

John F. Kennedy Primary School

The Buzz Newsletter

Friday 7th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the half-term holiday!

Year One Parent Craft Afternoon: On Wednesday, year 1 had a wonderful afternoon making bonfire crafts with their families. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents getting involved in creating paper rockets, ribbon sparklers, and chocolate breadstick sparklers! The children had a fantastic time crafting with their grown-ups and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. A big thank you to everyone who was able to join us — we can't wait to plan more family events later in the year!

Girls' Football Team: On Thursday night, the Girls' football team played in the Autumn Cup at Biddick Academy. Their first game was against Blackfell. JFK has a brilliant start to the Cup, showcasing a dominant performance where Blackfell did not have a single chance on goal throughout the fixture. Brooke M opened the scoring, finding the bottom corner of the goal, before Olivia B was able to secure the win in the final moments. The game finishing 2-0 to JFK. The second game of the competition saw the girls take on Usworth Colliery. JFK showed tremendous attitudes and determination but were defeated 0-4 by a team that made it all the way through to the final of the cup on the night. Another defeat at the hands of Holley Park saw JFK finish third in their group with three points, just missing out on making it through to the semi-finals. Well done to everyone who took part and for showing amazing attitudes throughout!

Attendance: Our attendance this week is 95.05%, and our year-to-date is now 95.35%. This half term, I really want to focus on increasing our school attendance to the government target of 96.00%. As you can see, we are not far from this — but we need every week to be as high as possible. This week, some parents will have received a letter from Miss Sheriff regarding attendance and we would really like to work with those families to support their child's attendance moving forward. The class with the highest attendance in Key Stage One was 1ES, and in Key Stage Two was 5DF. They will both be rewarded with an extra break-time next week.

Class	NAM	RAO	RST	1ES	1MT	2MA	2MeA	3AF
Attendance	98.65	96.92	97.78	99.00	90.53	94.07	98.10	93.46
Class	3GB	4BK	4MS	5DF	5RN	6PP/LM	6VS	TH
Attendance	96.52	91.61	95.67	97.33	94.83	89.20	89.23	100

Odd Sock Day: On Monday, 10th November, we are holding an 'Odd Socks' day to support the start of Anti-Bullying week. On this day, we are also asking for donations towards our upcoming Christmas fayre of the following:

- Early Year & Key Stage One — Chocolates/Sweets/Chocolate Bar
- Key Stage Two — Bottles (which could be alcohol, condiments, bath products, etc)

INSET Day: Just a polite reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Friday 21st November due to staff training.

JFK Superstars: Dixie P (4BK) has been working very hard over the last few months and has now achieved her Green belt in martial arts! An amazing achievement Dixie, well done!



Have a lovely weekend.

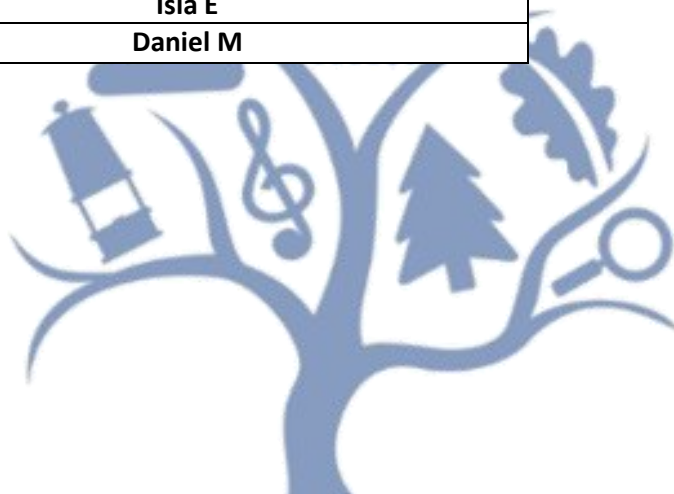
Mr B. Adams
Headteacher



Stars of the Week



Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NAM	Isabelle A Rowan B
	RAO	Zachary M Ivy P
Reception	RST	Alfie Ry Kyle S
	1ES	Leo C Oakley C
One	1MT	Harrison C Lola R
	2MA	Noah D Maisie L
Two	2MeA	Oscar B Nathan B
	3GB	Max F Kaiden S
Three	3AF	Lachlan C Belle T
	4BK	Thea W George H
Four	4MS	Ethan F Evelyn M
	5DF	Rocco M Alfie W
Five	5RN	Greia T Maddison M
	6PP/LM	Alfie K Jude C
Six	6VS	Freddie B Demi-Leigh B
	THLC	Isla E
Treehouse	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: 10 th November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 1 Year 4 Swimming	Year 3
Tuesday	Treehouse	
Wednesday	Nursery	
Thursday		Year 2
Friday	Treehouse (Y4 & Y5 pupils) – Swimming Reception	5RN– Swimming 5DF – 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: 10 th November		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Reception
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Treehouse	
Thursday		Nursery
Friday		2MA (Miss Anderson's class)

