



20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see blue skies this week, and some warmer temperatures – we’re certainly feeling a sense of Spring now! I have been in most classes maths lessons this week and we have many mathematicians in school – I was so impressed!

Peter Rabbit: Last Thursday, Mr Adams, Miss Atkinson and Mrs Appleby went to collect our Peter Rabbit sculpture from Newcastle, where he enjoyed his journey back to school in Mr Adams’ car. On Monday, the sculpture was unveiled to the children during our morning assemblies, and they were informed that the school are taking part in Tales on the Tyne – a Wild in Art event for over the summer. This week, each pupil has had the opportunity to design what Peter Rabbit should look like, based around the theme of ‘Our School’. The final design will be used to create our finished sculpture for display somewhere in the North East and eventually, Peter will end up alongside Elmer in school. Please keep your eyes peeled for updates over the coming weeks.

Red Nose Day: Today we celebrated Red Nose Day in school. Children, and staff, were dressed in a sea of red clothing and accessories. We were not taking cash donations in school, but if you would like to donate you can use this link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=21377>

Bikability: Over the last two weeks, year 5 have been taking part in Bikeability with Sunderland City Council. During their Level 2 training, they learned how to start and stop appropriately, respond to and identify hazards, communicate with road users and negotiate junctions. Both the instructors and Mrs Cooper were very impressed with their positive attitude and sensible behaviour, as well as their listening skills whilst being on the road.



Richmond Parent Information Meeting: Thank you to the parents/carers who attended our information meeting on Tuesday. For those who were unable to make it, you should have received the information via email now. If you have any queries about this residential, please speak to a member of the year 4 team or our school office.

Attendance: I’m really pleased with this week’s attendance – for the first time this term we have exceeded the government target and ended at 96.15%! I can see the Key Stage One classes seem to have had some competition with each other to win the reward of an extra break time next week. This achievement has also had a positive impact on our year-to-date figure which is now 94.60%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 2MeA, and in Key Stage Two this was 5RN.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	96.67	96.15	93.33	99.05	99.50	98.08	99.05	95.60
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	98.33	90.97	94.26	98.57	98.62	93.60	96.54	96.67

House Points: The winner of this week’s house points was Curie.

JFK Superstar: Last the weekend, Arthur S (3AF) passed his Stage 2 swimming and now moving up to Stage 3. Arthur's confidence in the water has grown so much – I wonder if we have an 'Adam Peaty' in the making.



Sylvia H-F (3GB) received a trophy earlier this week at gymnastics – 'Gymnast of the Month'. What a fantastic achievement!

Hot off the press superstar news – just this morning, Peter B (4MS) completed 200 lengths at Sunderland Aquatic Centre (which is the equivalent of 5km!) to raise money for Cancer Research & Marie Curie. This is an unbelievable achievement and I know Peter's family are incredibly proud of him. He has successfully raised £380 for these amazing charities. Well done Peter, I am in awe of you – especially as you came back into school for the rest of the day following this. You certainly deserve some rest this weekend.



Easter Competition: Just to give a heads up, we will be holding our annual Easter competition on Tuesday 31st March. The pupils can design either a hard-boiled egg or an Easter bonnet at home, which should then be brought into school for judging on the day. Winners and prizes will be announced on Wednesday 1st April.

INSET Day: Just a polite reminder that school is closed to pupils on Monday due to staff training. We will be focusing on our English curriculum.

Have a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 24th March.

B. H. Adams

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



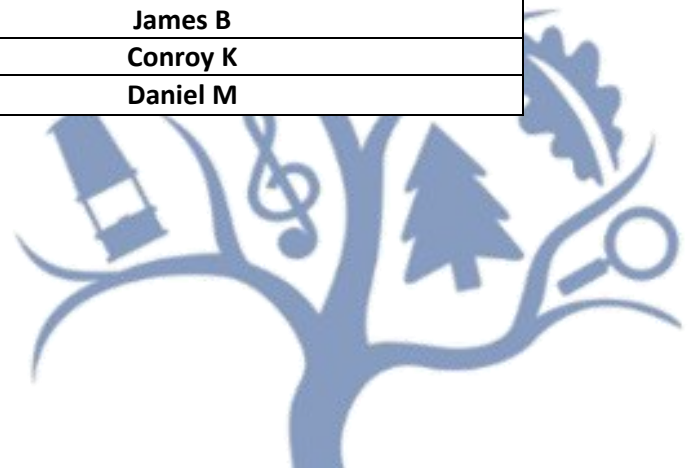


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Primary School



Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Codey L
Reception	RAO	Yigit B Lucie H
	RST	Valencia J Rhys D
One	1ES	Mason A Lockie B
	1MT	James B Mila H
Two	2MA	Lucas B Maisie L
	2MeA	Elijah J Kane C
Three	3GB	Esmae M Freya D
	3AF	Ayesha B Reuben D
Four	4BK	Sophia C Edith R
	4MS	Joseph C Nina A
Five	5DF	Jack H Carson S
	5RN	Joe E Miles M
Six	6PP/LM	Sophia H-H Calvin S
	6VS	Bella P James B
Treehouse	THBM	Conroy K
	THIT	Daniel M



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: 23 rd March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday	Treehouse (THIT)	Treehouse (THBM)
Wednesday		
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 & Y5 pupils) – Swimming Reception	5DF – Swimming 5RN – P.E. 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: 23 rd March		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		Reception
Wednesday	Treehouse	Year 4
Thursday	Year 1	Nursery
Friday	Nursery	2MeA



Sports News

Girls 'Football Team: It has been a very busy week for our year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Team this week. They have played games across two nights...

On Tuesday, the Girls' team continued their league fixtures with two games against Holley Park and Rickleton Primary School. Their first game saw them play a tough opposition with the game being a battle between both teams. The team fought valiantly, battling away but unfortunately, fell to a 3-0 defeat even with some excellent defending from Oliva B and Willow B keeping us in the game.

Our second game was against Rickleton. The team showed how far they have come with an amazing work ethic and commitment resulting in a fantastic team performance, embodied by Tilly R and her warrior attitude in the middle of the park, making crucial tackles and giving the opposition no time on the ball. They started quickly, moving the ball between each other, showing composure and skill, Sophia H was incredible unfortunate from a corner as she struck the crossbar. We took an early lead with a fantastic goal by Brooke M. Not to be stopped, the team pressed on, a throw in down the line found Lexi K who battled her way into the box before playing an excellent ball that was turned into the net by a defender. After half time the pressure continued, Ava S driving through the midfield before crashing an effort off the crossbar herself. Eventually we found a third goal, Lexi scoring a goal she thoroughly deserved after a faultless performance.

On Thursday evening, the girls' football team took part in the first round of the Girls Trophy at St Bedes. The first game of the night saw them take on St Joes. This was a very close game with only one goal separating the teams. Early in the first half, St Joes broke through the defence and were able to slot the ball into the bottom corner to take the lead. JFK did not let their head drop and moments later saw a chance fall to Sophia H, with her effort just going wide of the post. Throughout the second half, JFK dominated the possession however were unable to find an equaliser with the game finishing 1-0 to the opposition.

The second game saw the girls needing a win against the hosts, St Bedes. Despite the result not going the way that they would have liked, JFK girls can be very proud of their attitudes and determination as they never gave up. Brooke M had the best chance for JFK, breaking past a number of defenders before forcing an outstanding save from the opponent's goalkeeper. Unfortunately, the girls' team did not make it through to the final of the Girls Trophy but they can hold their heads up high with the effort they showed. Well done to everyone who took part!

