

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that we are almost a month into the new academic year, it is clear to see that all the pupils are settled into their new classes. I have loved seeing how many of the children have stayed after school to take part in our numerous clubs – huge thanks must go to all staff who have volunteered to run a club.

Macmillan Cake Sale: Thank you to everyone who donated cakes or cookies for our cake sale, and to anyone who bought a sweet treat to take home. It is appreciated and all money raised will be transferred to Macmillan so they can continue to support people living with cancer. We will confirm our raised amount next week!

TA Appreciation: Today is National Teaching Assistant's Day. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our amazing TAs across the school – they are all invaluable members of our school staff. We couldn't be the JFK family we are without them! Thanks to them all!!

Year Three Artist Visit: This morning, as part of their art curriculum, year 3 were treated to a visit from well-known local artist, Ray Lonsdale. Ray is famous for his large, metal sculptures that depict historical past-times of the Northeast - you'll likely know him for the 'Tommy' soldier sculpture at Seaham. He demonstrated some of his sculpting techniques for the children to try and copy, as well as delivering a small sketching masterclass before answering all the questions the children were eager to ask him. Year 3 have been inspired to continue practising and perfecting their sculpting techniques in the hope of being as successful as him in future.

JFK Superstars: Last Saturday, Tommy S (1MT) successfully passed his second Titan Taekwondo grading and has now earned green belt. A fantastic achievement Tommy! Well done!



Attendance: Our attendance this week is 94.87% and our year to date is 95.38%, which is just below the government target of 96%. I would really like to see our school pull back over this next week. The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage one was 1MT & 2MeA with a fantastic 100%, and in Key Stage Two was 5DF.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3GB
Attendance	97.30	93.80	98.89	89.00	100	96.15	100	92.50
Class	3AF	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	96.92	93.79	91.33	99.29	95.71	88.40	93.60	92.80

Superheroes Promotional Day: On Thursday 2nd October our school kitchen team are serving a special menu, inspired by Superheroes. All pupils who stay for the special meal will have the chance to win the 'golden ticket' and be presented with a cupcake set. They will then be entered into a Sunderland wide draw to win prizes, including a £20 Amazon gift card, or a Marvel Guess Who game. Please fill in the following form if your child does not normally have school meals, but would like one on this date: [School Meal 2nd October](#)

School Football Team: On Thursday evening, the school football team kicked off their league campaign with games against St John Boste and St Bede.

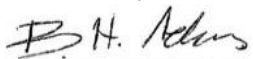
In the first game, against St John Boste, the team continued on from last week's Autumn Cup triumph with yet another tremendous defensive display with the opposition not having a shot on target. Midway into the first half, Jacob L was able to thread the ball through the defence before a good touch and finish from Jack R put the team 1-0 up. In the final minutes of the game, Seth A sent the ball in from a corner - the defence were unable to clear their lines with the ball falling to Jacob L. Jacob was able to navigate through the bodies before striking the ball past the keeper and securing the 2-0 win.

The second game of the evening saw the team take on St Bedes. This was a tight game with only one goal deciding it. Jude C and Jack R both had chances in the first half but saw their efforts go just wide of the post. In the second half, St Bedes were able to break free before slotting the ball into the JFK net. In the final moments of the game, efforts from Jacob L and Seth A nearly equalised the score but St Bedes held on to take the win.

Well done to everyone who played and they all showed brilliant determination throughout.

INSET Day: School will be closed to all pupils this Monday, 29th September, due to staff training.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



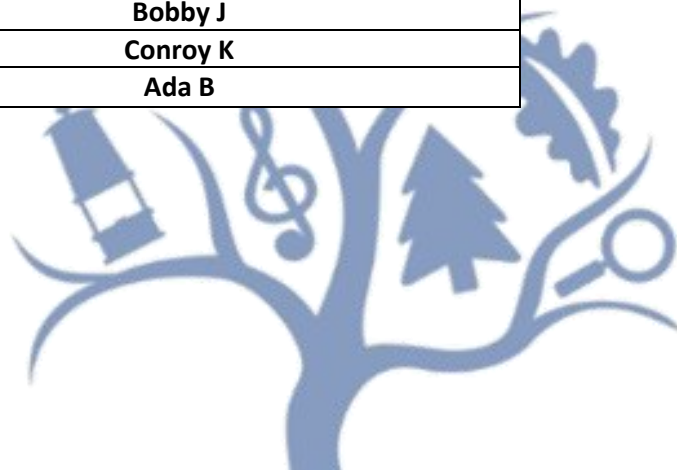


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Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Penelope B Jack S
Reception	RAO	Ella B Oliver L
	RST	Valencia J Rayne Kemp
One	1ES	Mason A Poppy N
	1MT	Hallie W Lochlan M
Two	2MA	Edward D Olivia C
	2MeA	Albie L Harrison F
Three	3GB	Maxi C Emily C
	3AF	Robbie H Belle T
Four	4BK	Sophia C Eleanor C
	4MS	Harry B Joseph C
Five	5DF	Sofia S Jacob K
	5RN	Sophia S Seth A
Six	6PP/LM	Dane L Imogen W
	6VS	Bonnie P Bobby J
Treehouse	THLC	Conroy K
	THIT	Ada B



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: 29 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	No PE due to INSET day	
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 & Y5 pupils) – Swimming	5RN– P.E. 5DF – 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: 29 th September		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	3GB	
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday	1ES	
Friday		2MeA (Miss Atkinson's class)

