

15/05/2026



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our whole school has been focusing on Mental Health, in line with national Mental Health Awareness Week. Mrs Sigley, our Mental Health Lead, planned a wonderful range of activities that encouraged children to tune into their feelings, slow down, live in the moment and build their self-esteem. They explored new coping strategies and revisited ones previously taught, all within a calm and supportive environment. It was a joy to start the week with a sea of yellow and bright colours across school and even better to see the huge smiles that came with them.

We have also had a very exciting development in our school library with the introduction of our new library scanning system. Over the next year, each class will have a Class Librarian who will scan books in and out on their library day, helping to build responsibility and pride. To support this, our 2026–2027 Home–School Links Books now include a Home–School Library Agreement. We have invested significantly in replenishing our books this year, and we kindly ask for your support in helping us keep our library well stocked and well cared for. We will share more updates as they are completed, keep your eyes peeled for more exciting developments within our reading offer.

Looking ahead to next week, we begin with our SEND Coffee Afternoon on Monday at 2pm, where all parents and carers are warmly invited. We will be joined by Caudwell, who will be on hand to share information about the charity and the support they offer.

On Wednesday, we are excited to take part in 'No Pens Day' to raise awareness of Speech and Language delays and difficulties. Throughout the day, we will be promoting communication and introducing a consistent preverbal communication approach across school using PECS symbols and Makaton. On Thursday, it is a whole school non uniform day for our Spring Disco -please see the Spotlight page for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley x

Important dates

21.5.26 PTFA summer disco

Reception 2.15-3.15

KS1 3.15-4.15

KS2 4.15-5.15

22.5.26 Close at 3.30pm for May Half Term

25-29.5.26 Closed for Half Term

1.6.26 Inset day—school closed

2.6.26 School open

Move up class information evenings

Year 1 3.30/5pm 15.6.26

Year 2 3.30/5pm 16.6.26

Year 3 3.30/5pm 17.6.26

Year 4 3.30/5pm 18.6.26

Class Attendance

Nursery	91%
Creative Caterpillars	87.6%
Busy Bees	96%
Class 2	92.5%
Class 3	90%
Class 4	96.3%
Class 5	95.7%
Class 6	92.9%
Class 7	98.5%
Class 8	95.9%
Class 9	98.7%

Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%
This week, our school attendance was: **94.12%**

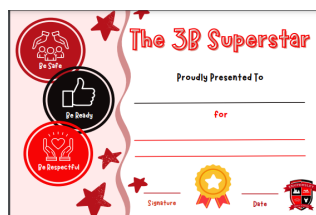
This Week's winner is: Class 9

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 1** of the new **Feb-July** menu.



Rewards and Celebrations



Creative Caterpillars— Noah

Busy Bees- Myla

Class 2- Ollie

Class 3- Bonnie

Class 4- Miguel

Class 5- Lexi-Mae

Class 6- Elizabeth

Class 7- Harvey

Class 8- Ava

Class 9- Thea

Nursery— Charlotte

Creative Caterpillars— Sienna

Busy Bees- Ronnie

Class 2- Imogen

Class 3- Ivy

Class 4- Theia

Class 5- Albie

Class 6- Primrose

Class 7- Jasmine

Class 8- Harry

Class 9- Poppy

Nursery- Noah

Creative Caterpillars- Whole class

Busy Bees- Samar

Class 2- Harry

Class 3- Henry

Class 4- Sam

Class 5- Charlie J

Class 6- Seb

Class 7- Ava

Class 8- Hollie

Class 9- Isla



Swimmer of the week

House Points



Bb: Ella

Cc: Chester

2: Amelia

3: Harry

4: Florence

5: skye

6: Evelyn

7: Olivia

8: Millie

9: Hadi

Achievements Outside of School...





Knypersley in the Spotlight...



Staffordshire Connects

Staffordshire Connects is a valuable resource that we use frequently in school for direction to agencies that can support both professionals but also families too!

This week I would like to direct you to the ['Place to Go, Things to Do'](#) section of the webpage.

This page will direct you to advice and support around places to go, days out and things to do, either with the family or for children to do.

If you would like support accessing any of the offered support within the page please contact a [DSL listed on our school webpage](#).

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.

[To Help](#)



PSHE Policy Consultation

Our PSHE and Citizenship Policy has now been reviewed. At Knypersley First School, PSHE and Citizenship are taught using the 3D PSHE scheme, which fully covers all statutory requirements set out in the Department for Education's Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education 2026 guidance. This is an essential part of our curriculum, and schools are required to consult with stakeholders to ensure there is a shared understanding and agreement around our approach.

We are inviting parents and carers to read the updated policy, which can be found under the Teaching and Learning Policies section of our school website (Knypersley First School). Please send any questions or comments by 5th June to our school office email:
office@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk.

Reminders for Class Drop-Ins Sessions

A reminder that staff are available each week for drop-in sessions, either in person or over the phone. If you feel a drop-in would be helpful, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Please see below for the drop-in days for each class, where staff are available weekly for in-person or phone conversations.

- **Nursery** Wednesday
- **Reception** Thursday
- **Year 1** Wednesday
- **Year 2** Wednesday
- **Year 3** Monday
- **Year 4** Thursday
- **SENDco Drop-in** Wednesday

We ask that you communicate with your class teacher to reserve a slot on their drop-in sessions.

Thank you.

A huge thank you to those who completed our recent KS1 and KS2 survey.

Knypersley First School

Parent Survey Highlights

Our School Community...

- ♥ Caring & Inclusive
- ♥ Safe & Happy
- ♥ Nurturing & Supportive

Survey Results

- Positive Responses **96%**
- Neutral / Disagree **4%**

1. My child feels safe at school **97%**
2. My child is happy at school **91%**
3. School deals with concerns quickly **87%**

What Parents Say...

"My autistic child couldn't be happier. Staff know him so well!"

"They really care and want the best for every child."

"Staff are approachable and always willing to listen."

Strengths to Celebrate!



Safety & Inclusion



Great SEND Support



Fun Trips & Activities

Early Years Survey Feedback and School Responses

Thank you for your responses and engagement in the recent Spring survey.

Parent Responses and Development Suggestions

Requests for advance notice of dates and events to avoid missing opportunities.

Interest in clarity around swimming progress and achievements.

A few parents would like more homework or home-learning tasks to support progress.

A few parents mentioned children needing the toilet after dismissal and suggested a 3 pm check-in before home time.

Desire for more frequent feedback on progress, reading levels, spelling, and certificates (Star of the Week, Star Reader, etc.).

School Responses

What we currently do to aid planning around dates and events:

-Important Dates for Parents Document- This is sent in July/ Sept to aid the year. It captures events such as inset days, sports day, nativities and many more! This can still be found on the school website under 'calendar'.

-School Website Calendar- We update the school calendar before our return in Sept with all key events shared.

-Facebook- We do use Facebook to communicate with parents/ carers of any changes to dates.

-Arbor- Arbor is used to express any key changes over the year. We do aim to give as much notice as possible.

Weekly Newsletter- The weekly newsletter that is sent via Arbor Emails on a Friday capture key dates and up-coming events. If you would like a paper copy please speak to Mrs Taylor in the school office.

We understand the need for this and apologise it has been overlooked.

In light of this we have created new swimming certificates for next year that will share what your child is able to do once an award has been achieved. The new certificates also capture what they will be working on to achieve their next award.

We have also added to the home school link books a swimming award overview. This will help you to have a full view of our progression.

If you would like more home-learning past our core offer please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher during their weekly drop-in session. Teachers can then support and advise around what specific areas your child could focus on.

I would also advice you to look at our curriculum pages on the school website and find your child's year group overview. On this webpage you will find an overview of what your child is learning at any one time in the year. You could then use this page to extend on what they are learning in school for non-core lessons.

We know that the end of the day can feel busy and exciting for children, and sometimes toilet needs slip their mind until they see you. While children are free to go throughout the day, we completely understand that home time can be a distraction. If your child does come out and suddenly needs the toilet, they are always welcome to pop back in to use our facilities.

If you feel your child would benefit from a quick reminder or check-in before dismissal, please speak to us. We're more than happy to work with you and your child's class teacher to build this into their routine so they leave school feeling comfortable and ready for home.

Making sure you are aware of your child's progress is important to us. To support this we currently offer three reports per year, two formal parent's evenings and weekly class teacher drop-in sessions.

All our reading books are colour coded and reflect our book bands. Our staff use pink pens to give a clear and detailed overview of reading progress and next steps in home school link books at least once a half term.

On reflection our certificates are missing the reason for achieving. We will review and adapt certificates moving forward.



Knypersley in the Spotlight...

We will be taking part in **'No Pens Day'** on 20th March. Alongside the intent outlined below, our school focus will be to launch our consistent preverbal visual supports, PECS and Makaton.

We hope that having an agreed set of preverbal supports in school will ensure that children can communicate not only with adults, but with one another too.

NO PEN DAY

20TH MAY 2026



**TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR
ORACY AND OTHER
COMMUNICATION-FRIENDLY
APPROACHES**



Knypersley in the Spotlight...

YOU ARE INVITED TO

SUMMER DISCO

21.5.2026

**NURSERY: WITHIN THE
SCHOOL DAY**

RECEPTION: 2:15PM-3:15PM

KS1: 3:15PM-4:15PM

KS2: 4:15PM - 5:15PM

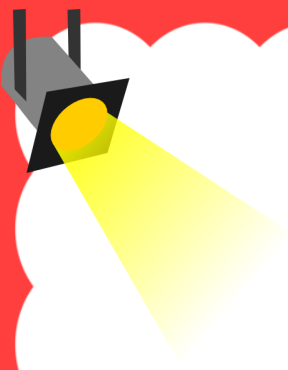
*Included:
Disco
Hotdog/ drink
Sweets
Glow Stick
Non-uniform Day*

*Entry £4
Please send in
your child's
entry fee in a
named
envelope.*

Please enter the disco via the main office, Collection will be through your child's normal dismissal door



Knypersley in the Spotlight...



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

Our Summer Bookshelf!



Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4