

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Even though we are getting close to the end of term, there has still been lots going on at J.F.K. this week.

Sports Day: Across the week, it has been lovely to see so many family and friends cheer on our pupils as they take part in their phase's sports day. The staff have all commented on how supportive the pupils were to each other and that every event went without a hitch. If any parent bravely stepped up to take part in a parent race, I hope you were proud of your result. Next Monday, our older pupils in school (year 5 and year 6) will have their sports day now that all year 7 transitions are complete.

Parking: After working alongside the school council for the last 2 years, it has been great to finally see extra railings and bollards being installed outside the main school gates. This will now stop cars parking on the pavement which will make it safer for pupils arriving/leaving at the start and end of the school day. It will also ensure that cars are not obstructed when leaving the carpark. Can I just thank all parents who do park with consideration, this is appreciated.



Year One Local Walk: On Monday, year 1 went on a walk around Washington Village as part of their history work. They stopped at various points to talk about how buildings and monuments have changed over time, putting their excellent knowledge of the local area to good use. They also talked about different types of trees on the way, remembering their recent science topic about plants! They stopped off and talked about the new eagle, Liberty, and how it was made from a dead, rotten oak tree. A wonderful morning of learning, well done everyone!



Year Two Litter Picking: Also on Monday, years 1-6 enjoyed a visit from Becky, who spoke about the work she does for Keep Washington Tidy to keep our community clean and why looking after our environment matters. Following the assemblies, our year 2 pupils put what they had learnt into action and headed out litter picking in the local area. All the children showed fantastic teamwork, responsibility, and community spirit as they worked hard to collect bits of litter. It was wonderful to see them put into practice everything they had learnt and making a positive impact.



There will be further opportunities for all children to work with Keep Washington Tidy next academic year so keep an eye on other year groups activity!

Phoenix Programme: Over the last few weeks, a group of pupils from year 5 and year 6 have been attending Sunderland Central Fire Station to develop the following skills: resilience, communication, problem solving, teamwork, leadership and confidence. Today was a special day, as they were able to share these skills with their families and the boys were presented with their certificates. There were also five certificates presented for the following:

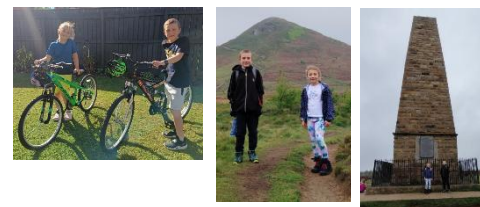
- Phoenix Award – given for exceptional demonstration of key skills and values and going above and beyond during the programme presented to **Jacob L (6VS)**
- Resilience Award – given for determination and not giving up was presented to **Jack R (5RN)**
- Leadership Award – given for leading by example and supporting others was presented to **Flynn M (6PP/LM)**
- Technical Award – given for outstanding practical skills was presented to **Jack H (5DF)**
- Most Improved Award – given for growth, confidence and progress was presented to **Riley L (6VS)**

Well done to all the pupils who took part. I must thank Miss Sheriff for organising the programme on behalf of the school and Mrs Cooper who has supported the pupils (including climbing the ladders) across the sessions.

Attendance: Our attendance for this week has been 91.88%. This brings our year-to-date figure to 94.20%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was **2MA**, and in Key Stage Two this was **5DF**. Both classes will be rewarded with an extra break-time next week!

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	87.61	78.95	94.80	87.78	90.00	97.78	92.00	91.15
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	85.20	89.68	90.67	98.97	98.57	86.69	91.20	95.42

JFK Superstars: Alfie W (5DF) and Thea W (4BK) joined a group of y10 from their dad's school in a 3-Peaks Group Challenge last month. They climbed Roseberry Topping, Captain Cooks Monument and Kildale, and hiked 15km. This month they completed the personal challenge part of it with a 21km bike ride. Very impressive! Well done to both of you.



Colour Run Sponsorship Extension: The sponsorship money from the Colour Run has continued to come in this week, which has been great to see. We are extending the deadline to submit this until next Friday (10th July). Remember, everyone who return their sponsorship form and money will be entered into a prize draw. We have some **FANTASTIC** prizes up for grabs – including an Echo Dot 5th Generation and light-up scooter! Thank you to those who have handed in their money so far. I'm excited to share the final total raised with you all next week.



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To celebrate England's win and reaching the next round, we're inviting all children to wear their colours on Monday 6th July! Children are welcome to come to school wearing an England shirt, a football kit, or red and white clothing to show their support and join in the celebrations.

The class with the highest attendance on Monday will receive a special surprise treat! 🇬🇧

We can't wait to see everyone dressed in their colours and celebrating together. Come on, England! 🐾🐾🐾

Afterschool Clubs: Our summer term afterschool clubs have now ended. We hope the children enjoyed the range of options this term. We will review our autumn clubs in September and let parents/carers know when they are available to book. Our wrap-around care club, with Miss Addison and Miss Riggins, will run as normal up until our final day on 22nd July.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

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Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



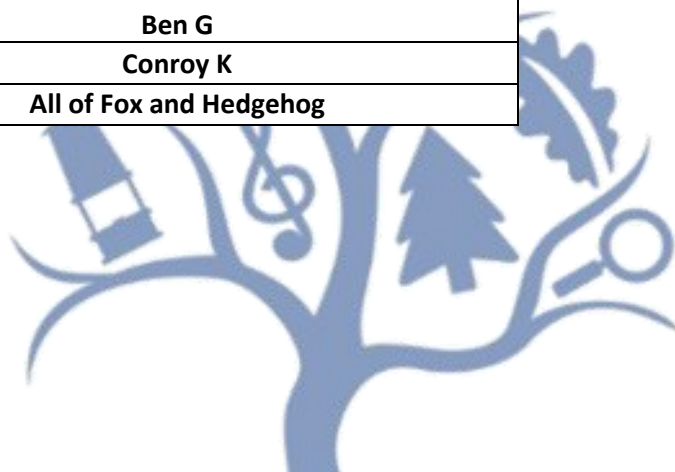


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Jack S Imarni C
Reception	RAO	Ella B Louis H
	RST	Olivia M River S
One	1ES	Kayla C Asher S
	1MT	Oakley F-G Harlow M
Two	2MA	Lucas B Kyran C
	2MeA	Quinn B Elsie C
Three	3GB	Max F Isla L
	3AF	Reuben D Thomas P
Four	4BK	Travis H Ethan McK
	4MS	Evelyn M Cole L
Five	5DF	Jacob K Lacey-Mae B
	5RN	Imogen H Joe E
Six	6PP/LM	Sophia H-H Jack B
	6VS	Cora P Ben G
Treehouse	THBM	Conroy K
	THIT	All of Fox and Hedgehog



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: 6 th July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 - Swimming	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse (THIT)	Treehouse (THBM) Year 1
Wednesday		Nursery Year 4
Thursday	Nursery	Year 2 Year 5
Friday	Treehouse - Swimming (Year 4 & 5) Reception	5RN – Swimming 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: 6 th July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday	Year 1	
Friday		2MeA

