

22/05/2026



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Summer 1, it's hard to believe how quickly these seven weeks have gone and just how much fun and learning we have managed to squeeze in.

This week we enjoyed our whole school No Pens Day, where Miss Massey introduced new communication friendly approaches, including key symbols from Makaton and PECS, helping to open up communication for all children and strengthen confidence, relationships and independence. The children loved taking part in communication rich activities such as drama, poetry reading and games with friends, and it was wonderful to see every child fully engaged. A huge thank you to Miss Massey for leading this day and supporting all children to thrive.

On Thursday we held our Summer Disco, which was a fantastic way to end the half term. Thank you for your support with this event; we will share the total raised in our first newsletter back. We are incredibly grateful to our PTFA for their ongoing commitment and organisation throughout the year. Their efforts have provided our children with new library books, trips, exciting resources and many more enhancements that have made a real difference to school life.

And finally a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support throughout the Summer 1 term. A reminder that school reopens on **Tuesday 2nd June** following our INSET day. As we move into the final half term of the year, teachers are already preparing transition information and handovers, and we look forward to sharing details with you soon to ensure a smooth and positive start for every child.

Wishing you all a restful break and we look forward to welcoming the children back for a brilliant Summer 2.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley x

Important dates :

1.6.26 Inset day staff only

2.6.26 School reopens to pupils

9.6.26 Nursery stay and play 9.30/1pm

Nursery welcome to meeting 3.30/5pm

11.6.26 Reception stay and play 1pm

Reception welcome to meeting 3.30/5pm

15.6.26 New Year 1 welcome to meeting 3.30/5pm

16.6.26 New Year 2 welcome to meeting 3.30/5pm

17.6.26 New Year 3 welcome to meeting 3.30/5pm

18.6.26 New 4 welcome to meeting 3.30/5pm

Whole school move up day

Class	Attendance
Nursery	93.08%
Creative Caterpillars	94%
Busy Bees	94.8%
Class 2	89.58%
Class 3	91.54%
Class 4	95.67%
Class 5	92.33%
Class 6	92.86%
Class 7	97.78%
Class 8	94.48%
Class 9	97.67%



This Week's winner is: **Class 7**

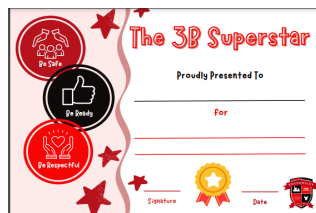
Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**
This week, our school attendance was: **94.03%**



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

Rewards and Celebrations



**Creative Caterpillars—
Whole class**

Busy Bees— Whole class

Class 2— Whole class

Class 3— Whole class

Class 4— Whole class

Class 5— Whole class

Class 6— Whole class

Class 7— Whole class

Class 8— Whole class

Class 9— Whole class

Nursery— Whole class

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Swimmer of the week

Cc- Halley

Bb: Emily

2: Blessing

3: Thea

4: Charlie-anne and Michael

5: Albie

6: Edie

7: Elsie

8: Harry

9: Della and Louie

Achievements Outside of School...



House Points





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.

[Tea](#)



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.

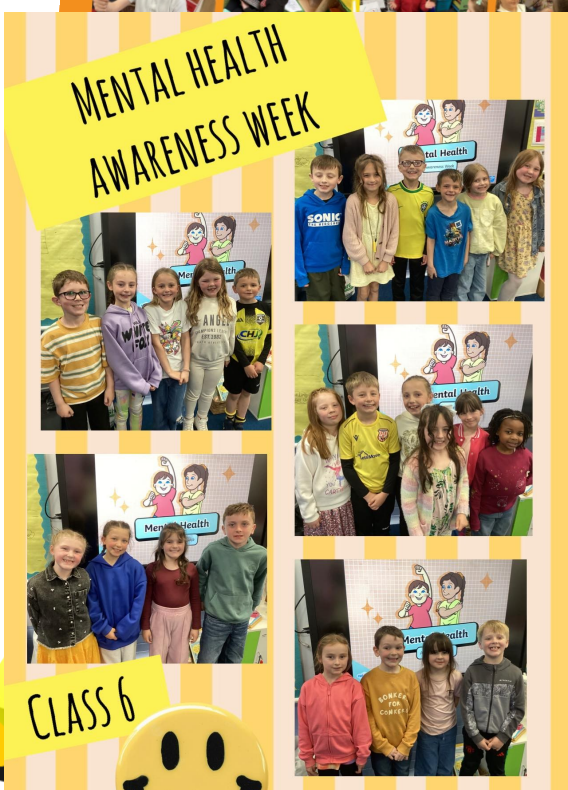
Parentpay

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that any outstanding balances on ParentPay for school lunches, Kid Zone, and Nursery wraparound provision are cleared as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, when debts remain unpaid, these costs must be covered directly from the school's limited budget, which has a direct impact on the resources and opportunities we are able to provide for all children.

We greatly appreciate the continued support and understanding shown by the vast majority of families. If you are experiencing any difficulty in making payments, please do not hesitate to speak in confidence with Miss Leese, who will be happy to discuss this with you.

SUMMER NEWS



ATTENDANCE



Reminder that 'lates' will impact your child's overall attendance. Please reach out to school if you require support with your child's mornings.

Attendance is tracked daily
It is of the up-most importance that you report absences. This is to support our safeguarding procedures

Times of the day:

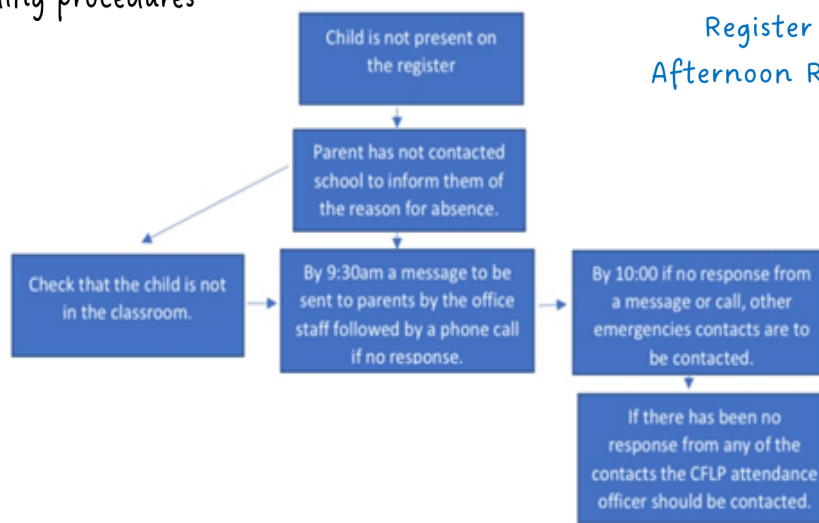
Gates open: 8:45am

Gates Close: 8:55am

Register open: 9am

Afternoon Register: 1:15pm

CFLP Graduated Response



National or above	96.4-93%	93-90%	Below 90%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter 5 (Sent when back to above National expectation). End of term certificate. 	<u>Register inspection with CFLP attendance officer.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter 1 sent to parents. School 'we miss you' texts. Office and CFLP attendance officer to offer support to improve attendance. Phone conversation with parent. 	<u>Letter 2 sent to parent in conjunction with CFLP attendance officer attendance check.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to offer support. School offer to administer medication at school. Head to contact parents where necessary. School to send 'excited for the week ahead/ well done for a brilliant week' text. 	<u>Letter 3 sent to parent in conjunction with CFLP attendance officer attendance check.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite sent to parents for an attendance support meeting with CFLP attendance officer. Request for medical evidence (where necessary). Office to share attendance breakdown with class teachers.
			Persistent Absence
Attendance improving (at any point in the cycle)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter 4 sent home. Postcard for improving attendance. 			

Holiday request forms can be collected from the school office. We encourage you to avoid taking holidays within school time.

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