

20/3/2026



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA members who have been working behind the scenes to ensure children are given many wonderful opportunities. We would like to thank you for your support in fundraising efforts this half term with the Spring Disco. On Wednesday night during the Spring Disco we raised a brilliant **£787.85**. All profits raised will be given straight back to the school to fund special experiences such as class requested special items and end of year trips!

Next week during playtimes and collection the PTFA and Mrs Jervis will be selling Easter Hamper Raffle tickets for £1. We are also running a name the bunnies competition 50p a go!

The Early Year staff and children are busy behind the scenes preparing for their annual Easter Bonnet Parade that will take place on **Thursday 26th March at 9:15am..** Please make sure you bring in your child's bonnet as soon as possible. Tickets will be sent over at the beginning of the week.

Today we say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Finch for everything she has brought to the children and to the wider offer at Knypersley First School. Her care, commitment and positivity have made a real difference during her time with us. We are truly grateful for all she has given and we wish her every success and happiness as she begins her next adventure.

Our Inspire Dancers are raring to go ahead of their big debut performance on Wednesday 25th March. I cannot wait to see them all shining on the night, go Team Knypersley!

Next week we have the Stanley Head Sharing Event for Year 4 parents (**26.3.26— 5pm**) and two Year 3 parental forest school sessions on Friday 27th March.

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley xxxx

Important dates coming soon...

26/3/26 EYFS bonnet parade **9.15am**

26/3/26 Yr4 Stanley Head Celebration evening **5pm**

27/3/26 Yr 3 Forest School parent engagement

Class 6 9.30am

Class 7 1.30pm

27/3/26 School closes for Easter

13/4/26 School reopens

23/4/26 IRock concert **9.30am**

29/4/26 YR 1 parent workshop **2pm** and **5pm**

4/5/26 May Bank Holiday

Class	Attendance
Nursery	88.1%
Creative Caterpillars	96.6%
Busy Bees	92.5%
Class 2	94%
Class 3	97.1%
Class 4	98.3%
Class 5	96.1%
Class 6	94.6%
Class 7	98.1%
Class 8	97.8%
Class 9	95%

Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**
This week, our school attendance was: **95.2%**

This Week's winner is:
Class 4



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 **Spring** menu.

Rewards and Celebrations



**Creative Caterpillars—
Logan**

Busy Bees— Ueli

Class 2— Matthew

Class 3— Dexter

Class 4— Jack

Class 5— Charlie C

Class 6— Tilly

Class 7— Blake

Class 8— Amber

Class 9— Ava M

Nursery— Dylan

Creative Caterpillars— Theo

Busy Bees— Edith

Class 2— Frankie

Class 3— Bonnie

Class 4— Miguel

Class 5— Henry

Class 6— Nellie

Class 7— Poppy

Class 8— Ava

Class 9— Louie

Nursery— Brooklyn

Creative Caterpillars— Harriet

Busy Bees— Tilly

Class 2— Axel

Class 3— Albie

Class 4— Maxwell

Class 5— Jacob

Class 6— Aryanna

Class 7— George

Class 8— Pearl

Class 9— Olivia W



House Points



Achievements Outside of School...



Collection Adjustments

Please could we remind all parents and carers to inform the school office of any changes to collection arrangements.

Changes include: early collections, changes in person collection.

This helps us ensure children are ready and keeps our end-of-day routines safe and well-organised.

Thank you for your support.

Makaton Sign of the Week

We have introduced a Makaton 'sign of the week' to strengthen communication across school, using a shared visual support that helps our pre-verbal learners express themselves with confidence to not just their teachers but to their friends.

This week we will be learning how to sign '[Sleeping](#)'. Please can you practise at home with our Makaton word of the week.



Parentpay

As we approach the end of term, we kindly ask all families to log in to their ParentPay accounts and check for any outstanding balances.

Keeping accounts up to date helps us manage school services smoothly and ensures that all payments such as school meals, trips, and activities are correctly recorded.

If you notice any outstanding items, please make payment as soon as possible. Should you have any questions or need support accessing your account, the school office will be happy to help.

#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 [Social Pressures Linked To 'Likes' | Free E-Safety Guide](#)

Our New Child-Friendly Anti-Bullying Leaflet

Created in Partnership with our Knypersley Knights



IN OUR SCHOOL, OUR ANTI-BULLYING POLICY IS REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT ALLOWS EVERYONE TO FEEL SAFE. NOBODY SHOULD BE FEARFUL OF OTHER CHILDREN. IT ALLOWS US FREEDOM AND ALLOWS EVERYONE TO HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS ONE ANOTHER.



What we expect in school:



It's OK to ASK for HELP



CHILD-FRIENDLY ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL



THIS POLICY WAS DEVELOPED BY THE **KNYPERSLEY KNIGHTS** AT KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANTI-BULLYING IN OUR SCHOOL?

EVERYONE AT KNYPERSLEY: STAFF, PARENTS AND CHILDREN WORK TOGETHER TO SAY 'NO' TO BULLYING AND PREVENT IT!

OUR KNYPERSLEY KNIGHTS HELP EVERYONE TO MAKE FRIENDS, SHARE AND PLAY NICELY TOGETHER. THEY ARE SUPER ROLE MODELS!



WHAT IS BULLYING?

BEING MEAN ON PURPOSE OVER AND OVER

BULLYING IS NOT....

FALLING OUT WITH FRIENDS - ITS GOOD TO SPEND TIME WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

MISUNDERSTANDINGS - SOMETIMES WE DON'T UNDERSTAND AND NEED TO ASK FOR HELP OR FOR IT TO BE EXPLAINED AGAIN

ACCIDENTS - SOMEONE DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT OR KNOW THEY WERE DOING IT

WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS ONLY ONCE - THIS IS ISOLATED BUT CAN STILL BE DEALT WITH

BULLYING CAN BE:



CYBER - SENDING MEAN MESSAGES, NASTY NAME CALLING ON GAMES AND BEING UNKIND



EMOTIONAL- TEASING, LAUGHING AND JOKING IN A MEAN WAY, SAYING MEAN THINGS AND NAME CALLING



PHYSICAL - PINCHING, PUSHING, SLAPPING AND BREAKING THINGS

HOW CAN YOU ASK FOR HELP?



HOW DO WE RESPOND TO CONFIRMED BULLYING?

WE TAKE BULLYING SERIOUSLY

WE LISTEN TO CHILDREN AND OFFER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

WE INVESTIGATE WHAT HAS HAPPENED THOROUGHLY

WE COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS/CARERS

WE TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ONCE WE HAVE INVESTIGATED

WE EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE MEANING OF BULLYING BY HAVING REGULAR ASSEMBLIES WITH BULLYING

DON'T FORGET

BEING MEAN ON PURPOSE OVER AND OVER

To help every child achieve excellent attendance, we're sharing next year's term dates early so families can plan holidays outside of school time and avoid any risk of fines.



CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAYS 1 : Tuesday 1st September 2026 (Staff only)

Pupils: Wednesday 2nd September - Friday 23rd October

October Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

INSET DAY 2 Monday 2nd November (Staff only)

Staff and Pupils: Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 18th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 4th January 2027 - Friday 12th February

February Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

INSET DAY 3 Monday 22nd February (Staff only)

Pupils: Tuesday 23rd February - Thursday 25th March

Easter Holiday: Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May

May Bank Holiday - School Closed: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

INSET DAY 4: Monday 7th June (Staff only)

Pupils: Tuesday 8th June - Tuesday 20th July

INSET DAY 5- Wednesday 21st July (Staff only)

Summer Holiday for pupils: Wednesday 21st July -Wednesday 1st September 2027



British Heart Foundation

Non-Uniform Dates



This overview includes non-uniform days that have been planned by the PTFA and our School Councillors. Any additional non-uniforms and events will be communicated as soon as they are planned.

Sept

23.09.2025 - We Heart Non-Uniform Day (School council kindly ask for donations on this day of baked goods to support the Big Party Brunch on 23.09.25)

Oct

10.10.2025 - Break the Rules Day (poster included on Spotlight page 09/25)

23.10.2025 - Autumn Disco Non-Uniform day (for all)

Nov

7.11.2025 - PTFA Non-uniform. We kindly ask for donations of the following items: EYFS - Chocolate; KS1 - Sweets; KS2 - Biscuits

13.11.2025 - We Heart Non-Uniform Day (small Donations of £1 pp)

Dec

12.12.2025 - We Heart Winter (donations of mince pies/ Christmas biscuits and sing-a-long sessions)

19.12.2025 - Christmas Party (funded by the PTFA)

Jan

23.01.2026 - All Day! (small Donations of £1 pp)

Feb

13.2.2025 Non-uniform day (donations of Easter items)

Mar

5.3.2026 - World Book Day (more information to follow)

17.3.2025 Spring Disco (non-uniform day for all)

19.3.2026 Non-uniform day (improving attendance)

Apr

May

11.5.2026 Brighten up the Day (non-uniform to raise awareness of Mental Health Week)

21.05.2025 Summer Disco (non-uniform for all)

June

12.6.2026 Rainbow Raffle Non-uniform PTFA. We kindly ask for donations of items in the following colour to aid our Rainbow Run hamper prize draw:
EYFS - Red/ Yellow items
KS1 - Pink/ Green items
KS2 - Orange/ Blue items

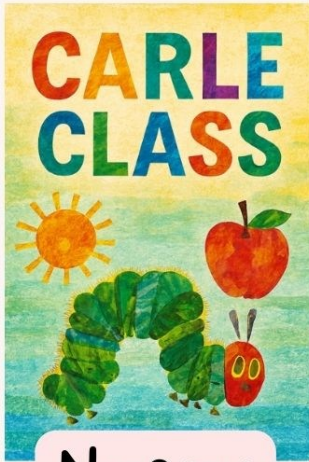
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16.7.2026 PTFA Summer Party Day! (Funded by the PTFA)

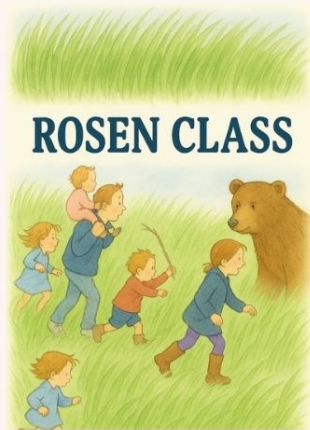
We want to thank you all ahead of time for your support with our fundraising efforts!

CLASS AUTHORS

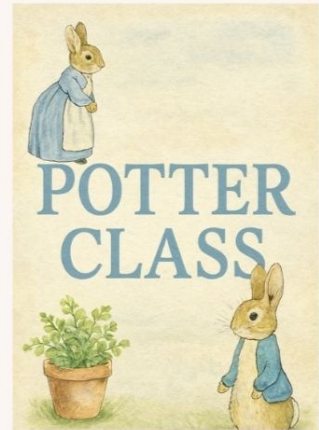
We LOVE reading at Knypersley! This year, each class has a chosen author to explore new books and stories!
We are so excited to introduce you to....



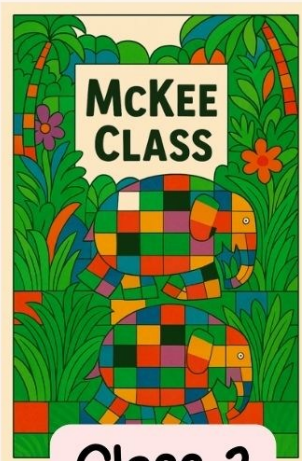
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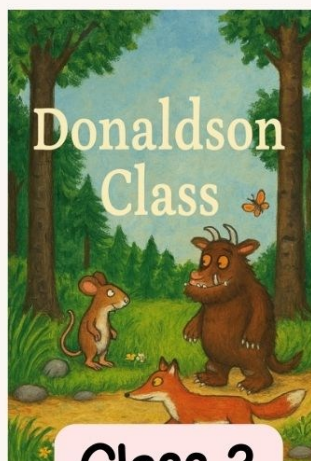
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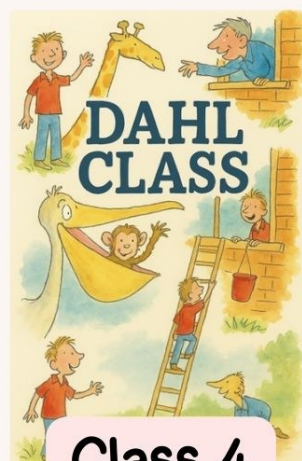
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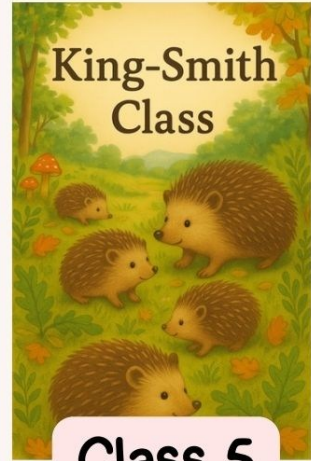
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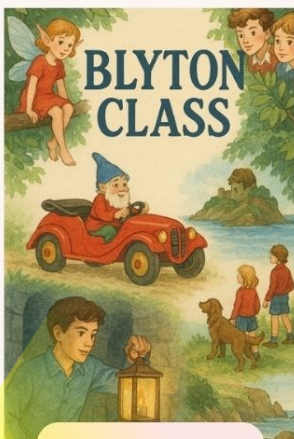
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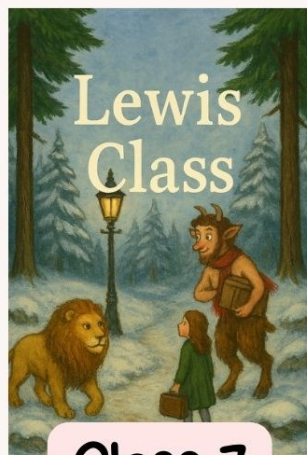
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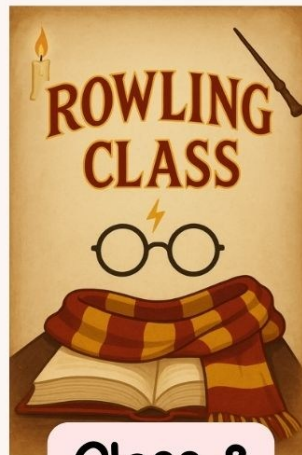
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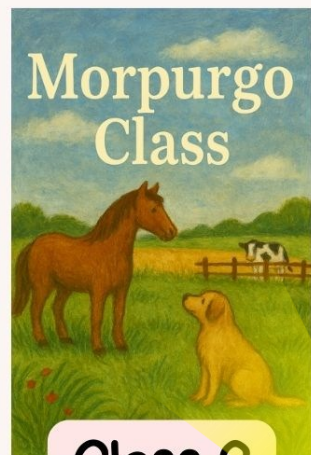
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Class 7



Class 8



Class 9