

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wet week!! Thanks to everyone who has battled through the weather to make sure your child was at school – we do appreciate this. This week has been excellent around school – the work being produced in each class has been amazing – I have been so impressed!

Staffing: I hope you will join me in welcoming Miss Ovington, who has joined our Treehouse staff team. I know she is excited to work with both pupils and parents within the provision.

I have also realised that I never welcomed two additional lunchtime supervisors at the start of the term. Mrs Scott and Miss Moore have settled in well to their role over lunchtime and have been a good addition to our lunchtime staff team.

Boogie Bounce: On Wednesday, our year 3 pupils had the chance to participate in a Boogie Bounce PE taster session. This included the children trying a selection of dance inspired exercises on small trampolines while dance and pop songs were played on the speakers. Judging by the red, rosy cheeks, everyone put in a huge effort and used a lot of energy but most importantly, they all had fun! Thank you to Miss Fairless for organising the morning. Please see our Facebook page for photos of the morning.



Year 6 S.A.T.s Information Evening: Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to meet with our year 6 team on Tuesday, regarding the upcoming S.A.T.s. If you were unable to attend, you should have received the information via email, along with a letter and sign-up form for S.A.T.s after school club which will be starting next week. If you have any queries, please do reach out to our year 6 team who will be more than happy to help.

Parents' Evening: Our Spring term parents' evenings will be held on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th February for reception to year 6 pupils. Please use the following link to book an appointment with your child's class teacher:

[Parents' Evening – Fill out form](#)

Nursery parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March. Please use this form to book an appointment with your child's class teacher: [Parents' Evening - Nursery – Fill out form](#)

Attendance: This week's attendance was 95.38 %, and our year-to-date is 94.83%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 1ES, and in Key Stage Two this was 4BK. Both classes will be rewarded with an extra break time next week.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	94.44	96.54	93.70	96.50	93.00	95.19	88.10	98.46
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	95.65	98.71	93.00	96.55	95.00	93.60	96.54	99.17

House Points: The winner of this week's house points was Darwin.

INSET Day: Our final INSET/staff training day for this academic year has now been confirmed for Monday 23rd March. School will be closed to pupils on this date.

York Parent Information Meeting: In March, our year 5 pupils will be heading off on their residential to York. We would like to invite all parents/carers of the children attending the residential to join us for a parent information on Thursday 5th February at 4pm. An email invite will be sent to provide the full details.

JFK Superstars: Lyla P & Lily S (both from Treehouse) have recently joined a dance class – and both girls were absolutely delighted to be awarded ‘Dancer of the Week’ last night. Well done girls, as they say on Strictly....”Keeeeeep Dancing!”

Girls Football Team: Last night, the Girls' football team began their futsal tournament with games against Biddick and George Washington.

Our first game was against Biddick. It was a good introduction to Futsal for a lot of the team who had not played before and I was really impressed with the effort and tenacity shown by the team. Chances came and went for both teams, Ada-Grace T making a fantastic save at her near post before Sophia H played a wonderful ball through the middle for Ava S who went around the goalkeeper and calmly slotted the ball in to put us 1-0 up. Unfortunately, the win wasn't to be with Biddick scoring a late equaliser with 3 seconds remaining, the game ending with a strong 1-1 result.

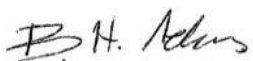
Our second match was against local rivals George Washington. Olivia B and Willow B continued to be a wonderful partnership in defence, stopping GW every time they tried to come forward. GW were eventually able to grab the lead with a wonderful finish but the team did not give up showing great tenacity and fight, Brooke M working hard in a number of positions, showing great strength and assuredness on the ball. Deservedly, the girls found an equaliser, with Ava S this time playing a wonderful ball through to Sophia H who slotted it into the corner. Not willing to be finished there, Sophia fought hard, chasing a long ball and forcing a mistake, which allowed her to score the winner. 2-1, the final result.

This was a fantastic start to the Futsal tournament and the team currently sit in first place with 2 more games to play. I was really impressed with the determination and quality of the games. Well done girls.

Valentines Disco: Tickets are now available to purchase via ParentPay for our disco next month. Please note, if you have siblings in school, they will need to attend with their own year group.

Girls Football Team: Last night, some of our girl's football team competed in the Futsal, held at Washington Leisure Centre.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



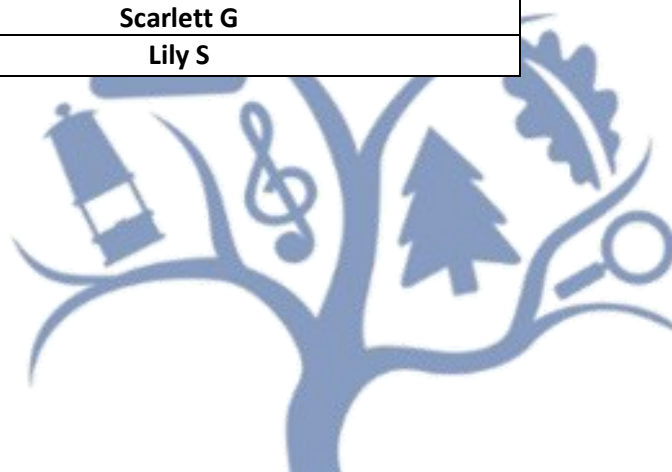


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NMA	Rowan B Nolan L
Reception	RAO	Alfie R
	RST	Bonny
One	1ES	Sia G Eden G
	1MT	Oakley F-G Harrison C
Two	2MA	Ivy D Logan S
	2MeA	Elliot A Elsie C
Three	3GB	Jake A Katie H
	3AF	Jude B Rory S
Four	4BK	Travis H Milly S
	4MS	Cole L Can Y
Five	5DF	Jacob K Alfie W
	5RN	Greia T Ronin S
Six	6PP/LM	Mia W Elliott D
	6VS	Tymon B Hayden S
Treehouse	THBM/CG	Scarlett G
	THIT	Lily S



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: 19 th January		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 – Swimming Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 & Y5 pupils) – Swimming Reception	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: 26 th January		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Year Three	RAO & RST
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday	Year 1	Nursery
Friday	Nursery	2MA (Miss Anderson' class)

