

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we've had a great week in school this week – ending in the most colourful way! I hope all our families have enjoyed themselves this afternoon.

Colour Run: What a great day we have had today. Thank you to all our families who were able to join us for a picnic before the main event. There were splashes of colour as far as my eyes could see! It was great to see so many adults joining in with the children. All sponsorship money should be handed in by Friday 3rd July, where all pupils who returned sponsor money will be entered into a prize draw. We will then be able to reveal how much we have raised to enhance our outdoor provision further. Please see our Facebook page for images of today.

Local Councillor Meet & Greet: On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of welcoming Councillor Joseph Phillips, from the Washington Central Ward, into school. Cllr Joseph is part of the Washington Committee, and we were able to discuss several issues, including parking around school. One of the things he is going to check is the progress of the funding allocation to help with making the outside area of school a safer place at the start and end of the school day. As our school falls within the East Ward, I have also been in contact with the Councillors of this team and hope to meet them in person very soon to expand our relationships.

Year Six Residential to Derwent Hill: Our Year Six pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential weekend at Derwent Hill, where they experienced the stunning beauty of the Lake District while taking part in a wide range of adventurous activities: gorge walking, canoeing, high ropes, the big swing, climbing and scrambling, and hill and mountain walks. We were incredibly proud of their impeccable behaviour throughout the visit, as they represented both themselves and the school exceptionally well. It was a pleasure to see them supporting and encouraging one another, especially when facing new challenges. It is clear from the photos on Facebook that everyone had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to the Derwent Hill team for providing such a fantastic and memorable experience and a massive thank you to our staff team who accompanied the children over the weekend to enable this to happen.



Attendance: Our attendance for this week has been 91.49%. This brings our year-to-date figure to 94.40%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was **1MT**, 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	92.99%	95.50%	89.81%	82.50%	96.25%	87.50%	86.90%	91.35%
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	92%	95.56%	93.33%	89.66%	95.09%	87.50%	93.50%	93.75%

World Cup celebrations: Last Tuesday, every child participated in a dance workshop lead by Rebecca from Dance Days. Each phase focussed on a different dance from around the world to celebrate the launch of the World Cup. EYFS enjoyed 'Brazilian Carnival', Key Stage 1 shuffled to the beat of 'Line Dancing', lower key Stage 2 kicked their legs to the 'Can Can' while upper Key Stage 2 took on 'Street Dancing'. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and busted out some amazing moves! Rebecca was very impressed with the behaviour and engagement from all children. Thank you to all the families who contributed towards the cost of this event.

To follow the World Cup and enhance our geography work within school, we are doing a friendly sweepstake (see below). Each class has chosen two teams to follow through the tournament. Let's see who makes it to the final!

TEAM	NAME	TEAM	NAME
ALGERIA	Fox	JAPAN	6VS
ARGENTINA	RAO	JORDAN	3GB
AUSTRALIA	3GB	MEXICO	Mrs. Harrison
AUSTRIA	Mr. Adams	MOROCCO	Fox
BELGIUM	Hedgehog	NETHERLANDS	5RN
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	3AF	NEW ZEALAND	Mrs. Watson
BRAZIL	Andre	NORWAY	5DF
CABO VERDE	4BK	PANAMA	IES
CANADA	Cleaners	PARAGUAY	IMT
COLOMBIA	Mr. Mackintosh	PORTUGAL	3AF
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	IES	QATAR	Mrs. Ridley
CROATIA	4MS	SAUDI ARABIA	Squirrel
CURACAO	RST	SCOTLAND	6PP/LM
CZECHIA	Lunchtime Supervisors	SENEGAL	Nursery
DR CONGO	6VS	SOUTH AFRICA	5DF
ECUADOR	2MA	SOUTH KOREA	2MeA
EGYPT	Ms. Middlemiss	SPAIN	Nursery
ENGLAND	Squirrel	SWEDEN	RST
FRANCE	4MS	SWITZERLAND	2MeA
GERMANY	Kitchen Staff	TUNISIA	IMT
GHANA	Hedgehog	TÜRKIYE	5RN
HAITI	6PP/LM	UNITED STATES	2MA
IRAN	4BK	URUGUAY	Ms. Arkle
IRAQ	RAO	UZBEKISTAN	Mrs. Mackintosh

JFK Superstars: This week, Leo C (1ES) and Dougie H (1MT) went to their end of year football presentation. Leo was presented with the Players Player of the Season 2025/26 award while Dougie was awarded the Coaches Player of the Season 2025/26 award. Both boys have played very well all season and are looking forward to their achievements next year. Well done, boys!



Poppy H (5DF) attend her Annual Showcase with her dance group last weekend. She was able to showcase her tap, ballet and jazz skills – I know her family are extremely proud of her. Eve D (3AF) also attended the showcase dancing on Sunday, performing the same dances. I certainly see two Strictly superstars in our J.F.K. family.



Year One Local Walk: Next Monday (22nd), year 1 will be walking to Washington Village as part of their history work. The children will leave school at around 1.30m and will return to school in time for home time. Please ensure all children come to school with a coat and a water bottle. As the weather can change at the drop of a hat, it is important all children are appropriately dressed. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 5 Biddick Academy Visit Reminder: On Thursday 25th June, year 5 have been invited to Biddick Academy for a taster day in preparation for the secondary school application window opening in September. This is a full day activity and lunch will be provided. We will walk the children to Biddick for 9:30am start, there is a range of activities and lessons along with a break and lunch. We will be back to school before 3.20pm. Children need to arrive to school at the normal time and are to wear full school uniform.

Key Stage One Sports Day: A reminder Key Stage One will be practising their races for Sports Day on Monday morning. Please ensure that children have trainers to change into.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and you're not finding powdered paint for days to come!

B. H. Adams

Mr B. Adams





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Stars of the Week



Headteacher

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Violet D
Reception	RAO	Ella C Yigit
	RST	Finley Oliver D
One	1ES	Eden G Aida S
	1MT	Lochlan M Nell P
Two	2MA	Olivia C Rebecca S
	2MeA	Finley R Chloe W
Three	3GB	Freya D Talia K
	3AF	Georgina H Elliott H
Four	4BK	Charlotte T Oliver C
	4MS	Lia May B Thomas A
Five	5DF	Millie M Rocco M
	5RN	Thomas H Seth A
Six	6PP/LM	Alfie K Ted C
	6VS	Jacob L Sophia H
Treehouse	THBM	Lily A-M
	THIT	George McC

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: 22 nd June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 - Swimming	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse (THIT)	Treehouse (THBM) Year 1
Wednesday		Nursery Year 4
Thursday	Nursery	Year 2
Friday	Treehouse - Swimming (Year 4 & 5) Reception	5DF – Swimming 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.

Week Commencing: 22 nd June		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Year 3	Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday	Year 1	
Friday		2MeA

