Judith Kerr Primary School

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Parents Weekly Newsletter

Bilingual education for everyone

Dear families,

Firstly, we'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our families for your continued support, words of encouragement, kindness, honest feedback and, importantly, the many smiles along the way. Even this morning, as we all got absolutely soaking wet on the gates, there was such a positive and upbeat feeling. The children came into school excited and proud to show off their Wear It Red Day outfits. It was a lovely reminder of what makes our school community so special and how we can come together to celebrate, support and raise awareness of things that are important to us.

It has also been wonderful to see so many families getting involved in school life this half term, whether through our community events, coffee mornings, curriculum workshops, parents' evenings, volunteering on trips or simply stopping for a conversation at the gate. We have also had a fantastic response to our family feedback questionnaire, and we are really grateful to everyone who has taken the time to share their thoughts.

If you haven't yet completed it, please do take a few moments to do so. We genuinely want to hear your feedback. Your views matter to us and will help us reflect, improve and continue to grow JKPS together next half term.

A big thank you to our wonderful parent community for the fabulous breakfast this morning! It was a lovely opportunity for staff to come together, reflect on the half term and fuel up for the day ahead. Your kindness was very much appreciated by us all.

We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable half-term break. Hopefully the sunshine will make an appearance again! We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

Ms Sarah & Ms Laura

Schönes Wochenende!

Ms. Sarah's Spotlight

This week the Wellbeing Warriors have had the exciting opportunity to interview our Jazzy Jem...



1. **What do you love most about being a Rocksteady band leader and working with our children?** I love being a band leader because it is incredible to watch all the bands grow in their ability to play together and to then watch them perform their song at concert day. The kids at JKPS are super passionate about their bands, I love seeing band logos kids have made.

2. **What's your favourite instrument to play, and what inspired you to get into music?** Guitar is my favourite instrument to play and my guitar teacher inspired me because he was so passionate about music, and the lessons were so fun!

3. **What changes do you see in children as they grow in confidence and learn to play together as a band?** Sometimes I show a kid something , and they say "I can't possibly do that." Then in 2 lessons time, they are playing it perfectly without any help. It's great to see kids getting more confident in themselves and their performance, the kids often come off stage with a "post-concert glow".

4. **If you could be in a band with any musician, who would you choose and why?** I would be in a band with Hayley Williams from Paramore - her vocals are insane and she performs with amazing energy.

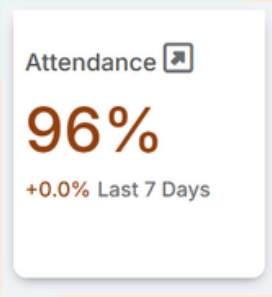


Attendance Update

Good attendance plays a vital role in children's academic progress, confidence, wellbeing and friendships.
Our school attendance target is 97%. Thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Even small improvements in attendance can make a significant difference over the course of a school year.

If you are experiencing any difficulties that may be affecting your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to speak to us. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive and succeed.

100%	97%-98.9%	94%-96.9%	91%-93.9%	Under 90%
EVERY STUDENT EVERY LESSON ALL THE TIME	Some learning opportunities being missed	Risk of under-achievement	High risk of under-achievement	Severe risk of under-achievement



This week's German word is...



Ferien = holidays



We are looking forward to our **Sankt Martin Lantern Parade** on Friday, **13th November**. Sankt Martin celebrates the story of Saint Martin, who shared his cloak with a person in need, teaching us about kindness, generosity, and caring for others. Children carry lanterns during Sankt Martin processions because the light symbolises bringing brightness, hope, and kindness into the world. The glowing lanterns remind us that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone else's day.

If you would like to practise some of the songs with your child over the half-term holidays, please find the links below. We look forward to celebrating together and filling the evening with light, music, and kindness!

Laterne, Laterne - Kinderlieder zum Mitsingen | Sing Kinderlieder

Sankt Martin - Kinderlieder zum Mitsingen | Sing Kinderlieder

Ich geh mit meiner Laterne - Kinderlieder zum Mitsingen | Sing Kinderlieder



The Friend Zone (FoJKPS)

🥨🌳 Record Oktoberfest🥨🌳

We are delighted to share this year's Oktoberfest raised a record breaking £25.5k, with around £18k raised through the event on the day and £7.5K from sponsorship. This is up from the c.£17.5k made in 2025. A huge thank you to the entire team who made it possible. This funding will be directed towards supporting capital projects and investing in the long term future.

🪛🐛 Gardening Day - Early Years Special🪛🐛

We plan to concentrate on the Early Years on the last Sunday of Half Term. Adding the planters funded by Southwark to finish the early years revamp. There is also plenty to do in the main productive garden.

Everyone welcome, and we particularly hope to see our early years families.

🃏🎁 Wet Play Boxes 🃏🎁

Thank you for the donations so far. We still need more Top Trumps and Duplo.

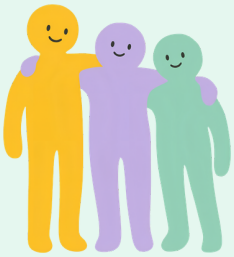
The boxes themselves are being ordered over half term with the hope they are delivered on our return.

👉🤙 Join us on LinkedIn👉🤙

Join the FoJKPS community on LinkedIn here: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13226102/

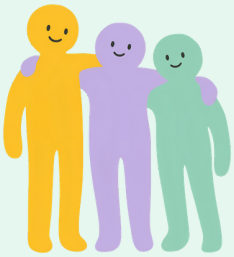
🎄🌠 Christmas Cards 🎄🌠

Completed designs have been collected and are posted back to the provider. These are scanned in and then proofs come back to school for orders. This will be after half term with the aim to have cards in school for distribution before the start of Dec.



Forward Look:

🌳 Sun 1 Nov - Gardening Day (Early Years Special)
🏮 Fri 13 Nov - St Martin's Lantern Walk
🪛 Sat 28 Nov - Gardening Day
🎄 Sat 5 Dec - St Nikolaus Tag Fair & Festivities
⛺ 26/ 27 Jun - Year 3 Camping
⛺ 3/4 Jul - Year 1 Camping
⛺ 2/3/4 Jul - Years 2 & 5 Camping

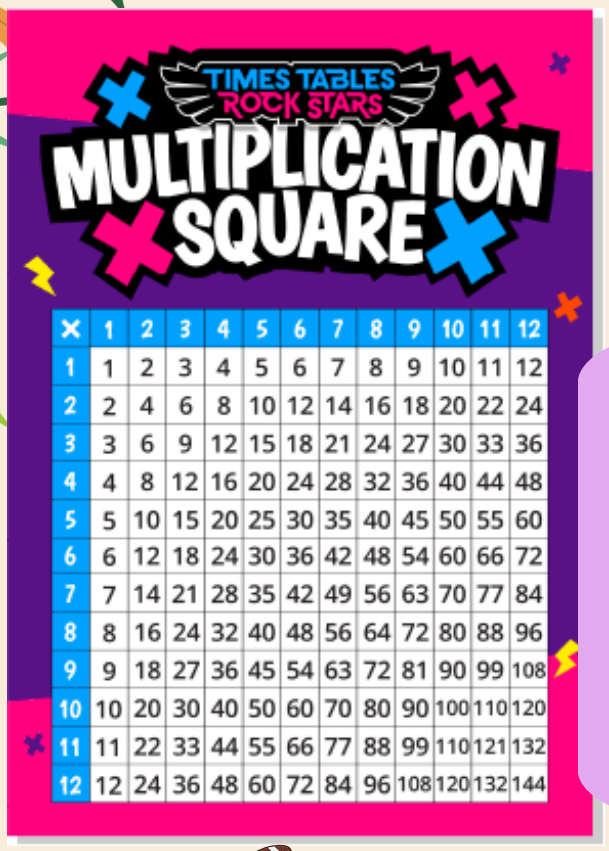


This month, as a school, we will celebrate Black History Month under this year's theme '***Honouring Our Community***'. Please keep watch in the next newsletter for examples of our learning about Black History Month.

We really enjoyed learning about Black musicians, pioneers, sport stars, scientists, community builders and culture.







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3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

The children have now received their logins for Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) and NumBots, which can be found in their reading records. These are fun, interactive online platforms that help children develop their times tables knowledge, number fluency and confidence in maths. We encourage the children to log in regularly at home to practise their skills and build up their speed and accuracy. A little practice each day can make a big difference!



Developing Sport and Enrichment at JKPS



Thank you to the parents and carers who have shared feedback with us following some of the sports fixtures that JKPS has taken part in recently. We know how much these opportunities mean to our children and families, and we wanted to share a little more about our developing vision for sport and enrichment at JKPS.

At the heart of our vision is opportunity for all. We want JKPS to provide opportunities for every child to have a go, experience different sports, develop confidence and skills, and perhaps discover something they would not otherwise have had the opportunity to try.

One way we are doing this is through our weekly sports-themed lunchtime activities, led by our qualified sports coaches. To be really clear, these sessions are not trials. They are an opportunity for children to try different sports in a safe and supportive environment, with the emphasis on participation, enjoyment, building confidence and building core skills.

At the same time, competition is also an important and valuable part of sport. We want children to experience the excitement and challenge of competing, representing their school, working as part of a team and striving to do their best. Inevitably, this means there will be some competitive fixtures where places are limited and not every child will be selected on every occasion.

We understand that this can sometimes bring disappointment, and we see supporting children through these experiences as an important part of their wider personal development. We want to talk openly and sensitively with children about why they may not be participating on a particular occasion, while encouraging them to keep developing their skills, celebrate the success of others and look ahead to future opportunities.

While we want to say yes to as many sporting opportunities as possible, we also have a responsibility to make sure that every event is safe, appropriately staffed, well planned and balanced alongside children's learning. Unfortunately, many sporting fixtures come to us at relatively short notice, which can make this challenging. Before committing to an event, we therefore need to consider risk assessments, staffing arrangements and the impact on the wider school day.

We also recognise how important advance notice is for families. Just as we do with other school events, our priority is to share information about upcoming fixtures as early as we possibly can, giving families time to plan. Where an opportunity comes to us at short notice, we will always aim to communicate the details as quickly and clearly as possible.

Behind the scenes, we are working closely with our sports coaches, the local authority, schools and the local connections we have built over the years to create a clearer overview of fixtures, competitions and opportunities across different sports and throughout the school year. We know this more coordinated approach will take time to fully establish, but we felt it was important to share where we are now, as well as where we want to get to with all things sporty at JKPS!

Finally, a huge thank you to all the families who have supported our children at events so far and cheered them on from the sidelines. Your encouragement makes these experiences even more special. We are excited about the direction of sport and enrichment at JKPS and can't wait to share more with you as our plans develop!



Executive Head & Head of School Coffee Morning



The next coffee morning will be on **17th December 9 a.m.** This meeting we will discuss and share progress made under each school development priority area & share the next steps/priorities for Spring term.

Well done to our Values Superstars for Week 7

Nursery - Aspen
Reception - Margot, Claudia
Y1 - Ezra, Niamh
Y2 - Kimi, Claudia

Y3 - Ronan, Anna
Y4 - Axel & Juno
Y5 - Elenor & Nathan

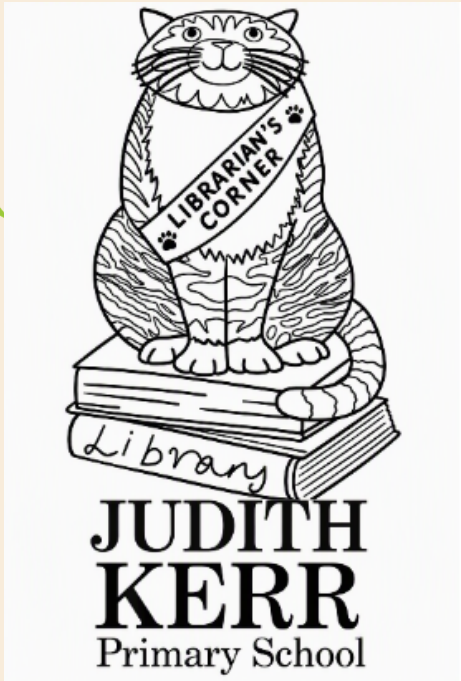
This Friday, we proudly wore red across JKPS to mark Wear Red Day and Show Racism the Red Card. Together, we showed our commitment to kindness, respect and standing firmly against racism. Through our key stage assemblies, children explored how we can all play our part in making sure everyone feels welcome, respected, safe and valued at our school. We also reminded children that if they ever see, hear or experience something that doesn't feel right or reflect our JKPS values of Justice, Kindness, Perseverance and Spirit, they should always speak to a trusted adult.



Change Hearts. Change Minds. Change Lives

All Things Literacy





We're excited to introduce Librarians' Corner, a new space in our school newsletter where our school librarians will be sharing reading tips, book recommendations, competitions and much more!

For the next half term, our school librarians will be **Bruno, Frida, Pheonix and Anayia**. They will be working closely with our Reading Lead, Ms Amy, to help monitor and support our school library. They will also be on hand to answer any reading and library related questions you may have.

Keep your eyes peeled for our very first Librarians' Corner feature in the first week back..



Remember to use your reading records over the break.



AUTHOR VISIT

We now have a revised date for author Emer Stamp's visit to your school - Friday 13th November.
Below you can pre-order copies of her book to be signed and dedicated to your child on the day.
All books will be delivered straight to the school.

The new deadline for pre-orders is Wed 4th NOVEMBER



Click below to pre-order her book!

ORDER HERE





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Wellbeing Matters





Just like BT, it's good to talk! It's even better to be heard.

Being heard helps us feel understood, less alone, and more able to cope with the challenges we face. That's why the message this World Mental Health Day was simple: Support starts with being heard.

Everyone's mental health journey is different. Whether someone is facing challenges themselves, seeking support for the first time, or supporting a loved one, everyone deserves to feel heard, understood and supported. Yet everyday pressures, life circumstances, stigma and systemic barriers can make it harder for people to reach out, seek support, and get the help they need.

Help others feel heard. By sharing your experience, starting a conversation, or taking the time to listen, you could help someone feel understood, less alone, and more confident reaching out for support.



World Mental Health Day 2026 - Mental Health UK



💛 A GLOWing Weekend!

Last weekend, **Ms Sarah and her son laced up their trainers and walked 10k around London for GLOW**, supporting **Mental Health UK**.

It was a chance to shine a light on mental health and recognise the incredible work of school staff who support our children and families, often in ways that go far beyond the classroom.
If you'd like to make a donation, however small, it would be really appreciated.
Thank you for your support! 💛



Donate here - https://fundraising.mentalhealth-uk.org/s/17321/18383/w
Mental Health UK - Sarah Meaden

SEND & Inclusion in Action



Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the coffee morning this week, we hope you found it useful.

https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/welcome-southwark-send-local-offer

https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/education/education-health-and-care-ehc-plan

https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/education/education-health-and-care-ehc-plan/annual-reviews-education-health-and-care-ehc-plans



RADLD RAISING AWARENESS OF DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER

16th October is DLD Awareness Day

💜💛 **Together for DLD**💜💛

Developmental Language Disorder is a hidden but common disability that affects 1 in 14 people causing difficulties understanding and using language for no known reason. The theme for the 2026 DLD Day is Together for DLD. By working together we can build a better world for all with DLD.



The ZONES of Regulation



Blue Zone	Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Red Zone
Sad	Happy	Worried	Overjoyed/Elated
Bored	Focused	Frustrated	Panicked
Tired	Calm	Silly	Angry
Sick	Proud	Excited	Terrified

THE ZONES OF REGULATION CAN HELP US TO MANAGE BIG FEELINGS WE HAVE IN THE CLASSROOM.

Blue Zone



We need to help wake up our bodies...

- Get some fresh air
- Have a movement break
- Have a drink of water
- Stand up and stretch
- Talk to an adult

Green Zone



Let's try to remain focused and ready to learn...

- I am ready to learn
- I am focused
- I can help others
- I can help my teacher
- I can listen carefully
- I can complete my work

Yellow Zone



We need to help regain control and calm down...

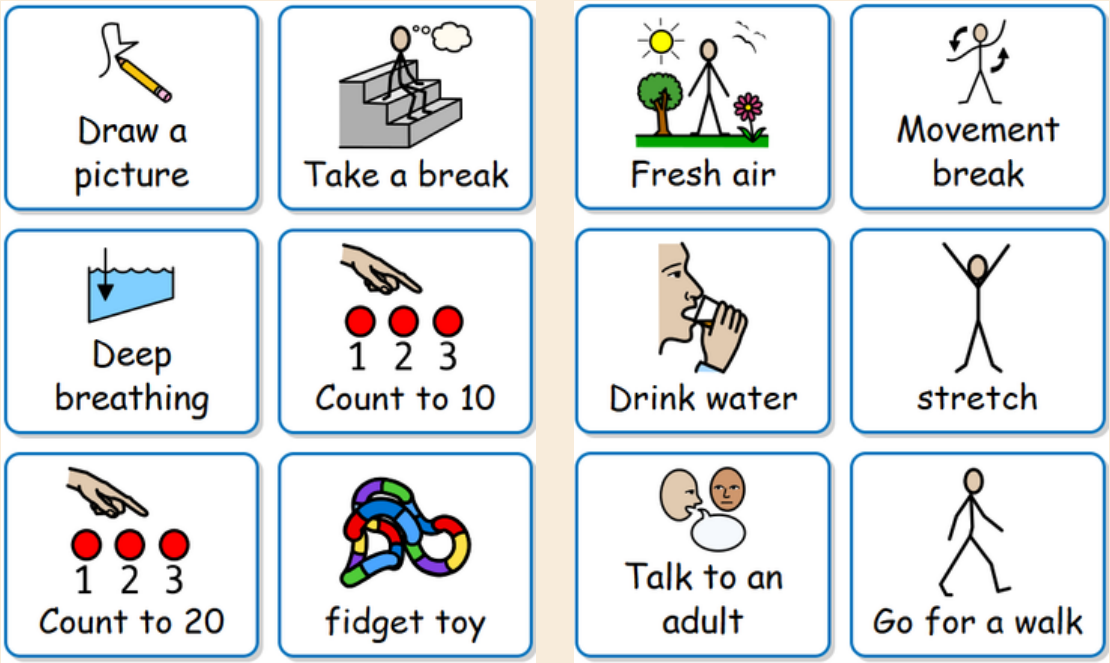
- Draw or colour a picture
- Take a break
- Use a fidget toy
- Talk to an adult
- Breathing exercises
- Count to 10
- Ask to go for a walk

Red Zone



We need to try to stay safe and calm down...

- STOP what you are doing
- Use a fidget toy
- Count to 20
- Breathing exercises
- Go for a walk with an adult
- Talk about your problems



Judith Kerr Primary School
Families' Survey
Autumn

We'd love to hear your feedback on Autumn 1. Please scan the QR code below to complete our survey.

Click here to complete the survey.

We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts with us.
We look forward to sharing our next steps from the survey in our newsletters next term.



JKPS Key Dates

- **19th - 30th Oct. - Half term break [2-weeks]**

- **2nd Nov. - Back to school [Autumn 2]**
- 5th Nov. - Y5 Bloom Workshop
- 6th Nov. - EYFS African Drumming Workshop
- ***6th Nov. - Y4 Black Cultural Archives Trip***
- ***9th Nov. - Y3 Natural History Museum Trip***
- 10th Nov. - Open Morning 9:15-10:15am
- 13th Nov. - Author Visit EYFS & KS1
- 13th Nov. - Santk Mark Lantern Parade
- 16th - 20th Nov. - Anti Bullying week
- 16th Nov. - Odd Socks Day
- ***17th Nov. - Reception Library Visit Trip***
- 20th Nov. - Southwark Parenting Team Workshop 9-10am
- 25th Nov. - School Flu Catch-up Session
- 26th Nov.- Open Morning & Open Evening



JKPS Key Dates

- **30th Nov. - 4th Dec. - Assessment Week**
- 1st Dec. - Perform Drama Workshop - Year 1&2
- 2nd Dec. - Rock Steady Performance 9:15am
- 2nd Dec. - Rock Steady Performance 2:30pm
- 3rd Dec. - Rock Steady Performance 9:15am
- 3rd Dec. - Perform Drama Workshop – Reception&Yr 1

[More info to come about Rock Steady performances]

- ***8th Dec. - Y2 Natural History Museum Trip***
- **17th Dec. - Executive & Head of School Coffee Morning**
- **18th Dec. - Term ends [2pm Pickup]**
- **21st Dec. - 1st January 2027 [End of Term]**

