

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year Six Derwent Hill Residential:** Last weekend, our year 6 pupils had a fabulous weekend in the Lake District. All pupils took part in a wide range of activities: gorge walking, trapeze, high ropes course, leap of faith, mountain climb, climbing and the low ropes course, not to mention canoeing. All pupils and staff had a wonderful time – nobody wanted to leave on Sunday evening! We are all very proud of our year 6 pupils for their effort, perseverance and teamwork skills shown throughout the weekend. They were an absolute credit to our school. On behalf of the school, I must say a huge thanks to all the staff who volunteered, and gave up their own family time at the weekend, to make sure that the children could have this amazing opportunity – it is appreciated.



**Sunderland Sings:** On Wednesday afternoon, 30 children from year 4 travelled to The Sunderland Empire to take part in the annual Sunderland Sings! The musical event had musicians from Sunderland Music Hub form the Big Sunderland Sings Band and perform a range of celebratory songs. Children from local schools became the star vocalists in the audience, singing along to the songs they have been practising at school. The children sang their hearts out and proudly represented our school!

**Year 1 Phonics Check:** A quick note to say well done to those children who sat their phonics check this week. The papers have been sent off to be checked and we will receive the official results later in the term. All children have done wonderfully well, showing great resilience and determination and it was lovely to hear excellent phonics throughout school.

**Attendance:** This week our attendance is 88.29%, and our running total since the start of the year has dropped to 93.61% The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage 1 was 1MT, and in Key Stage Two was 3DF.

Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	85.11	89.52	95.00	88.46	92.61	82.92	90.00	93.57
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	93.00	86.54	90.36	85.60	91.31	78.85	85.00	91.25

Over the last few weeks, our school attendance has lowered, which is disappointing. Please can everyone try and ensure that their child is at school each day - there is still time for improvements to be made before the end of the school year.

**Summer Fayre:** In preparation for our upcoming Summer Fayre (on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July), we are looking for donations of books in excellent condition along with tombola prizes. If you are able to donate any, please hand them in to your child's class teacher or the school office.

**JFK Superstars:** This week was a week of sporting celebration in year 4! Willow B, Lexi K, Brooke M and Oliver R from 4AF and Ava S and Leo H from 4BK, all earned football trophies at the weekend for fantastic contributions to their football teams. The children proudly showed their awards to their classmates, explaining what they had done to achieve them.



**Key Dates:** Below is a reminder of key dates up to the end of the school year:

16.06.25	Year 6 Nissan Robotics Visit (Mr. Pearson's Class)	Year 6 – Class 6PP
17.06.25	Year 6 Nissan Robotics Visit (Mrs. Mewes' Class)	Year 6 – Class 6LM
24.06.25 – 25.06.25	Year 6 - Transition to Secondary School (Pupils going to Biddick Academy)	Year 6
25.06.25	Nursery Pirate Day	Nursery
26.06.25	Year 5/6 Sports Day – 2:00pm	Year 5 and 6
30.06.25	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
30.06.25 – 02.07.27	Year 6 Transition to Secondary School (Pupils going to Washington Academy & St Robert's)	Year 6
01.07.05 – 03.07.25	Year 6 Transition to Secondary School (Pupils going to Oxclose Academy & Farringdon Academy)	Year 6
01.07.25	Treehouse (Squirrel) Sports Afternoon and Picnic – 1:30pm	Treehouse – Squirrels
02.07.25 - 04.07.25	York Residential	Year 5
02.07.25	Reception Sports Day – 2:00pm	Reception
03.07.25	Year 3/4 Sports Day - 9.30am	Year 3 and 4
03.07.25	Year 1/2 Sports Day – 2:00pm	Year 1
04.07.25	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebrations	Year 4 and 6
04.07.25	Treehouse (Fox and Hedgehog) Sports Afternoon and Picnic – 1:30pm	Treehouse – Foxes and Hedgehogs
08.07.25	Treehouse visit to the beach	Treehouse
09.07.25	Summer Fayre – 3.30pm	Whole School
10.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 2.00pm	Year 6
11.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 9.30am	Year 6
17.07.25	Leavers' Lunch	Year 6
18.07.25	Nursery Rainbow Funday	Nursery
18.07.25	Reports Home to Parents	Whole School
21.07.25	Open Afternoon 1.30pm – 3.20pm	Reception to Year 6
22.07.25	Whole School Picnic - 12.30pm	Whole School
24.07.25	SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

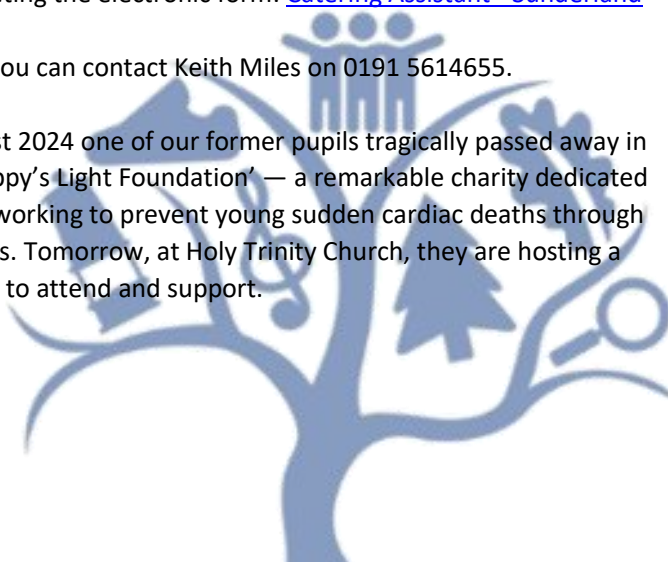
**Catering Assistant Vacancy:** Sunderland City Council have asked us to share the below job advert on their behalf. There are a number of Catering Assistant vacancies across the school meals service, including a vacancy at John F Kennedy Primary School, for a 12.5 hours / week Catering Assistant (permanent contracted hours). Applications have to be made on-line by clicking "Apply Now" on the following link and completing the electronic form: [Catering Assistant - Sunderland City Council - North East Jobs](#). Closing date is 19<sup>th</sup> June.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested or have any queries you can contact Keith Miles on 0191 5614655.

**Poppy's Light Foundation:** Some of you may be aware, in August 2024 one of our former pupils tragically passed away in at just 20 years old. In her memory, her parents have set up 'Poppy's Light Foundation' — a remarkable charity dedicated to supporting children through holistic interventions, as well as working to prevent young sudden cardiac deaths through awareness, screening, research, and support for affected families. Tomorrow, at Holy Trinity Church, they are hosting a coffee morning between 10am-2pm which everyone is welcome to attend and support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B. Adams - Head of School





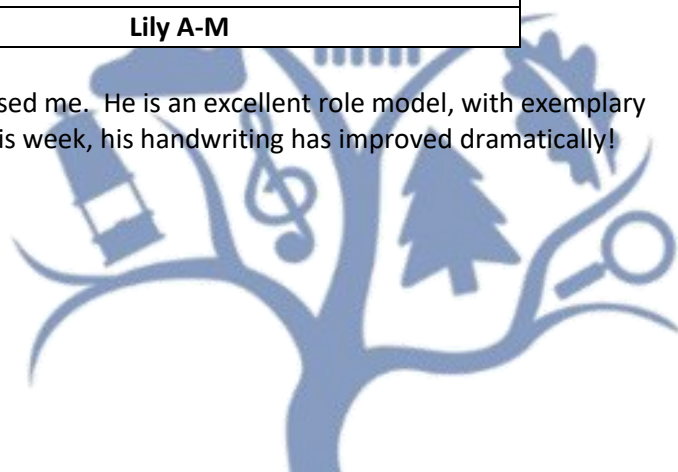
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# Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Penelope B Oliver J
Reception	RAM	Reggie J Hallie W
	RES	Lockie B Oakley C
One	1AP	William M Frankie P
	1MT	Penny R Elliot A
Two	2MA	Alana R Thomas P
	2JW	Luna S Lennox B
Three	3DF	Louie H Ollie S
	3GB	Ethan F-L Nina A
Four	4AF	Tilly R Ada-Grace T
	4BK	Lacey-Mae B Jack H
Five	5RN	Elliott D Flynn M
	5MA	Olivia B Demi-Leigh B
Six	6PP	All of year six for a fabulous residential weekend!
	6LM	All of year six for a fabulous residential weekend!
Treehouse	TLC	Nathan Mc
	TNP	Lily A-M

**Head of School Award:** This week, Oliver R in 3DF has impressed me. He is an excellent role model, with exemplary behaviour. Also, when I was looking through English books this week, his handwriting has improved dramatically! Well done, Oliver – keep aiming high!



# 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: 16 <sup>th</sup> June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 4BK (swimming)	Year 3
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	Year 5 (5MA & 5RN) Year 6
Friday		5MA – 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.

Week Commencing: 16 <sup>th</sup> June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 5 (5MA & 5RN)	Reception
Tuesday	Year 3	
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		Nursery
Friday	Nursery	1MT

