

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

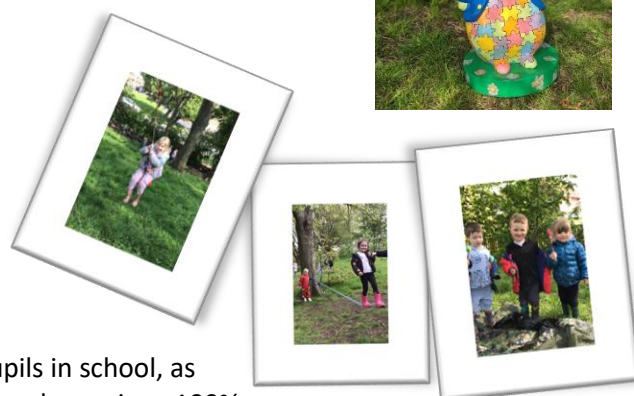
I hope everyone enjoyed their Bank Holiday weekend! Although a slightly shorter week in school, it has continued to be busy in all year groups.

Footwear: Can I just remind all parents and carers, that as part of our school uniform, children should wear sensible black shoes. We are seeing children wearing crocs, or similar footwear, for school – this is neither safe nor practical. If you have any specific concerns regarding footwear, or your child needs to wear alternative footwear temporarily (for example due to an injury) please speak directly with their class teacher.

Tales on the Tyne: “Unity”, our Peter Rabbit sculpture, has been completed by all pupils and staff across the school over the last week. Yesterday, he went on a trip in Mr Adams’ car through the Tyne Tunnel to be delivered to St Oswald’s Hospice in Gosforth to join the other sculptures in preparation for the Tales on the Tyne



Nursery Forest School Day: Yesterday, due to our nursery building being used as a polling station for the local elections, our nursery children took the opportunity to enjoy a day in our forest area. The weather stayed so the children got to fully experience all that forest school has to offer. They planted seeds, used a rope swing, made magic wands, climbed trees and even learned to balance on a slack line.



Year Six S.A.T.s: Next week is a very important week for our oldest pupils in school, as they will be completing their SATs. Throughout the year, all the children have given 100% effort into their work, and we couldn’t be prouder of the improvements they have made. Next week is their chance to shine and show everyone how amazing they are! This weekend, they should relax, and try and complete activities that are non-school based, which hopefully will keep their minds on other things. As usual, to support with the week, we are offering year 6 pupils the opportunity to attend a breakfast club in the main hall from 8.00am, where our staff will be serving a variety of cereals, toast, pastries and hot/cold drinks. Please make sure you have completed the form sent via email if you would like to book a spot for your child.

Attendance: Our attendance for this week has been 94.24%. This brings our year-to-date figure to 94.70%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 1MT, and in Key Stage Two this was 3GB for the 2nd week in a row! Both classes will be rewarded with an extra break-time next week!

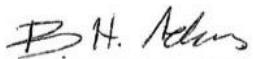
Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	89.51%	93%	95.37%	94.38%	97.5%	94.23%	94.64%	94.23%
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	97%	91.94%	91.60%	90.09%	92.41%	92%	90.38%	95.83%

JFK Superstars: This week Finley R (2MeA) received his stripe belt and graduated from his Little Samurais class at Toukon Martial Arts (Kickboxing). An amazing achievement – gained from his increased confidence and determination. Well done, Finley!



Early Years Open Day: If you or any of your friends have children due to start in Early Years in 2026 or 2027, we are holding two 'open day' sessions later this term which will provide an opportunity to look around the provision with your child and try out some of the activities; members of staff will also be available to discuss the provision. The sessions will be held on Wednesday 2nd July at 3:45pm-5:00pm and Saturday 4th July at 9:30am-11:30am. Please spread the word!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



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EARLY YEARS OPEN DAY & DROP IN SESSION

*Nurturing potential.
Growing success.*

Drop in - Wednesday 1st July 2026
3:45pm-5pm

Open day - Saturday 4th July 2026
9:30am-11:30am

Parents and carers, who have children starting Reception in September 2026 or have children turning 3 this academic year, are invited to come along to see our Early Years environment.

- ✓ See our wonderful provision
- ✓ Meet school staff
- ✓ Explore our curriculum
- ✓ Ask questions

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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	James W Theo A
Reception	RAO	Alvey F Oliver J
	RST	Jace S Henry R
One	1ES	Oakley C Max M
	1MT	Reggie J Macie N
Two	2MA	William M Millie H
	2MeA	Nathan B Elliot A
Three	3GB	Freya T Oscar L
	3AF	Alana R Rory S
Four	4BK	Milly S George B
	4MS	Peter B Can Y
Five	5DF	Rocco M Leo H
	5RN	Joel M Poppy L
Six	6PP/LM	Emily-May M Alice L
	6VS	Alice D Freddie B
Treehouse	THBM	Jordan J
	THIT	Daniel M

Headteacher Award

This weeks' Headteacher Award goes to **Lyla P (Treehouse)**. Lyla embraces her transitions from Treehouse to mainstream year 1 with passion and enthusiasm. She enjoys her daily lunchtime with her peers, participates in P.E. and maths lesson every week along with playing in the continuous provision. Lyla always has a smile on her face and demonstrates excellent listening skills – a fantastic role model within the year group. Well done, Lyla, your teachers are so impressed!



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: 11 th May		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 - Swimming	Year Three
Tuesday	Treehouse (THIT)	Treehouse (THBM)
Wednesday		Nursery Year 4
Thursday	Nursery	Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Year 4 & 5) Reception	5DF – Swimming 5RN – PE Year 6 PE

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		
Tuesday		Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		
Friday		2MeA

