



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week at school.

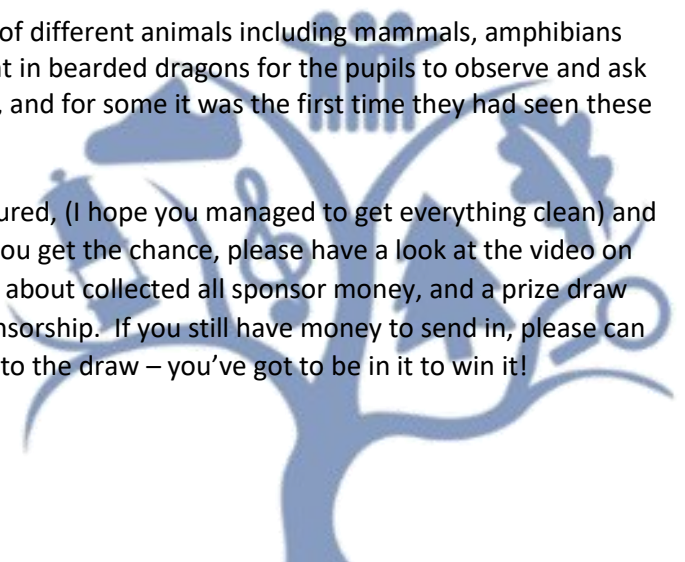
**Summer Fayre:** You wouldn't have thought we were in the middle of summer with the weather we have had this week – but that didn't stop our fayre from taking place inside school on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many people support the fayre, and from feedback I've received – you all seemed to enjoy it. I think one of the favourite stalls was the human fruit machine – I hope you managed to have a go. Congratulations to all our winners of the raffle; if you haven't collected your prize, please speak to a member of staff in the office. Thanks to digging deep in your pockets, we raised an amazing £1381, which will be used to support the curriculum and enhance your child's education. Thanks must go to all the staff for giving up their time to organise and run the fayre, and to the fundraising team for planning the whole event. Finally, I must thank Mrs Appleby, who was the brains behind the whole fayre – she kept everyone (including me) organised – without her vision, it wouldn't have been the success it was.

**Year 6:** If you were lucky enough to get your hands on a golden ticket, family and friends were treated to an amazing performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by our oldest pupils on Thursday and Friday. The singing and acting were fantastic – it wouldn't have felt out of place in the West-End, and the surprise of the confetti cannons added to the celebration at the finale. As always, the slideshow of the pupils' time at JFK caused a few tears, along with some laughter – I always enjoy watching these, as even though it is just a snippet of photos, it shows how many opportunities we give our pupils at JFK. I must thank anyone who helped the children learn their lines or provide a costume – it is appreciated. Thanks must also go to all staff who helped make scenery and props, it was a big team effort. Finally, huge thanks must also go to Mr Pearson and Mrs Mewes, who put the whole show together.

**Educational Visits:** This week, we have had two trips across school. On Tuesday, our younger Treehouse pupils enjoyed the morning at Tynemouth Aquarium as part of their Sun, Sea and Sand topic. They had a fantastic time and enjoyed seeing all the different sea creatures. On Thursday, our reception classes spent the day at Beamish Museum as part of their 'Understanding the World' aspect of the curriculum. They explored and were able to discuss about similarities and differences between the past and modern day. Next week, our year 1 pupils are visiting Washington Old Hall and our Hedgehog class from Treehouse are visiting Millie's Magical Garden.

**Year 5:** As part of their science topic looking at the life cycles of different animals including mammals, amphibians and reptiles, year 5 had a special visitor this week who brought in bearded dragons for the pupils to observe and ask questions about. All the pupils were fascinated by the animal, and for some it was the first time they had seen these animals up close.

**Colour Run:** It is a week since we turned everyone multi-coloured, (I hope you managed to get everything clean) and staff and pupils are still talking about the great afternoon. If you get the chance, please have a look at the video on Facebook, which has tried to capture the event. We have just about collected all sponsor money, and a prize draw will be taking place next week for all pupils who returned sponsorship. If you still have money to send in, please can this be done by Tuesday at the latest in order to be entered into the draw – you've got to be in it to win it!



**Treehouse:** To finish off our 'Summer Topic,' the children from Fox, Hedgehog and Squirrel class enjoyed a visit from the ice-cream van. We were wrapped up in our winter coats, but thankfully, there was a break in the rain, and we managed to eat them outside!



**JFK Superstars:** Jacob K (3MS) has recently been working with his grandad and the people at Hive Storytellers to produce an audio trail, which took part at the promenade in South Shields last weekend, as part of The Cultural Spring's 2024 timetable of arts-based projects. Jacob has played the Audio part of "Rocky H2O" a rock & roll starfish! What an amazing thing to be part of, well done Jacob!



**WCFP:** This summer, the Washington Community Food Project will once again be offering free packed lunches to all nursery, primary and secondary school children. Lunches may be collected from our main outlet in Unit O (Opposite Virgin Money in the Galleries) every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday throughout the summer holidays. No referral is needed, but children must be accompanied for collection.

**Diary Dates:** Next week is our final week of school, so below is a reminder of important dates in the school calendar:

15.07.24 & 16.07.24	Open Afternoons 1.30pm – 3.20pm. Please complete this link to state your preferred afternoon: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/swAdXXm1rs">https://forms.office.com/e/swAdXXm1rs</a>	Whole School
17.07.24	Year 6 Leavers' Lunch	Year 6
18.07.24	Whole School Picnic - 12.30pm	Whole School
22.07.24	SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Adams - Head of School



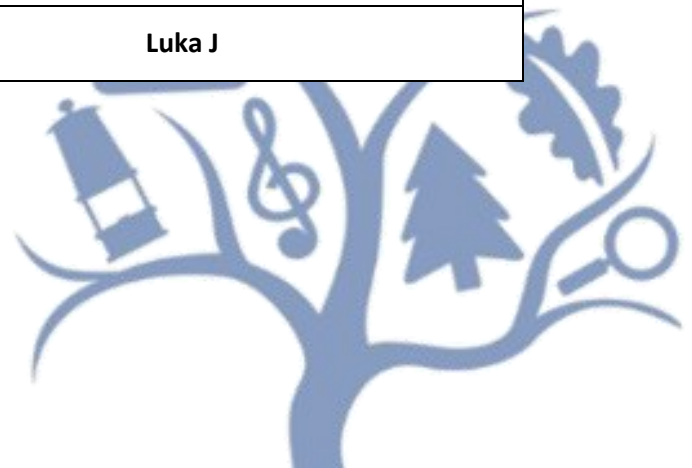


**John F. Kennedy**  
Primary School



# Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	All children for trying their best with the graduation performance.
Reception	RSC/MO	All children for trying their best with the graduation performance.
	RAM	
One	1AP	Derrick A Lilly N
	1ES	Talia K Mia M
Two	2FM	Henry P Neve W
	2MA	George B Dixie P
Three	3MS	Olivia O Thomas H
	3JW	Blake H-F Joe E
Four	4AF	Lucy R Calvin S
	4BK	Jacob L Sophia H
Five	5RN	James J Ayden T
	5DF	Ella Mae R Alfred R
Six	6PP	The whole year group for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
	6LM	
Treehouse	TSK	Richard B
	TNP	Luka J



# Timetables

**PE Lessons:** Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. **This is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers.** Please make sure that the shorts are appropriate for school – some have been getting very short. No additional accessories should be worn. At this time of year, we aim to have PE outside on the yard or field if the weather is suitable, however we do still ask that children have a jumper or jacket with them.

Week Commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1	
Tuesday	Treehouse – Squirrel Class and Fox Class	Year 2
Wednesday		Reception Year 4
Thursday	Year 3 Treehouse – Hedgehog Class	
Friday	Nursery	Year 5 (There is no swimming, just PE for both classes)

**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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Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	2FM and 2MA
Thursday		
Friday		Nursery

