

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 SATs: I must give a huge congratulations to all the pupils in year 6 for their attitude and commitment towards their SATs this week. I'm bursting with pride! Everybody has tried their best and never given up when it may have become a little difficult. All the tests have now been collected to be marked, and we now need to wait until July when the results will be sent to the school. Huge thanks must go to all staff who have supported and worked with the pupils to make them ready for this week. Hopefully all the children will be celebrating this weekend – I know that I'm thinking of having a treat with my family!

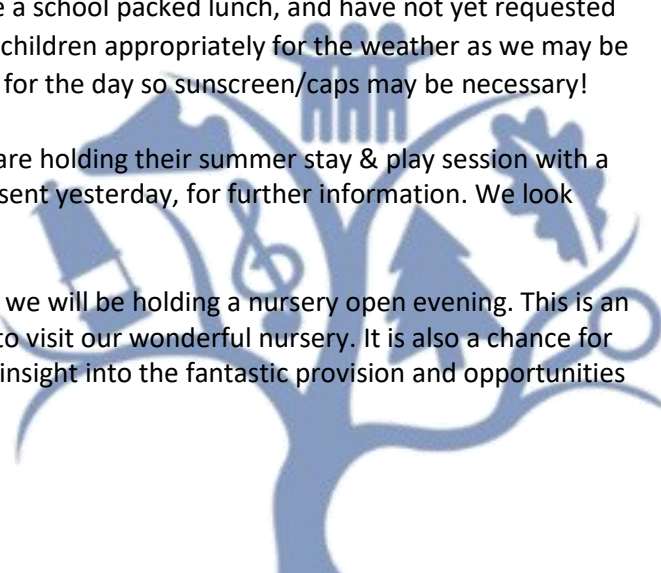
Chair of Governors Message: Hello everyone. I spent some time this week in School in one of key roles as Chair of Governors and that was to observe the SAT's exams from preparing the papers, observing the children under exam conditions and then the process needed to collect and store the papers ahead of them being collected to be marked. As always, the school staff carried out their duties with the upmost integrity with the main aim of ensuring the children could perform to the best of their ability. I know how much hard work goes in from not only the teaching staff in school, but also the children in all of the preparation. Well done everyone. I was then given the honour of deciding which class cheered the loudest following exams finishing - both classes were extremely loud but Mrs Mewes class just won the day - congratulations! To end SAT's week, I was then invited into school on Friday to enjoy SAT's breakfast - this was another huge honour and was delicious! thank you very much again to everyone. Hope you enjoy your weekend. Andrew.

Derwent Hill Parent Meeting: Next Thursday, we are holding a parent information meeting for the year 6 pupils who are attending our Derwent Hill residential. The meeting will begin at 4pm and take place in the school hall, which you will be able to enter via the small gate to the left-hand side of the school office.

Year 1 Trip to Sunderland Museum: Next Thursday, Year 1 will be going to Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens as part of their learning about plants. We will travel to and from the venue by coach, leaving school at around 9.15am and arriving back to school in time for normal collection. If you have not yet given your consent for your child to attend, please do so via ParentPay as soon as possible. A polite reminder that all children will need to bring a packed lunch as lunch will not be provided by the venue. If you require a school packed lunch, and have not yet requested one, please do so as soon as possible. Please ensure you dress children appropriately for the weather as we may be able to enjoy some outdoor time – we're hoping the sun is out for the day so sunscreen/caps may be necessary!

EYFS Stay & Play Session: Next Friday, nursery and reception are holding their summer stay & play session with a focus of reading for pleasure. Please see the email, which was sent yesterday, for further information. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible!

Nursery Open Evening: On Thursday 5th June from 4pm - 5pm, we will be holding a nursery open evening. This is an opportunity for children turning 3 in the academic year 25/26 to visit our wonderful nursery. It is also a chance for children and families to talk to our early years staff and get an insight into the fantastic provision and opportunities available at JFK.



Attendance: This week our attendance is 94.43, and our running total since the start of the year is 94.02%. The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage 1 was 1AP, and in Key Stage was 6PP with 100%.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	91.42	95.71	95.50	96.15	96.09	87.60	91.15	96.43
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	98.00	88.52	96.43	95.60	93.85	95.38	100	93.75

JFK Superstars: James B (RAM) was a fantastic member of the community on Tuesday. He walked the routes around our school litter picking and collected 4 bags of rubbish! Well done, James!



Can Y (3GB) was been nominated for “Player of the Month of April” at his football club, Washington UFC U8s. The comments from Can’s coach said he has been working hard on his strength within the game as well as playing the ball for his team-mates. Amazing feedback – well done Can!



Non-Uniform Day: Next Friday, children are welcome to wear non-uniform for school. On this day, we will kindly be asking for donations of items towards our upcoming summer fayre:

- EYFS/KS1/Treehouse: chocolate bar
- KS2: bottle (pop/water/alcohol/condiments)

We are also looking for donation of bottle bags and tombola prizes, along with books in excellent condition for our book stall (please note we do not require any donations of toys on this occasion).

Spare Uniform/Clothing: On Monday afternoon, we will have tables out on the yard of unclaimed (and unnamed) uniform which families are welcome to take. If all parents/carers could ensure names are added to all children’s clothing, including jackets and coats, as this helps staff to ensure these are returned to the owner.

Parking: Following on from my letter sent earlier this week, thank you to any parent or adult who has continued to park sensibly around the school site throughout the day. With over 420 pupils in school, it does get busy at the start and end of day - it is only by everyone being considerate that the roads will improve.

Have a relaxing weekend.

B. H. Adams

Mr B. Adams - Head of School



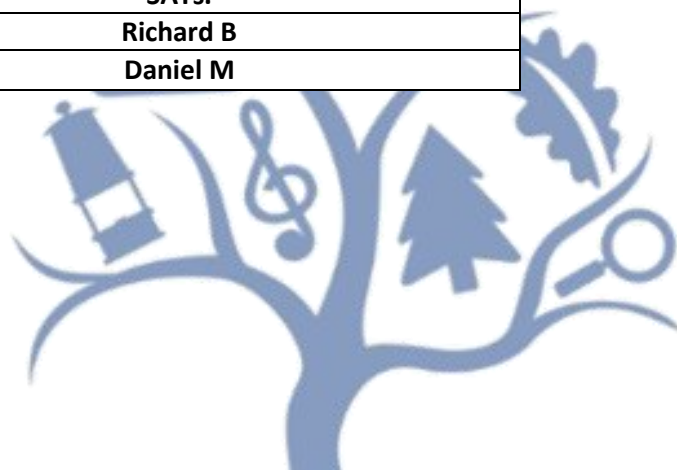


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Jack S Rhys D
Reception	RAM	Darcy S Macie N
	RES	Tommy S Aida S
One	1AP	Kyran C Darcie-Mai G
	1MT	Elijah J Freda C
Two	2MA	Eve D Robbie H
	2JW	Orla G Kaiden S
Three	3DF	Rihannon F Oliver R
	3GB	Can Y Harper P
Four	4AF	Brooke M Miles M
	4BK	Esme-Rose S Ava S
Five	5RN	Mohammed A Calvin S
	5MA	Katie C Bobby J
Six	6PP	All of year six for their hard work and effort during SATs.
	6LM	All of year six for their hard work and effort during SATs.
Treehouse	TLC	Richard B
	TNP	Daniel M



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: 19 th May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 Year 4 (swimming)	
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 3 Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	
Friday		Year 6 5RN - Swimming 5MA – 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: 19 th May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 5	Reception
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday	Year 2 Forest School All day	Year 2 Forest School All day
Thursday		Nursery
Friday	Nursery	Year 6



Sports News

Year 4 Football: On Thursday, the year 4 football team took part in the final of the Year Four Trophy.

Their first game of the evening saw them taking on St John Boste. JFK had a brilliant first half - showcasing their technical ability as well as their brilliant team work. Jack R was able to press the opposition's defence, winning the ball back before playing it forward into space. Brooke M was able to take a touch to get it out from underneath her before firing it past the goalkeeper. Joe E, Carson S and Miles M were fantastic at the back - ensuring St John Boste's chances were kept to efforts from outside of the box. Jack H and Leo H, both making their debuts, showed fantastic attitude when they came on as they battled for every ball and did not give the opposition time to think on the ball.

The second game of the final saw the team take on Rickleton. This was a very tough game, against well drilled opponents. Both teams started off strong, battling well as well as showing a determination to move the ball forward at speed. Rickleton were able to score two quick goals, both excellent strikes from outside the box before an unfortunate own goal saw the score finish 0-3 to our opponents. Leo H must be commended for putting his body on the line, making an excellent block...with his nose!

Despite the setback from game two, JFK were determined to get back to winning ways in their final game against Biddick. This was an excellent team performance, which was the difference between the two sides. Early in the first half, Joshua R made a fantastic save to keep the scores level. Joe E was exceptional at the heart of defence, showing great composure on the ball while also winning all of his tackles to deny the oppositions attack chances. Just after half time, Joshua R was once again called upon - this time making an outstanding save. Although he saw the ball late coming through the bodies in the box, Joshua was able to dive across and tip the ball around the far post. In the final minutes of the game, two Biddick defenders tackled each other and Seth A was on hand to rifle the ball through the keepers' legs. Following the late goal, the team defended brilliantly - continuing to press and put the opposition under constant pressure until the final whistle with Brooke chasing an opponent from one side of the pitch to the other and forcing him to kick the ball out, a wonderful work ethic at the end of a hard game. The game ending in a 1-0 victory to JFK.

With three teams ending the night on six points, it came down to goal difference. Unfortunately, this meant that we just missed out on a medal, finishing in 3rd place, however, the progression from our first fixtures to the finals was astonishing and the children should be incredibly proud of themselves. Mr. Smith and Mr. Titmus most definitely are!

