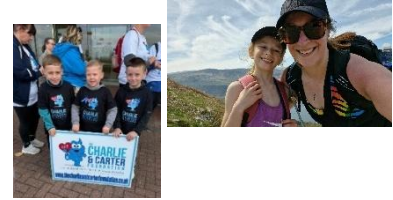
Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	94.04%	97.60%	94.80%	98%	90.50%	96.92%	90.48%	92.31%
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	98%	91.61%	92.63%	94.48%	95.71%	89.60%	92.69%	95.42%



JFK Superstars: Last weekend, Lilly N (3AF) completed an amazing achievement by ticking off climbing her first Wainwright, Catbells. She climbed the 1480ft wainwright with her cousin and her mam's gym group. Lilly took part in this impressive effort as part of a charity walk for the Red Sky Foundation! In total, Lilly walked 10 miles and for over 5 hours! Wow. We are all so proud of Lilly and her incredibly hiking achievement!



Last Sunday, Leo C and Grayson B (1ES) completed an incredible 10-mile walk to raise money for the Charlie and Carter Foundation who support families who have suffered the loss of a baby or child, offering them help and support during the most difficult times. The boys walked all the way from the Stadium of Light in Sunderland to the First Cloud Arena in South Shields. They did an amazing job and managed to raise a total of £342 through their sponsored walk. Well done, boys!



Diary Date: In 2024, we organised a colour run to raise funds for the school outdoor provision. The feedback was so positive from pupils, parents and staff, that we would like to do it all over again! This year's colour run will take place on Friday 19th June, with a theme inspired by the World Cup. Parents/carers are invited to a picnic on the school field from 12.15pm with your children before the run begins at 1.00pm. A letter will be sent with further details of the event next week. We hope to see you there for what will be one of the highlights of the year.

We hope you all have a lovely long weekend.

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher





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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Hassan Esmae M
Reception	RAO	All of RAO for being AMAZING at the farm!
	RST	All of RST for being AMAZING at the farm!
One	1ES	Mylaa C Dylan R
	1MT	Lochlan M Hallie W
Two	2MA	Maisie L Isabella M
	2MeA	Jaxon J Keith R
Three	3GB	Orla G Joshua R
	3AF	Derrick A Lilly N
Four	4BK	Thea W Travis H
	4MS	Nancy H Olivia T
Five	5DF	Layla C Poppy H
	5RN	Daniel C Oliver R
Six	6PP/LM	The Whole Class
	6VS	The Whole Class
Treehouse	THBM	Scarlett G
	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: 4 th May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Treehouse (THIT)	Treehouse (THBM)
Wednesday		Nursery Year 4
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Year 4 & 5)	5RN – Swimming 5DF – PE 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.

Week Commencing: 4 th May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday	Nursery	Nursery
Friday	2MeA	2MA

