

# John F. Kennedy Primary School

## The Buzz Newsletter



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It may only have been a 4-day week, but so much has been happening at school.

**Year 5 Residential:** This week, most of our year 5 pupils have been enjoying a city residential in York. During the 3 days, they have overcome their fears in York Dungeons, had a history day at Jorvik, Dig, Barley Hall and the Castle Museum, and today they have been finding out all about the connection with York and chocolate before creating their own lolly. They have all had a great time and have been a credit to our school. Huge thanks must go to all the staff who volunteered to accompany the children, which enabled the residential to take place. Please see our school Facebook page for photos of the trip.

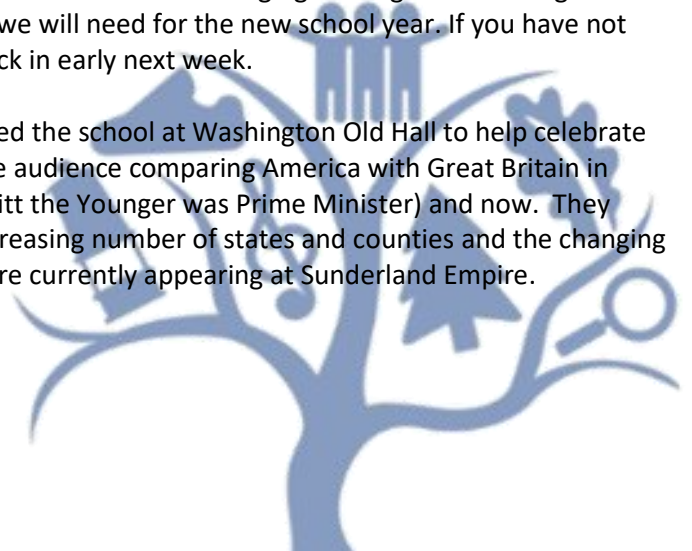
**Lower KS2 Sports Day:** On Thursday morning, Years 3 and 4 took part in their annual sports day. Luckily, the weather was lovely and the children were able to compete in the running, egg and spoon and bean bag races. Congratulations to all our amazing children who took part and gave it their all. Thank you so much if you were able to support the children by cheering them on in the audience. Big well done to all the brave grown-ups who joined in with the parent race as well. After collecting in all the scores, Franklin house achieved third place, Darwin house achieved second place and achieving joint first place were Curie and Swan!

**KS1 Sports Day:** KS1 had their sports day yesterday afternoon and it was lovely seeing so many of you coming along to cheer on your children. Thank you to everyone who managed to get time off work to come and watch and a massive shout out to all the adults who took part in the sprint race at the end! All the scores have been collated and the house with the most race wins was Darwin! All the children did wonderfully well and we're so proud of them all for giving it a go!

**Treehouse Sports Day and Picnic:** We had a fun-filled afternoon with lots of games and activities. The children's favourite game was squirting the photograph of the teacher! We enjoyed a picnic with our families and some team games with the parachute. Thankfully, the dark clouds were kind to us!

**Reading Books (Reception and KS1):** Children in reception and KS1 will not be bringing home guided reading books for the rest of the half term. This is so school can check what we will need for the new school year. If you have not brought in your child's book today, please ensure they are back in early next week.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Today, a group of year 4 and year 6 pupils represented the school at Washington Old Hall to help celebrate Independence Day. Our children shared a presentation to the audience comparing America with Great Britain in 1790 (when George Washington was President and William Pitt the Younger was Prime Minister) and now. They gave interesting facts about the growth in population, the increasing number of states and counties and the changing industries. The children also met the cast of Hamilton, who are currently appearing at Sunderland Empire.



**Handy Helpers:** Over the last few months, Miss Conner has been working with children in school to order a range of playtime and lunchtime equipment. This equipment has been purchased using the sponsorship money raised in last year's Colour Run. Some of the things that have been ordered are larger pieces such mud kitchens and reading dens. We are kindly asking for volunteers to help us build some of these items between now and the end of term. If you are handy with a drill and have some free time, we would greatly appreciate your support. Ideally, we would like helpers between the hours of 3:20pm and 6:00pm during weekdays. Please contact the school office to let us know your availability. Please see below some of the things we need built for reference.



**Year 1 Forest School Day:** Next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Year 1 children will spend the day in forest school. There will be lots of opportunities for them to explore different activities and a chance to sit around the fire and toast marshmallows! Please send all children into school appropriately dressed for the day, including a spare change of clothes.

**Summer Fayre:** A reminder that next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July is our summer fayre. This will take place on the front yard and field from 3.30pm, and we would love to see you all there. We're still on the lookout for unwanted books (in good condition) and tombola prizes. Please send any items in over the next few days. We're also going to be selling cakes at the fayre – if anyone would like to contribute, please send them in on **Wednesday only**.

**Active Sunderland Taster Sessions:** Next week, Active Sunderland will be in school on the morning of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July to delivery taster sessions for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 children. Active Sunderland come into our school every year with the aim of getting more people active in the community. The short sessions will include some physical activity, but it isn't essential that children are in full PE kits – although it would be useful if they were provided a pair of trainers for the day.

**Year 1 Donations:** Our Year 1 team are on the lookout for donations of unwanted toys that can be used in our provision areas next year. The items we're interested in are small plastic vehicles, small superhero action figures, fidget toys, fancy dress costumes and story books. If you have any of these items (in good condition) and you would like to donate them to school, please drop them at the Year 1 door before the end of term.

**Attendance:** This week our attendance is 95.52%, and our running total since the start of the year has remained at 93.55% The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage One was 1MT, and in Key Stage Two was 4AF.

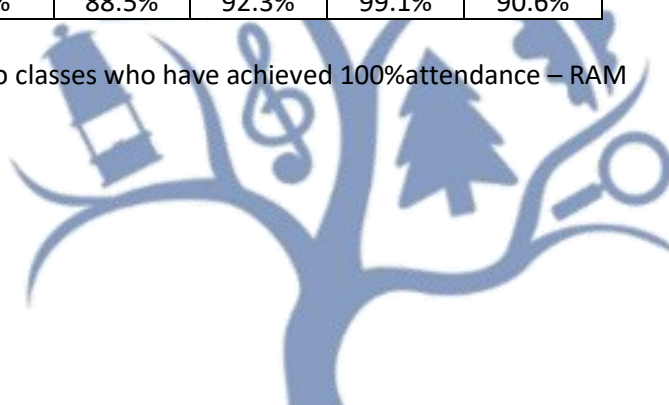
Class	Nurs	RAM	RES	1AP	1MT	2JW	2MA	3DF
Attendance	98.7%	100%	95%	92.3%	100%	94.2%	98.1%	96.4%
Class	3GB	4AF	4BK	5MA	5RN	6LM	6PP	TH
Attendance	94.6%	99.5%	97.8%	90%	88.5%	92.3%	99.1%	90.6%

Thanks to everyone for a great effort this week. We have two classes who have achieved 100%attendance – RAM and 1MT. Well done to both classes!

Have a lovely weekend.

*B. H. Adams*

Mr B. Adams - Head of School





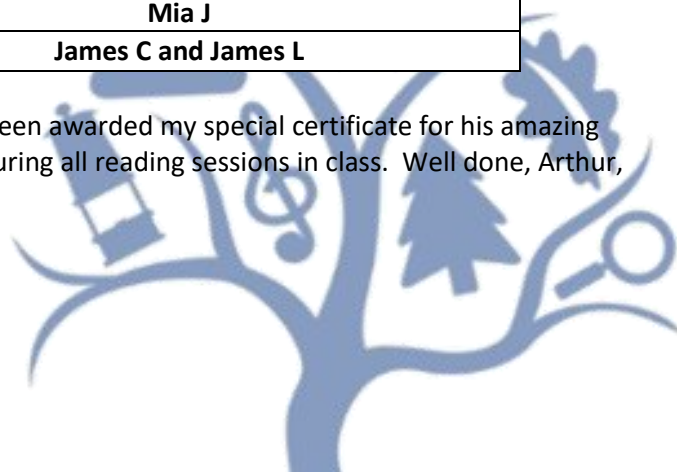
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# Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAO	Alvey F Lily M
Reception	RAM	Harrison C Max M
	RES	Theo M Charlotte R
One	1AP	Logan S Darcie- Mai G
	1MT	Elsie C Hannah H
Two	2MA	Imogen H Georgina H
	2JW	Teddy M Isla O
Three	3DF	Archie H Jayden L
	3GB	Jessica G Flynn H
Four	4AF	Eva G Lexi K
	4BK	Olivia O Thea G
Five	5RN	All of 5RN for their fantastic behaviour on our York Residential
	5MA	All of 5MA for their fantastic behaviour on our York Residential
Six	6PP	Elliot S Chloe W
	6LM	Emmy H Ernest S
Treehouse	TLC	Mia J
	TNP	James C and James L

**Head of School Award:** This week, Arthur S from year 2 has been awarded my special certificate for his amazing progress with his reading, including working especially hard during all reading sessions in class. Well done, Arthur, for the progress you have made.



# Timetables

**PE Lessons:** This year we are asking for pupils wear their normal school uniform and bring their PE kit on the day of their lesson, where they will have time to get changed. Just to remind that the PE 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. At this time of year, PE is generally on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing: 21 <sup>st</sup> July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 (swimming) Year 1	Year 3
Tuesday		Year 2
Wednesday	Reception	Year 4
Thursday	Treehouse	Year 5
Friday		5MA – Swimming

**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: 21 <sup>st</sup> July		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Reception
Tuesday	Year 1	Year 1
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday	Year 3	Nursery
Friday	Nursery	



# Summer Activities

