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Congratulations NJK!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With many young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, as well as our intra House competitions and extra-curricular clubs, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:
Mrs Bilsland, Mrs Goode and the OPAL team, who have implemented a fantastic offering for the pupils to keep them active at lunchtimes – which formed the basis of our active minutes case study for the Platinum Award.

We look forward to applying once again in 2027!

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NJK Blue Peter Badge Lunchtime Club

As we approach the end of the National Year of Reading 2026, we are delighted to launch the NJK Blue Peter Badge Lunchtime Club, giving pupils the opportunity to develop their love of reading and work towards a nationally recognised award.

The club will take place every Wednesday lunchtime, beginning with our older pupils before being rolled out to other year groups throughout the year. Children will initially work towards the prestigious Blue Peter Book Badge, which celebrates a passion for reading, sharing books and responding creatively to stories.

Our ambition is for every child at NJK to achieve a Blue Peter Badge. To inspire our pupils, we have set an exciting target of 100+ badges by the end of the year. We hope this challenge will encourage children to discover new books, share their ideas, and grow in confidence as enthusiastic, lifelong readers.

We look forward to celebrating our badge winners and seeing just how far our NJK readers can go!



Open Day and Macmillan Coffee Morning

We warmly invite parents, families and members of the local community to join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning and Open Day on Thursday 1st October, from 10.00am to 11.30am in the school hall.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a slice of cake while supporting the wonderful work of Macmillan Cancer Support. As part of the event, our Year 5 pupils will be proudly leading tours of the school for prospective parents and pupils, providing an opportunity to see our learning environment and school community in action.

Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated and will help make the morning a success. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your support.





Celebrating Learning Afternoons

We are delighted to invite parents to the first of our Celebrating Learning Afternoons on Tuesday 29th September. Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom either between 2.00pm and 3.00pm or between 4.00pm and 4.30pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see your child's learning environment, meet the staff and gain an insight into the exciting learning experiences taking place across the school.

During the 2.00pm to 3.00pm session, parents will have the opportunity to join their children in the classroom and share in their learning. ALL pupils will then be dismissed at the usual time. For parents who are unable to attend the afternoon session, a second opportunity is available from 4.00pm to 4.30pm to visit the classroom and meet their child's teacher (with or without their child).

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the fantastic learning taking place throughout the school.

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Creep is the Word of the Week for pupils in Rowan and Hazel.



Lots is the Word of the Week for pupils in Willow Class.



Gnaw is the Word of the Week for pupils in Oak and Ash.



Relentless is the Word of the Week for pupils in Maple and Elm.

