



21/03/2025

A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe it, we are entering the final week of March, the daffodils are blooming and the sun is shining. Where is the time going?

Our Inspire Dance Team most definitely spiced up my life on Wednesday night as they represented Team Knypersley, joining other pupils from across the town to celebrate dance in so many creative forms. Our children looked the part, they danced with such confidence with their beaming smiles and sassy moves, I was blown away. Well done to all who took part and to their parents for supporting us with rehearsals and costumes. Also, a big thank you to the Biddulph High students who trained them and to our staff for organising it all for us!

The time is near for Easter Bonnet cheer! The Early Years staff and children are busy behind the scenes preparing for their annual Easter Bonnet Parade which will take place on **Friday 11th April at 9:15am**. This week a letter was sent out to all Nursery and Reception parents/ carers via Arbor with details about bonnets and how to secure your tickets. Please ensure you have received the letter and that if you require any support with preparations that you speak to a member of the team, they will gladly help where they can!

Just a reminder that Edwards and Ward will be increasing the price of school dinners after Easter to **£3.20**. This will not affect Free School Meal/ Universal Free School Meals.

From the 1st April 2025, our hourly charges for additional hours in the nursery will be **£5.43** per hour. This will only affect children who are entitled to 15 hours and choose to pay to remain at school for the full day.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Woodhouse Academy from Year 4 for the fantastic science morning which they hosted on Wednesday. The children left filled to the brim with excitement and new information.

Next week we have the Standon Bowers Sharing Event for Year 4 parents (**26.3.25—6pm**) and two Year 3 forest school sessions—1 for children only on Thursday **27.3.25** and one for Y3 parents to come along to on Friday **28.3.25**. We also have our Easter non-uniform day on Friday **28.3.25** (donations for PTFA Easter BINGO hampers will be much appreciated).

We hope you have a wonderful weekend,



Important dates  
coming soon

**26.3.25—6pm**

Y4 Standon Bowers Sharing Event Y4

**27.3.25**

Year 3 forest school (re-arranged session)

**28.3.25**

PTFA non-uniform—donation of Easter treats/ prizes

**28.3.25**

SEND Coffee Morning 9:15am

**28.3.25**

**C6 AM/C7 PM**

Y3 parental engagement forest school

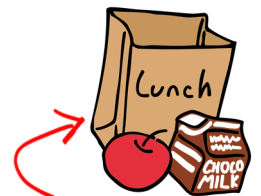
All above dates are taken directly from our school calendar. If you would like to see events past the dates listed above please visit our [school webpage](#)—calendar.

Class	Attendance
Creative Caterpillars	93.84%
Busy Bees	93.92%
Class 2	95.46%
Class 3	94.65%
Class 4	94.87%
Class 5	95.18%
Class 6	97.29%
Class 7	96.5%
Class 8	97.57%
Class 9	93.29%

This Week's  
winner is:  
Class 8



Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**  
This week, our school attendance was: **95.3%**



Please follow the following link <https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/lunch-menu/> to find our school lunch menu.

On our return we will be following **week 2** of the new **Feb-July** menu.

# Rewards and Celebrations



**Creative Caterpillars— Harry**

**Busy Bees- Mollie**

**Class 2- Theia**

**Class 3- Ivy-Rose**

**Class 4- Archie**

**Class 5- Thea-Rai**

**Class 6- Leila**

**Class 7- William**

**Class 8- Aaleeya**

**Class 9- Simrah**

**Nursery— Carter C**

**Creative Caterpillars— Mila**

**Busy Bees- Frankie**

**Class 2- Faye**

**Class 3- Bobby M**

**Class 4- Ryan**

**Class 5- Harvey**

**Class 6- Joshua**

**Class 7- Nova**

**Class 8- Leo**

**Class 9- Jenson**

**Nursery- Archie**

**Creative Caterpillars- Bonnie**

**Busy Bees- Jenson**

**Class 2- Oscar**

**Class 3- Leo**

**Class 4- Edie**

**Class 5- George**

**Class 6- Logan W**

**Class 7- Rosalyn**

**Class 8- Oscar**

**Class 9- Harry**



**House Points**

**Water**

**Achievements Outside of School...**





## Knypersley in the Spotlight...

### #WakeUpWednesday

#WakeUpWednesday aims to equip every trusted adult with the knowledge and skills that they need to keep up with the latest information, implement best practice and heighten their awareness of issues around three core topics; online safety, mental health & wellbeing; and climate change & sustainability. Relevant to all parents and educators, from early years through to secondary school, the #WakeUpWednesday resources can be accessed both on a desktop and via our #WakeUpWednesday app, providing instant and easy access to world-class expertise in the areas they need the most at anytime or anywhere.

This week I would like to direct your attention to [What You Need to Know: Roblox](#).

### Makaton Sign of the Week

We are working to become a communication friendly school. Some of the children that attend our school use Makaton as a way of communicating. To aid whole school communication we will be teaching the whole school a sign a week in partnership with Makaton.org.

Please see the below link to join in with our learning to aid communication across our school/ community.

Our House Captains will also demonstrate the Makaton sign during their weekly news round. The children will have multiple opportunities to rehearse the sign through Learning for Life assemblies and through daily interactions.

[https://makaton.org/TMC/News\\_Stories/SOTW/SOTW\\_Socks.aspx](https://makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/SOTW/SOTW_Socks.aspx)

### Equipment

Our school play equipment is not for public use. Before staff members allow children to access the equipment they carry out a series of checks. There are pieces of the equipment that are awaiting repair (staff are aware of these) and therefore children are not permitted to use that section.

Please ensure that children do not play on equipment before or after school—thank you.



### Mother's Day Gifts

From Monday (24th March) Mother's Day gifts will be on sale during morning playtimes. All gifts will be £2. The PTFA have worked hard to ensure that there are lots of lovely choices—a HUGE thank you to them!

There will also be a name the bear competition running alongside the sale. Entries will be priced at **50p a guess**. We will reveal the name on Friday 28th March, before Mother's Day.

Initially, there will be a two gift maximum for every child to ensure our stock reaches as many families as possible. Once we near the end of the final week (dependent on stock remaining) we hope to be able to open the sales back out if your child wishes to purchase an additional gift (you will be informed via Arbor).

Please could all money for the stall be brought into school in a named envelope.

## This week our spotlight is on the upcoming changes to waste management...



Until recently, the law did not require a business to recycle; it was a choice. But now the law is changing. From **31st March 2025**, all business premises **must** arrange to have all:

- › dry recyclable waste (glass, cans, plastic, paper and card) collected for recycling;
- › food waste separately collected for recycling.



### Colour Coded Bin Lids

- General Waste
- Plastics & Metals
- Food Waste
- Cardboard & Paper
- Glass

Our Green Ambassadors will be overseeing the changes in our school and will be supporting our school community with ensuring the correct items go in the correctly coloured bins. This will help in our quest to achieve our green flag award too!

Children who have packed lunches will now be bringing the items from their lunch boxes back home with them which will not only help with the management of recycling within school, but will also allow you to see what your child has/ has not eaten that day. We thank you in advance for your support with this change.



PTFA Easter

# Bingo Night



2ND APRIL 2025

EYES DOWN AT 4:30PM



Prepare your rabbit ears and lucky charms for our Easter Bingo Night! Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled evening of games, music, and exciting prizes.

To purchase a family bingo ticket please send in £5 in a named envelope with your child's name/class and how many people will be attending. The tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis! Your ticket covers 2 bingo games per family. Extra BINGO books will be available to purchase on the night at **£1 per game per person**. There will be fun Easter games alongside the bingo. Please bring some extra loose change! We thank you for your support!

On the night the PTFA will be selling refreshments. Hot/cold drinks and extra sweet treats!

You are very welcome to bring your own picnic/ nibbles for the night, however we do remind you that we are a **nut free school**. Thank you for supporting to ensure this event remains safe for everyone.



# COMMUNITY



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE EASTER

## MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

### KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL, BIDDULPH

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from **April 14-24**. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program.

**MULTI-SPORTS • ASSAULT COURSE • INFLATABLES  
BRING-A-BIKE • CIRCUS SKILLS • COMBAT SPORTS  
TEAM-BUILDING • BUG CLUB • EASTER EGG HUNT  
WOW SPORTS • FRISBEE GOLF • SCOOT SKILLS**

**FULL DAY 09:00-15:30 £22.50**

Half Day:

**AM 09:00-12:15 PM 12:15-15:30 £12.50**

Wrap-Around:

**AM 08:00-09:00 £4.00 PM 15:30-17:00 £6.00**

We value the importance of accommodating children who have come to us from different backgrounds. We aim to provide an environment where everyone is challenged and given an enjoyable experience.

**FREE PLACES**

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD**

SCAN HERE



**Ofsted**  
Registered

Call: 01782 366332

Website: [asmsports.co.uk](http://asmsports.co.uk)



## HAF fun this Easter

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals\*. Paid places also available.



visit [staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities)

## Positive Parenting workshop

Kathryn Howden - Mental Health Support Team

Friday 21st March  
2-3pm  
Kingsfield First School

## COMMUNITY SEND SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING

28TH MARCH- 9:15AM-10:15AM @ KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL

WE ARE THRILLED TO HOST OUR FIRST SEND COFFEE MORNING.

OUR SEND COFFEE MORNING OFFERS A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR PARENTS/ CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND TO RELAX AND TALK WITH OTHERS. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO SPEAK WITH THE SCHOOL SENDCO - MISS LEESE ALONG WITH OTHER SPECIALISTS WHO WORK WITHIN OUR LOCAL AREA. THIS TIME WE WILL BE HOSTING AMANDA ROWLEY FROM THE FAMILY HUB/ EARLY YEARS FORUM.

THIS IS A FREE SPACE FOR PARENTS/ CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ANY SEND REQUIREMENT (BOTH WITHIN OUR SCHOOL OR ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY) TO COME TOGETHER AND TO OFFER ADVICE AND SUPPORT OR TO JUST CHAT WITH A HOT DRINK.

**TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CALL: 01782 973810**





Knypersley in the Spotlight...

# KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL CAREERS WEEK

**Week Beginning 31st March 2025**

**Are you a parent, grandparent or carer of a child at Knypersley First School?**

**Are you a former pupil?**

**We are looking for people to come into school and share information about their jobs and careers with our children.**

**We would love to hear from you if you think that you could help.**



**All careers welcome**

**INSPIRE  
OTHERS**



Please contact the  
school office

01782 973810  
office.knp@cflptrust.co.uk

## **CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2025/2026**

### **Autumn Term 2025**

**INSET DAYS 1 AND 2:** Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025 (Staff only)

**Pupils:** Wednesday 3rd September - Friday 24th October

**October Half Term Holiday:** Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

**INSET DAY 3** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Staff only)

**Staff and Pupils:** Tuesday 4th November - Friday 19 December

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January 2026

### **Spring Term 2026**

**Staff and Pupils:** Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 13th February

**February Half Term:** Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

**Pupils:** Monday 23rd February - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

### **| Summer Term 2026**

**Staff and Pupils:** Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May

**May Bank Holiday - School Closed:** Monday 4th May

**Half term:** Monday 25th May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**INSET DAY 4:** Monday 1st June (Staff only)

**Pupils:** Tuesday 2nd June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**INSET DAY 5-** Monday 20th July (Staff only) Taken as Twilights

**Summer Holiday for pupils:** Monday 20th July -Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026



# Our Spring Bookshelf!



Nursery



Reception



Year 1

Non-fiction-  
instructions



Year 2

Non-fiction-  
recount



Year 3

Non-fiction-  
recount

Language play-  
personification



Year 4