

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter



13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Love was in the air' this week for our Key Stage One and Key Stage Two Valentine's discos. The atmosphere in the hall was struck by Cupid's arrow with the children thoroughly enjoyed the music and dancing. I'd like to thank all the staff who helped with the decorations and supervising each disco – without them, these events wouldn't be able to happen.

Owl Adventures: On Monday, Year Five welcomed some very special visitors into school. A huge thank you to Owl Adventures, who provided an informative talk and flight demonstration in the hall. They were lucky enough to see a Barn owl, Eagle owl, and Harris hawk in action. More photos are available to view on Facebook.



Year 1 Visitor: As part of our Nurturing Nurses topic, year 1 had a visit from a local nurse on Wednesday. We talked about the human body and some of its vital organs and the function of each organ. Then, we tried on some scrubs and listened to each other's heartbeat and lungs. After that, we learned how to apply a sling to a poorly arm and tried putting them on each other. To finish, the children watched a demonstration of how to administer CPR and how a defibrillator works.



Day of Love: Our Reception children had a wonderful time celebrating Valentine's Day alongside Children's Mental Health Week. They enjoyed a Valentine's disco on the morning and special "pamper party," where they carefully massaged their friends' hands and enjoyed gentle foot spas, learning about relaxation, trust, and the importance of caring for one another. Throughout the day, the children talked about feelings, kindness, and how to be a good friend.



Attendance: This week's attendance has seen good movement from the last couple of weeks; we ended at 95.00% - roughly a 3% increase. I realise there have been a few 'bugs' going around lately – such as stomach upsets, high temperatures, cough/colds, etc – and we really appreciate our families keeping us informed of these illness so we can advise of the correct guidance whether a child needs to stay off from school and for how long. Our year-to-date figure is still impacted but, if we continue to increase, we will soon see this move in the right direction – we're currently at 94.55%. The class in Key Stage One with the highest attendance was 2MeA, and in Key Stage Two this was 5RN. Both classes will be rewarded with an extra break time this week.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	94.95	98.08	94.07	98.00	96.50	96.67	98.10	92.31
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	92.17	91.61	94.48	94.48	96.33	92.80	91.54	100

House Points: The winner of last week's house points was Franklin.

Friendly Reminder: please ensure that Year 1 book bags are returned no later than **Thursday each week**, as this allows the Year 1 staff enough time to prepare them ready to go home again on Friday. Each returned book bag will include your child's guided reading book from that week, a reading-for-pleasure book to enjoy at home, and copies of the phonics and spellings taught in school. Your support with reading at home is greatly appreciated, and we really look forward to seeing and hearing about the books your children have enjoyed reading at home. Thank you for your continued support.

INSET Day: Our final INSET/staff training day for this academic year has now will be Monday 23rd March. School will be closed to pupils on this date.

Holiday Camps & HAF Camps: Washington Football Club are holding some clubs during the February half-term. This is open to boys and girls aged 5-14 of all abilities, to train and play football in a fun, safe and learning environment. The Club have also been given funding to deliver Free Spaces for the HAF programme. This funding is for families who have children on free school meals or have SEN. The Football Camp is open to children outside of Washington FC. To book use this link:

<https://www.washingtonafc.com/february-football-camp>

Gateshead United FC: The Galactico's under 7's team are building a new squad. If you're interested in more information, please contact them for further details.

Have a lovely weekend.

B. H. Adams

Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



GATESHEAD UNITED FC
GALACTICOS – NEW U7s TEAM

WE ARE BUILDING OUR NEW UNDER 7s SQUAD!

Do you have a child who loves football and wants to learn, improve, and have fun in a team environment?
Come join the Galacticos family!

WHO CAN JOIN?

- ★ Boys & girls aged 6-7 years old
- ★ All abilities welcome – beginners to experienced players

TRAINING DETAILS

- ★ Day: **Thursday**
- ★ Time: **5:00 PM**
- ★ Location: **Washington Hub**
- ★ UEFA-qualified coaching
- ★ Fun, safe & friendly environment
- ★ Focus on skills, confidence & teamwork

SPACES AVAILABLE NOW
To register your child or ask questions,
MESSAGE US TODAY!

Gateshead United FC – Galacticos U7s





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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Charlie M Lilly B
Reception	RAO	Ella B Joshua C
	RST	Millie H Riley S
One	1ES	Mylaa C Max M
	1MT	James B Tommy S
Two	2MA	Tuba I Kyran C
	2MeA	Emilia F Finley R
Three	3GB	Oscar L Sylvia H-F
	3AF	Elliott H Lilly N
Four	4BK	Thomas A Louie H
	4MS	Thomas A Nina A
Five	5DF	Pheobe A Jason F
	5RN	Ronin S Emilia-Grace H
Six	6PP/LM	Jack B Imogen W
	6VS	Scarlett R Emelia B
Treehouse	THBM/CG	Riley P
	THIT	Bobby G

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: 16 th February		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 – Swimming Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday		Year 4
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.

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Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		RAO & RST
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		Nursery
Friday	Nursery	2MA (Miss Anderson)

