

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another year at John F Kennedy Primary School. Even though it has only been two days, it has been lovely to see everyone back at school this week. The atmosphere around school has been excellent, with all the pupils engaged in their learning – this bodes well for the rest of the school year.

Staffing News: I hope you will join me in welcoming Miss Sheriff, who has begun as our new Assistant Headteacher and class teacher in year 6. Alongside this role, she is also the new Key Stage 2 lead, and I know she is excited to work with both pupils and parents across school.

Miss Middlemiss has returned after maternity to cover PPA and leadership time across the school with classes of pupils. We are all delighted to see her back and she is raring to work with the pupils.

Miss Gray and Mr Mackintosh are also covering PPA and leadership time across the school.

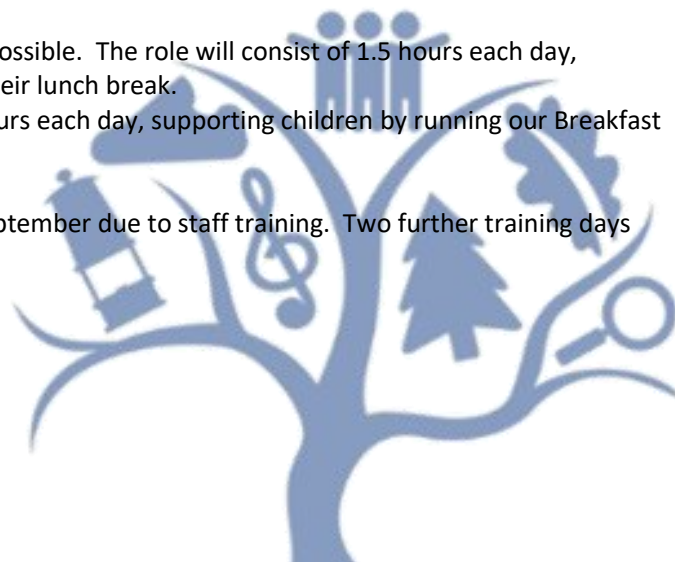
School Uniform: Please can we remind parents that children should come into school in full school uniform. This consists of a blue jumper or cardigan, a white polo shirt, black or charcoal/grey trousers, skirt or dress and black school shoes. In warmer weather, children can wear black or charcoal/grey school shorts or a checked summer dress. It would be helpful if all uniform is labelled - we have already collected several jumpers without names. Jewellery should only consist of a watch and if earrings must be worn, these must be studs, and they should be removed for PE and Forest School sessions. Now that summer is over, make-up and false nails should not be worn to school. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Local Governing Body: At the start of the new academic year, we are going to be holding parent elections for vacancies for the school governor body. If you are interested in one of the positions, please look out for further information about the process and how to put yourself forward for the vote through ParentPay.

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](#)

- Office Admin Support – this role will be split between John F Kennedy Primary School (3 days) and George Washington Primary School (2 days).
- Lunchtime Supervisor – this role is to begin as soon as possible. The role will consist of 1.5 hours each day, supporting pupils in the lunch hall and outside during their lunch break.
- Breakfast Club Assistant – this role will consist of 1.5 hours each day, supporting children by running our Breakfast Club provision.

INSET Day: School will be closed to all pupils on Monday 29th September due to staff training. Two further training days will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.



Key Dates: Below is a list of some of our upcoming key dates for this half term. A full list of proposed key dates for the year will be sent out through ParentPay very soon and they can also be found on our website. Please note that other dates may be added and all dates are subject to change.

Date	Event	Year Group
16.09.25	Year 1 Parent Phonics Information Meeting: Introduction to Little Wandle – 3.30pm	Year 1
23.09.25	Year 1 Parent Phonics Information Meeting: How Phonics Sessions Are Taught – 3.30pm	Year 1
30.09.25	Year 1 Parent Phonics Information Meeting: Guided Reading – 3.30pm	Year 1
18.09.25	Year Six Parent Information Meeting – 4.00pm	Year Six
25.09.25	Reception Parent Phonics Information Meeting – 4.00pm	Reception
26.09.25	Flu Immunisation Day	Reception to Year 6
26.09.25	MacMillan Cake Sale (further details to follow)	Whole School
29.09.25	Staff INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
13.10.25	Assessment Week	Whole School
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14.10.25	School Photos – Tempest Photographer in School	Whole School
16.10.25	K.S.1 and K.S.2 Harvest Church Service – 10:00am	K.S.1 and K.S.2
18.10.25	Early Years Open Day 2026/27 Cohort	New Starters
20.10.25	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
22.10.25	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
23.10.25	Scarecrow & Pumpkin Trail – 3.30pm	Whole School
24.10.25	Early Years – Parent/ Carer and Child Halloween Craft Afternoon 1:30pm-2:30pm	Nursery and Reception
24.10.25	Last Day of the Autumn First Half Term	Whole School
27.10.25	HALF TERM WEEK – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
03.11.25	School Returns for Autumn Two Half Term	Whole School

Washington Carnival: The annual carnival is being held on Saturday 13th September. 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!



Have a lovely weekend.

B. H. Adams

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher

Timetables

P.E. Lessons: Just to remind that the P.E. kit should be a plain white t-shirt (no football shirts), black shorts or black jogging bottoms/ leggings and trainers. A jumper can also be worn.

Week Commencing: 8 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	5DF – P.E. 5RN – Swimming

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.

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Monday		Reception
Tuesday	Year 3	
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday	1MT	
Friday		2MA

