

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week in school, with lots of work going on in all the classrooms.

Road Safety: Could I ask all parents to remind their children of road safety, especially if they walk to/from school without an adult. It has been reported that some of our upper Key Stage 2 pupils are not crossing the road at the designated area where the School Crossing Patrol Officer is on duty, and some are not wearing helmets when riding their bikes/scooters. This is something we strongly recommend for safety.

Breaktime Snacks: Just a polite reminder, any snacks brought into school for breaktime should be healthy snacks – such as a piece of fruit, yoghurt, cereal bar etc. We have found that many children are bringing in crisps and biscuits. Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 are offered fruit daily from the deliveries we receive from the School Fruit Scheme.

Could we also ask that children who are on packed lunch bring a juice/drink to enjoy with their lunch (no fizzy drinks or glass bottles).

Local Walk: On Monday this week, the Fox and Hedgehog children from The Treehouse went on their first trip this year, a local walk down to the park. The weather was wonderful and the children were fantastic, including the children who are new to our school. We played on a range of equipment, took turns, practiced walking and crossing the road safely. We cannot wait for our next trip out later this half term.

History Topic Homework: Next Friday, pupils will bring home information about their History Topic Homework for this half term. As always, we encourage creativity and see this as a wonderful opportunity for families to work together on a project linked to their chosen theme. As in previous years, parents and carers will be invited into school towards the end of the half term to view and celebrate the completed projects. We look forward to seeing the fantastic ideas and creativity that our pupils produce.

Year One: On Wednesday (23rd September), Year 1 will be taking part in an exciting workshop with Land Artist James Brunt. Please ensure children come to school wearing warm clothing and suitable footwear. If you haven't done so already, please pop onto ParentPay to provide permission for your child to take part.

Attendance: This week, our attendance has been 95.45%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 1FM, and in Key Stage Two this was 3MT.

Class	NST	RAO	1EK	1FM	2AM	2AP	3MT	3RN
Attendance	99.38%	97.11%	97.08%	97.69%	95.50%	94.21%	98.70%	96.67%
Class	4MA	4MS	5DF	5MA	6GB	6VS	THBM	THIT
Attendance	95.38%	91.20%	93.10%	93.55%	96.43%	91.78%	90.83%	98.33%

Macmillan Coffee Morning: On Friday 25th September, the weather is looking lovely based on the forecast (at the moment), therefore, we have decided to hold a bake sale on the main yard before and after school which will allow families to enjoy a sweet treat together. We would be grateful of donations of cakes/baked goods which we can sell on the day. If you are an aspiring Mary Berry or Paul Hollywood, this is a great time to share your talent! Alternatively, we would also be grateful of shop bought items. Please hand your donations to your child's class teacher or the school office on Thursday.



Free School Meals: Could your child now be eligible for Free School Meals? From this this month, families who receive Universal Credit can now apply for Free School Meals for their child, regardless of household income. If your child already receives Free School Meals, you don't need to do anything. If you haven't already applied, we encourage you to log onto the following website as soon as possible to find out if you're eligible:

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/free-school-meals>

School Meal Promotional Day: On Thursday 1st October, our school catering team are holding a special promotional meal deal with the theme of "Keep Fit". In each year group, there will be a lucky Golden Ticket winner of a cupcake set. All ticket winners will also be entered into a prize draw across Sunderland to win one of the star prizes: £20 Amazon gift card (10 in total). If your child does not normally have a school meal on a Thursday, but would like to take part in this delicious menu please complete the following form by Monday 28th September: [School Meal Promotional Day - Thursday 1st October – Fill out form](#)

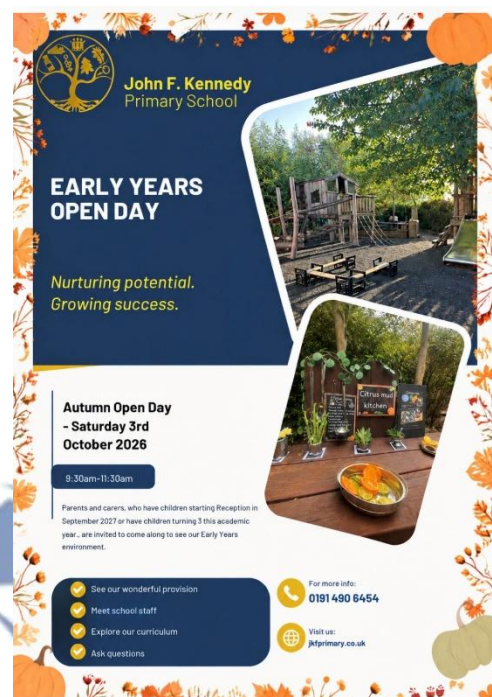


Girls' Football Team Trials: On Tuesday afternoon, next week, we will be holding trials for the year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Team. If your child is in either of these year groups, and would like to try out, please send them in with some trainers in a separate bag. They may also bring shorts/leggings if they wish.

Early Year Open Morning: On Saturday 3rd October we will be holding an open morning for potential reception 2027 children and nursery children turning 3yr old this year. If you have any family or friends who are interested in our provisions, please spread the word about this event.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



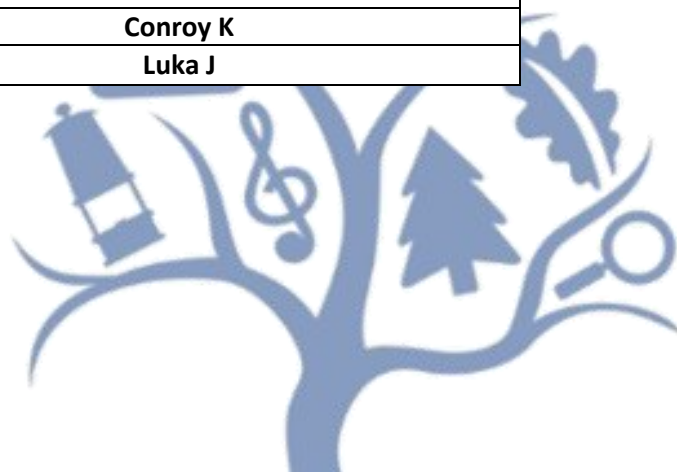


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Early Years	NST	Louis P Jacob W
	RAO	Florence F Hassan D
One	1EK	Lucie H Max H
	1FM	Toby R Jesse F
Two	2AP	Harrison C Mila H
	2AM	Poppy N Grayson B
Three	3RN	Tuba I Millie H
	3MT	Bella P Keith R
Four	4MA	Lilly N Noah M
	4MS	Isla O Lennox B
Five	5DF	Olivia T Harry B
	5MA	Oliver R Lilly-Mae C
Six	6VS	Charlie B Finlay B
	6GB	Ollie F Rosalia R
Treehouse	THBM	Conroy K
	THIT	Luka J



Timetables

P.E. Lessons: This year we are asking for pupils wear their normal school uniform and bring their P.E. kit on the day of their lesson, where they will have time to get changed. Just to remind that the P.E. kit should be a plain white t-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: 21 st September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	INSET Day	
Tuesday		Year Three THBM
Wednesday		Year Four
Thursday	THIT	Year Six
Friday		Year Two – 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.

Week Commencing: 21 st September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	INSET Day	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		
Friday	Year One	Year Five

*Treehouse and 5MA will not be swimming on Friday as the pool is closed due to maintenance.



J.F.K. Superstars

JFK Superstars: Well done to all our pupils who took part in last weekend's mini/junior GNR. What an achievement!

Charlie B (6VS) ran for the charity Durham Cats and Dogs and raised £255.

Katie H (4MS) participated in the run and raised £385 for her chosen charity.

Ella C (1EK) completed her first mini Great North Run for Brain Tumour Research in honour of her big cousin and raised over £400.

Well done to the following children who also took part: Harry M (4MS) and his brother Jamie M (N), Miles M (6GB), Joshua R (6VS), Dixie P (5DF), Teddy M (4MS).



Also, huge congratulations to members of staff who took part in the main GNR: Miss Sheriff, Mrs Bolton and Mr Thompson.

In Art, year 3 have been looking at the works of North-East based sculptor Ray Lonsdale. Last weekend, Albie L (3MT) went to Seaham with his dad to see some of his work in real life. His favourite was Tommy, the soldier created to commemorate the men and women of the war. It's lovely to see learning taking place outside of the classroom as well as in school – well done, Albie!

