

4/09/2026



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Wow, what a brilliant start to the school year we have had here at Knypersley First School! All children, both those returning and those who are new to school have been full of smiles and enthusiasm, they are a credit to us all.

Children have spent this week getting to know their new teachers and classrooms. The staff have enjoyed spending time getting to know your little ones and learning how to help them feel settled and secure during this transition. Thank you to you all for being patient during dismissals this week while staff get to know new faces and names, we appreciate your support.

Please take time over the weekend to look over our school calendar and key dates on our school webpage. Throughout the year some new dates may have to be added but we will ensure this is done in plenty of time for you to make arrangements.

I would like to remind you that from next week swimming (Reception—Year 4) and PE (all) will be starting! Your class pages on the school website have been updated to reflect key days so please take time over the weekend to check in.

I would also like to say another welcome to Miss Hasslam—Class 3 class teacher, Miss Holmes Class 7 class teacher, we are so excited for you to be here, Knypersley really is a special place to learn and grow.

Children have been very excited to learn all about the changes made to our behaviour rewards systems in school. I am sure if you ask them they will let you know which reward they have chosen to work towards. Please see this week's spotlight for more information regarding the new reward system.

Final reminder: Please ensure all children on our school asthma register have brought in a new and unused inhaler ready for the school year.

Have a lovely weekend everyone—see you Monday,

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley xxx

Important dates coming soon...

10.9.26 Flu vaccinations

21.9.26 Yr 2 sports day

22.9.26 Yr 3 sports day

23.9.26 Yr 4 sports day

24.9.26 Yr 4 Standon Bowers information meeting
3.30pm/5pm

25.9.26 Colour run (rearranged) see Facebook for timings

Allergy Safety Policy 2026

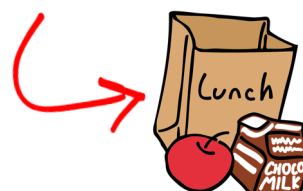
Inline with Benedict's Law, we have created a new Allergy Safety Policy for our school. We now have Emergency EpiPens on site, and all staff are trained to administer them in the event of an emergency.

As a priority, we ask that **no nut-based products are brought into school.** We are a completely nut-free environment due to live allergies, and we will continue to monitor snacks throughout the year to keep everyone safe.

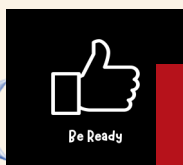
If you would like to know more about our allergy-safe protocols, please see our policy: <https://knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/CFLP-School-Allergy-Safety-Policy-2026.pdf>

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 **Sept-Feb** menu.



Rewards and Celebrations



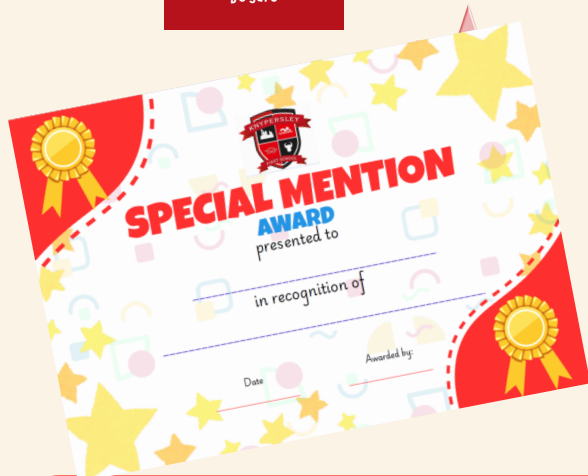
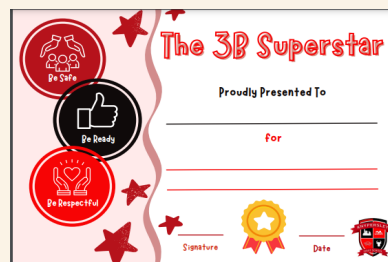
Be Ready



Be Safe



Be Respectful



This week the behaviour in school has been outstanding!

Therefore, all classes have been awarded a Special Mention certificate this week.

I am so proud of them all and cannot wait for the year ahead.

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley xx

Nursery— Whole class

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

Home Achievers



Safety during collection and drop off times...

Please can we ask that all children remain with grown-ups during drop off and collection. The gates are open and the school playgrounds are not secure.

Please do not allow children to go onto the equipment or behind garages/ blind spots. We cannot guarantee that those areas are safe without daily inspections carried out by staff.

We also ask that no dogs are brought onto the school grounds (even if in arms). This is due to the increased health and safety risk they bring. Many children are not comfortable with dogs and we want to ensure school remains a safe and happy environment.



Playtime Snacks

Children are allowed to bring into school a healthy mid-morning snack. Children from Nursery to Year 2 are entitled to a free piece of fruit but if you wish to send in a alternative please feel free to do so.

We encourage Healthy Snacks in school through our Snack Stars incentive (see spotlight page). Please encourage healthy snack habits by avoiding snacks that contain high sugars and additives.

Thank you all for your support.



WE ARE RECRUITING *join our team*

Proud to be part of the
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Lunchtime Supervisor - start date ASAP.

We're looking for someone kind, proactive and child-focused to help make our lunchtimes safe, happy and full of positive play. You'll support children in the dining hall, encourage great manners, help them enjoy games on the playground, and model our behaviour expectations every day. If you're calm, caring and passionate about inclusion, wellbeing and safeguarding, we'd love you to join our team!

If you're interested or know someone who might be please contact the school office on **01782 973810** or email **office.knp@cflptrust.co.uk** for an application pack.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to:

- Enhanced DBS check
- Online social media screening
- Disclosure of relevant cautions, convictions, or warnings It is an offence to apply if barred from regulated activity.

Closing Date
Midnight, Thu 17th Sep, 2026

Parking Around Our School

A reminder to please be respectful when parking around our school community. We understand that collection time can be difficult to navigate but please park safely and with care and consideration for our neighbours.

Life Stream Church have kindly offered their carpark for our use again this year, we thank them for this. Please be reminded that the carpark will be open **8:30-9am and 3-3:30pm**. After those times the carpark will be locked. There might be days where it is not possible to open the carpark so please leave plenty of time on the school run to aid a safe and calm arrival.

Thank you all.

Facebook

Reminder that we do have a [school Facebook Page](#). Class teachers will upload their week in the spotlight on your child's swimming day. Please give us a like and a follow to keep up to date on the amazing events your child will experience during this school year.

Positive Behaviour Rewards!



Cast Your Vote!

Which Housepoint reward would you like to earn for Autumn 1?

Non-Uniform Day



Wacky Hair Day



Extra Play Time



A Fun Swim!



Add your awarded housepoint into the right coloured tube to cast your vote!

Children will be awarded a house point token when they display positive 3B behaviours.

Children can use their house point to cast their vote for their preferred end of half term treat!

Treat options will be offered by the whole school and selected by the School Council Reps and our new 3B Champions



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Certificate awarded on _____

House Captain signature _____

Children will also track their house points over the year and achieve certificates for reaching house point milestones!

The certificates will be written out and awarded by the Year 4 3B Champions.



Special Mentions are our newest positive behaviour award at Knypersley First School.

During our weekly Celebration Assembly one child from the whole school will be selected and awarded the Special Mention based on exceptional behaviour.

This award is voted on by all members of staff which means it could be given for 3B behaviour observed at any point of the day and by any adult in the school!

OUR SNACK STARS ARE COMING!

As part of our commitment to being a Healthy Eating School, we know that encouraging children to make healthier snack choices can sometimes be a challenge. However, it's also a fantastic opportunity for them to try new foods and build positive habits.

What Are Snack Stars?

- Each class will have a Healthy Snack Chart.
- When all children in the class bring a healthy snack, the class earns a sticker on their chart.
- Once the class collects 15 stickers, they will be invited to choose a Snack Star from Miss Leese!



What Do the Snack Stars Do?

- The Snack Stars will stay in the classroom for the term.
- Their role is to encourage and reward healthy snack choices, helping children feel proud of their efforts.
- At the end of the term, the Snack Star is returned, and the class works together again to earn a new one for the following term.

The incentive will begin week beginning 8th January 2026. Between now and then, we encourage children to start introducing healthier snacks at home and at school so they feel ready to contribute to their class's success.

Importantly, this lead-up period also gives parents and carers time to drop in and speak with staff if they would like advice or support with integrating healthy snacks into their child's routine. We are here to help make this transition as smooth and positive as possible.

Our Goal

To make healthy eating fun, rewarding, and a team effort — helping children build lasting habits while celebrating their success together.



Communication Overview

DAY TO DAY

Calling the school office will ensure an urgent time limited message is passed to the correct person in the correct timeframe. For example- informing us that your child is absent, booking your child into Kid Zone - (due to an unexpected emergency) etc.

Please note this is not for non-urgent messages/questions eg those which can be passed on/asked via staff on the doors in the morning or via Arbor. Arbor App Messaging will be monitored during normal working hours. (8.30- 5.30 p.m.) Please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor app.

Staff will ensure that the school calendar reflects as many key events as possible as soon as they are planned. Before the Summer our school key dates were added to the school webpage. We encourage you to refer frequently to the calendar, weekly newsletters and our Facebook page. This will support you in being as organised as possible.



ATTAINMENT AND PROGRESS

Our school holds a parents evening each term during which an update regarding your child's general progress and well being will be shared. Alongside these meetings you will receive a brief written report at the end of the Autumn and Spring term and a full academic year report at the end of the academic year.

CLASS DROP INS

Please feel free to use class teacher drop in sessions which are held weekly. This session needs to be booked via Arbor ahead of time to ensure everything is prepared for a successful meeting. You can request to see your child's books and work or discuss any needs or concerns.

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

SENDco drop in: Wednesday

(please ensure you have communicated with your class teacher prior to booking onto a SENDco drop in)

EVIDENCE ME

- This platform is only used in our nursery and reception classes as a method of sharing new achievements your children make. The school aims to make weekly shares with parents.
- If your child is on our school SEND register you will receive updates regarding their progress and achievements. We do also offer daily updates for pre-verbal children in our school.



DOOR MESSAGES

Start and End of day- staffing rotas will ensure a senior leader and class based staff are on the school main yard every day. Messages to ensure your child has a successful day such as who is collecting them, if they have felt unwell can be passed to the staff member on the door. Please avoid messages your child can pass for themselves we value developing independence and organizational skills into our pupils (age appropriately.) We would also ask you to speak on the door to a member of staff if your child has an 'injury on arrival' which will require logging before you leave. If your child has an accident such as a grazed knee medical slips will be handed over on collection at the end of the day from a member of staff.

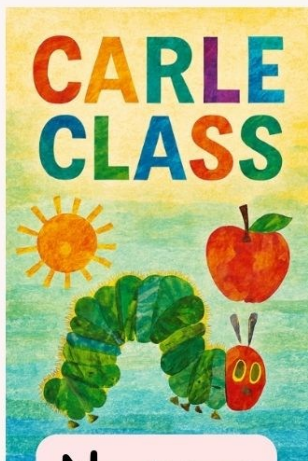
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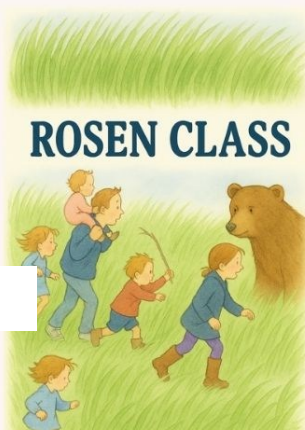
CLASS AUTHORS

We LOVE reading at Knypersley! This year, each class has a chosen author to explore new books and stories!

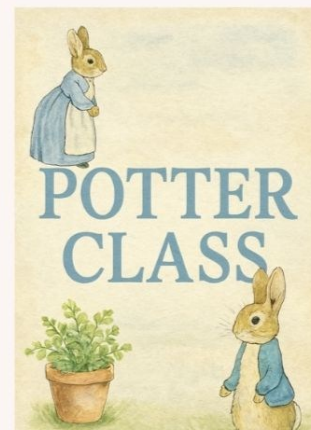
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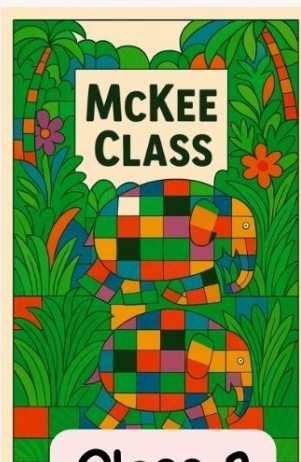
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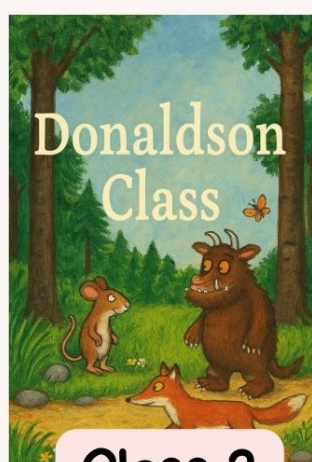
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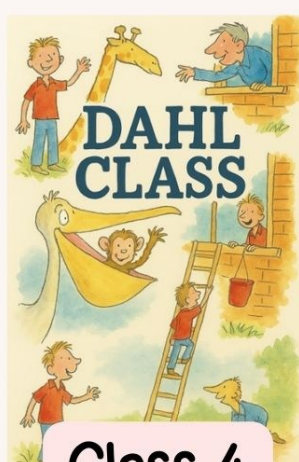
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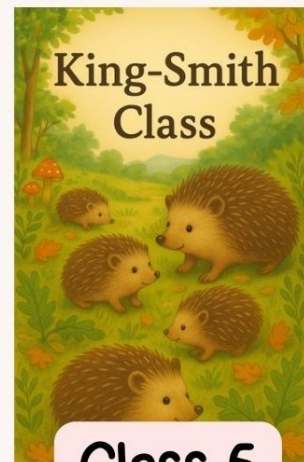
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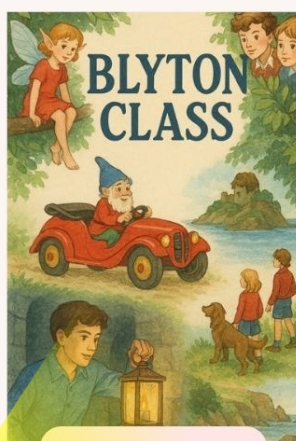
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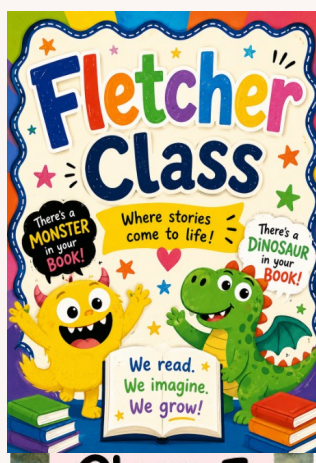
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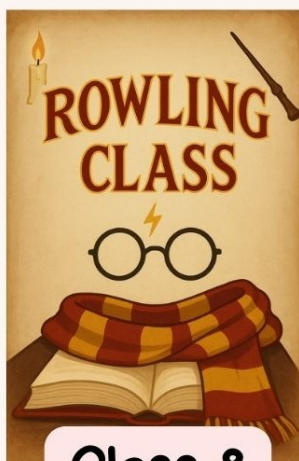
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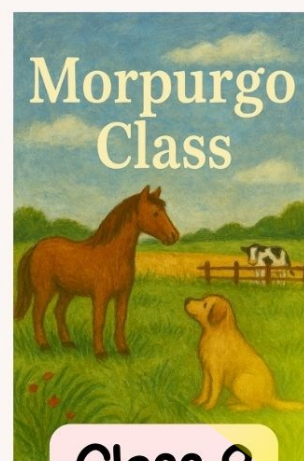
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Class 7



Class 8



Class 9