

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school.

Balance Bike Training: We were so proud of our reception children for participating in their first balance bike training. They had so much fun playing games, learning how to go fast, slow and stop. The children used fantastic listening skills during the session and were very good at following the instructions – the instructors were very impressed and complimented their behaviour to Mr Adams and Mrs Watson. Each child will access half an hour session each Thursday morning this half term.

JFK Superstars: On Tuesday, Frankie B (3AF) received his first ever belt from Toukon Martial Arts. His coaches were so impressed with the kick boxing skills that he has developed. Since starting, he has made notable progress and as a result, he was the white-red belt for his amazing sporting effort and achievements. Well done, Frankie!



Attendance: Our attendance this week is 94.47% and our year to date is 95.60%, which is just below the government target of 96%. I would really like to see our school pull back over this next week. The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage one was 2MeA with a fantastic 100%, and in Key Stage Two was 5RN.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3GB
Attendance	98.60	91.54	95.77	93.00	97.89	90.77	100	96.67
Class	3AF	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	90.77	95.17	87.33	95.71	96.79	93.60	95.60	96.80

Year 1 PE: Please note, due to a timetable change, Year 1 will now have their PE slot on a **Monday morning**. This will commence from next week. Please send your children into school in their normal school uniform with their PE kits in their bags. Forest School will remain a Thursday morning.

INSET Day: School will be closed to all pupils on **Monday 29th September** due to staff training.

Washington FC Sessions: Washington FC are offering some free sessions starting in October. They also have a Comets Centre on a Friday for boys & girls with SEN and/or learning disabilities. Please contact Gary on the details in the flyer if you are interested in more information.

WASHINGTON FC
FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRES
4 FREE SESSIONS

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2 BOYS & GIRLS MONDAY 5-6PM WASHINGTON HUB NE37 3HR	YEAR 1 ONLY BOYS & GIRLS WEDNESDAY 5-6PM WASHINGTON HUB NE37 3HD
RECEPTION, YEAR 1-4 BOYS & GIRLS THURSDAY 5-6PM WASHINGTON HUB NE37 3HR	COMETS CENTRE FRIDAY 5:30-6:30PM WASHINGTON HUB NE37 3HR
RECEPTION, YEAR 1-4 BOYS & GIRLS FRIDAY 4-5PM WASHINGTON HUB NE37 3HD	NURSERY & RECEPTION BOYS & GIRLS SATURDAY 9-10AM OXCLOSE ACADEMY
GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL NURSERY & RECEPTION FRIDAY 5-6PM WASHINGTON HUB NE37 3HR	GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL YEAR 1 - YEAR 5 FRIDAY 5-6PM WASHINGTON HUB NE37 3HR

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School Football Team: On Thursday, the school football team competed in the 2025 Autumn Cup at Biddick Academy.

The first game of the day saw the team take on Marlborough Primary School. This was a good match with both teams showing good defensive shape and technical ability on the ball. In the final minute of the game, Jack R was able to score two quick fire goals to secure the three points - JFK winning 2-0.

The second game saw JFK take on Biddick Primary. This was a fantastic game, with both teams showcasing excellent determination throughout. Capitalising on a defensive error, Jude C was able to slot the ball past the Biddick goalkeeper. With the score at 1-0, Joshua R produced an outstanding save to keep JFK ahead. Dane L was incredible at right back, producing a number of top-quality tackles throughout the fixture. A defensive masterclass from the team was rewarded as the final whistle went with JFK sitting top of the group with 6 points.

The final group game saw Blackfell as the next opponents. JFK completely dominated the possession throughout this game, with Blackfell only managing to have a hand full of touches in JFK's defensive third. In the final moments of the match, Jack R was once again in the right place at the right time to fire home the winner. JFK winning 1-0 and progressing to the semi-final.

In the semi-final, JFK took on George Washington. This was another fine team display, with everyone showing a desire to get through to the final. Joe E, Miles M and Jacob L were outstanding as a defensive unit - nullifying any potential threats. Jude C picked the ball near the halfway line before threading an inch perfect pass through 4 defenders to find Jack R, who was able to knock it past the keeper to give JFK the lead. Calvin S was exceptional in the midfield, being first to every ball and being calm when in possession. The final whistle confirming the 1-0 victory.

The final of the Autumn Cup would see one of JFK or St John Boste being crowned champions. This was a very tight contest, with players on both teams battling well throughout. Seth A and Jack R worked the ball forward before Jack saw his shot go into the side netting. After the full-time whistle, the score was still 0-0 so the tie would be settled by penalties. Jude C, Jacob L and Jack R all bravely stepped forward to take a penalty with all three converting successfully. The final St John Boste penalty went wide of the post to see JFK crowned Autumn Cup champions!

Well done to everyone who took part on the night.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher





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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NMA	Kenna C Eliza R
	RAO	Alex E Arthur R
Reception	RST	Jaxxon W River S
	1ES	Lockie B Harrison M
One	1MT	Grayson A Lola R
	2MA	Tuba I William M
Two	2MeA	Finley R Elsie C
	3GB	Oscar L Leon T-M
Three	3AF	Reuben D Khadija D
	4BK	Flynn W Lilly-Mae C
Four	4MS	Cole L Nina A
	5DF	Layla C Jason F
Five	5RN	Poppy L Carson J
	6PP/LM	Norah R Mia W
Six	6VS	Riley L Alice D
	THLC	Daniel LP
Treehouse	THIT	James L



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: 22 nd September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 – Swimming Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday	Reception	
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 & Y5 pupils) – Swimming	5DF– P.E. 5RN – Swimming Year 6

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: 22 nd September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Reception
Tuesday	3AF	
Wednesday	Treehouse	Year 4
Thursday	1MT	
Friday		2MA (Miss Anderson's class)

