

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance: Dear Parents and Carers,

Everyone has now settled into school and lots of amazing work has been produced by all pupils - I know that teachers are so pleased with how well the new school year has started. What I have also been really impressed with is the behaviour and manners of the pupils throughout the day – it has been lovely to see and visitors have already commented on this.

Attendance: As mentioned at the end of last year, attendance remains one of our biggest focus areas this year. I am very pleased to say we have had a very positive start to the 2025/26 academic year – I really hope this level continues throughout the year to ensure we meet the government target of 96+%. Our attendance this week is 97.51% and our year to date is 96.46%. The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage one was 1ES with 100%, and in Key Stage Two was 3GB. Also well done to Treehouse with 100%!

May I also take this opportunity to remind all parents/carers that holiday requests must be made in writing for my attention, in advance of the intended absence. A copy of our absence policy is available on our website via this link: [Attendance and Absence Policy](#)

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3GB
Attendance	99.25	93.75	98.08	100	97.89	95.77	98.57	99.15
Class	3AF	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	93.08	98.97	94.67	98.57	100	94.40	98.80	100

JFK Superstars: Last weekend, Isla Y (5DF) took part in her belt test for taekwondo and successfully moved up to the next belt. She has worked really hard for this and is now happily sporting her new belt!



Dixie (4BK) was recently award 'Star of the Week' at her kickboxing class and was very pleased to receive this!



We had lots of children taking part in the Junior Great North Run last week – it's been amazing to see all the photos!



Freya (3GB) had a great time getting involved with all the different charity stalls and was super proud receiving her medal at the finish line. Well done Freya – an amazing achievement

Teddy, Harry & Jack (all from 3GB) took part in the race – and had a great time!



Sisters Lola (1MT) and Tilly (5RN) also took part, with Tilly picking up TWO medals in the process – she ran one with her dad and the other with her little sister Lola. An amazing effort from both girls – well done!

Charlie (5DF) also took part and raised an amazing amount of money for the animal charity - Stray Aid.



Home Reading: From this week, children in year one will bring home a reading for pleasure book as they did in their previous class. This is a book for you to share with them and enjoy. Children will have the opportunity to change this book each Thursday. They will then bring their new book home on Friday.

Decodable reading books linked to your child's phonics will be sent home from Friday 19th September for years one and two. Children in reception will take their first reading books home on Friday 10th October.

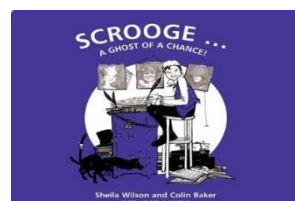
School Vacancies: We have a few vacancies within our school at the moment, please click on the following the link within our website for further details and application forms: [Job Adverts](#)

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

Washington Carnival: Just a reminder that the annual carnival is being held tomorrow. Unfortunately, there is no parade this year for the school to participate in, but pupils (and adults) are invited to enter the talent show – it would be lovely to see a great turn-out for JFK!



Trinity Theatre Group: Would you like to be part of Trinity Theatre Group. We are looking for budding actors and singers to join us. We are hoping to put on the musical Scrooge in December. If you would like to be part of this exciting adventure, please come along to the rehearsals that start on 9th September at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Washington Village, NE38 7LE



If you are unable to make this date and would like to be involved, please leave your name and contact details via the church office on 0191 4187911 or Email office.htcw@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend.

B. H. Adams

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher





Stars of the Week

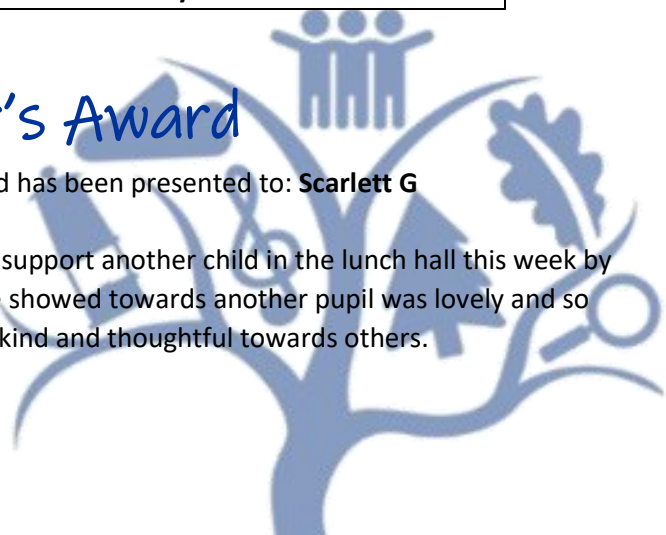


Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NMA	Robyn R James W
	RAO	The Whole Class
Reception	RST	The Whole Class
	1ES	Hayden J Dylan R
One	1MT	Dougie H Harlow M
	2MA	Kayden B Kyran C
Two	2MeA	Elijah J Bella P
	3GB	Ollie C Ayda D
Three	3AF	Orla G Jake A
	4BK	Peter B Neve W
Four	4MS	Oliver C Oliver R
	5DF	Joel M Eva G
Five	5RN	Ava S Lacey-Mae B
	6PP/LM	Emily-May M Flynn M
Six	6VS	Olivia B Henry L
	THLC	Scarlett G
Treehouse	THIT	Bobby G

Headteacher's Award

This week, Mr. Adams' Headteacher's Award has been presented to: **Scarlett G**

It was lovely to watch one of our Treehouse pupils, Scarlett, support another child in the lunch hall this week by sharing her ear defenders with them. The compassion she showed towards another pupil was lovely and so supportive. Well done, Scarlett, on being so kind and thoughtful towards others.



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: 15 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 - Swimming	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	Year 1
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 & Y5 pupils) – Swimming	5RN– P.E. 5DF – 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: 15 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Reception
Tuesday	3GB	
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday	1ES	
Friday		2MeA (Miss Atkinson's class)

