Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life...

Friday 23rd October 2026

A message from Miss Leese...

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term at Knypersley First School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our children, staff and families for their continued support.

This half term has been filled with wonderful learning opportunities, memorable experiences and plenty of reasons to celebrate. From exciting curriculum activities and Forest School sessions to sporting events, visitors and enrichment opportunities, our children continue to make us incredibly proud with their enthusiasm, resilience and kindness.

You may also notice that our newsletter has a fresh new look this half term. Unfortunately, we recently lost access to our previous Publisher format, so we have taken the opportunity to redesign how we share news and celebrations with our families. Over the coming months, we will also be introducing a new termly report format and look forward to sharing this with you. As always, we welcome your feedback as we continue to develop and improve our communication with you all.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our PTFA Autumn Disco yesterday. The children had a fantastic time dancing, singing and making memories with their friends. Events such as these would not be possible without the dedication of our PTFA and the support of our families and we are extremely grateful for all that they do for our school community.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning together and learning for life.

With best wishes,
Miss Leese and Team Knypersley xx

Mark your Calendars

After Half Term...

Monday	INSET Day
Tuesday	School open Yr 4 swimming
Wednesday	Yr2 swimming
Thursday	Y3 School Council - CFLP Leaders Forum @ Reg Mitch AM Yr 4 Roman day
Friday	

Please see our website calendar for all future dates...

SCAN ME

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Next week we are on week 1 of our lunch menu

School Policies Update:

As part of our annual policy reflection cycle, we have had the below policies ratified by our School Governors. These policies are now live on our website and we would like to invite you to read through the changes that have been made-please contact the school office if you would like more information.

School Uniform Policy

Pupil Premium Policy

Computing Policy

Online Safety Policy

https://knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/policies/

It's a boy!

Finally, we are delighted to share some wonderful news from our school family. Miss Emery welcomed a beautiful baby boy, John James, on 6th October 2026, weighing 8lb 9oz. We are pleased to say that Mummy, baby and Daddy are all doing well. We send them our warmest congratulations and look forward to welcoming them back for a visit soon, complete with plenty of baby snuggles in the staffroom!

Our Weekly Attendance Spotlight...

Learning Together, Learning for Life





Class	Attendance
Nursery	88.82%
Busy Bees	93.75%
Creative Caterpillars	93.12%
Class 2	93.2%
Class 3	93.46%
Class 4	90%
Class 5	97.83%
Class 6	91.67%
Class 7	92.86%
Class 8	93.46%
Class 9	94.44%

Children First
Learning Partnership

School Anxiety and Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

We understand that some children may experience significant worries or anxiety about attending school. These feelings can sometimes affect attendance, punctuality and engagement with learning. We are committed to working in partnership with families to understand the underlying reasons for concerns and to identify appropriate support at the earliest opportunity. If your child is finding it difficult to attend school due to anxiety or emotional wellbeing needs, please speak to a member of our pastoral or attendance team so that we can work together to develop a supportive plan and signpost you to additional services where appropriate.

Staffordshire Educational Psychology Service
Advice and resources for supporting children experiencing anxiety and barriers to school attendance.
Visit the Staffordshire EPS website

Mental Health Support Teams (MHST)
Provides early intervention support for anxiety, worries and emotional wellbeing difficulties in schools, alongside parent workshops and staff advice.
Visit the MHST website

Stay Well Children and Young People
Support for children experiencing anxiety, emotional distress and school attendance difficulties. Offers 1:1 support and wellbeing interventions.
Visit the Stay Well website

Young Minds
National charity with excellent guidance for parents on school anxiety, emotionally based school avoidance and supporting children with worries about school.
Visit the Young Minds website

Anna Freud Centre
Evidence-based resources for parents and schools on anxiety, emotionally based school avoidance and resilience.
Visit the Anna Freud website

Not Fine in School
Information and support for families of children experiencing school anxiety and emotionally based school avoidance.
Visit the Not Fine in School website

NHS Every Mind Matters
Practical support and advice for children's mental wellbeing and anxiety.
Visit the Every Mind Matters website



Our whole school attendance target is 96%.

This week, our school attendance was: 92.83%

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EVERY DAY
READY
ON TIME

Staffordshire County Council

Let's Celebrate!









Class	Star Reader	3B Champion	Handwriting Hero	Swimmer of the Week
Nursery		Whole class		
Busy Bees	Bella	Archie		Harlow
Caterpillars	Ben	Ari		Ben B
Class 2	Macy	Isla-Rae	Carter	Teddy
Class 3	Samar	Lexi-May	Tilly-Rose	Lexi-may
Class 4	Arthur	Asher	Cody	Lola B
Class 5	Hugo	Axel	Max	Lola
Class 6	James	Paisley	Aria	Aria
Class 7	Isabelle	Ollie	Sam	Isabelle
Class 8	Elsie	Whole class	Cleo	Naima
Class 9	Harlan	Whole class	JJ	Sebastian



Wider Achievements



Knypersley News...

Healthy Snacks

We kindly ask all parents and carers to review the snacks their child brings into school for playtime. We have noticed an increasing number of less healthy snack choices being brought in.
Please provide only a small, healthy snack such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, or a cereal bar.
We would also like to remind families to be mindful of the nut allergies within our school community and ensure that snacks brought into school are nut-free.
Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy habits and keep all children safe.

Attendance Policy 2026

On Wednesday, a letter was sent to all email addresses. The letter hold important information regarding changes made to our Attendance Policy 2026.

Please speak to the office if you have not recieved the email.

Rememberance Day 2026 - Wed 11th November

Aswell as joining in on community Rememberance Day traditions we will be holding a minutes silence on the 11th November 2026 in school.

This year we would love for all childrne who are a part of a Youth Uniformed Group to attend school on the day in their unit uniforms. This includes groups such as Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows and Beavers etc.

We invite our uniformed units to take a leading role in our silence on the day.

If you have any questions please call on: 01782 973810

The Knypersley Difference

At Knypersley First School, learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. As part of our "Learning Together, Learning for Life" offer, we believe children learn best when lessons are enhanced by real-life experiences that inspire curiosity, build confidence and deepen understanding. Each week, we shine a light on one of the many opportunities that make our school a special place to learn, grow and belong.

This weeks theme is: Forest School



At Knypersley First School, we are incredibly fortunate to have wonderful grounds, including our own gated field and woodland area, providing the perfect environment for outdoor learning.

Every class, from Nursery to Year 4, is allocated a half term each year to take part in Forest School sessions led by our specialist teacher, Mr Fox. Through exciting hands-on experiences, children develop new skills, build confidence, explore the natural world and engage in learning that enhances and enriches their classroom curriculum.



To celebrate their learning, parents and carers are invited to join their child's final Forest School session of the half term, providing a wonderful opportunity to experience the outdoor learning journey alongside their child.

From bug hunting and den building to nature exploration and teamwork challenges, Forest School helps create memorable learning experiences that inspire curiosity, resilience and a love of the outdoors.





Community Notice Board









Knypersley First School Term Dates 2026-2027

Please use our term dates to plan holidays outside school time; term-time holidays cannot be authorised. Attendance support including medication management is available just speak with your child's class teacher or headteacher.

Term	Term & Holiday Dates	Staff Training (INSET)
Autumn Term 2026	**Pupils attend:** Wed 2 Sept to Fri 23 Oct **Half Term:** Mon 26 Oct to Fri 30 Oct **Pupils attend:** Tue 3 Nov to Fri 18 Dec **Christmas Holiday:** Mon 21 Dec 2026 to Fri 1 Jan 2027	**INSET Day 1:** Tue 1 Sept 2026 (Staff only) **INSET Day 2:** Mon 2 Nov 2026 (Staff only)
Spring Term 2027	**Staff & Pupils attend:** Mon 4 Jan to Fri 12 Feb **Half Term:** Mon 15 Feb to Fri 19 Feb **Pupils attend:** Tue 23 Feb to Thu 25 Mar **Easter Holiday:** Mon 29 Mar to Fri 9 Apr	**INSET Day 3:** Mon 22 Feb 2027 (Staff only)
Summer Term 2027	**Staff & Pupils attend:** Mon 12 Apr to Fri 28 May **May Bank Holiday:** Mon 3 May (closed) **Half Term:** Mon 31 May to Fri 4 June **Pupils attend:** Tue 8 Jun to Tue 20 Jul **Summer Holiday begins:** Wed 21 Jul	**INSET Day 4:** Mon 7 Jun (Staff only) **INSET Day 5**: Wed 21 Jul 2027 (Staff only)



Non-Uniform Dates

British Heart Foundation

P.T.F.A
PARENT, TEACHER, FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

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

25.09.2026
Colour Run non-uniform

If your child is taking part please can they come into school in their white top and sports kit ready to run. If they are not taking part they are welcome to take part in a non-uniform day.

Oct

9.10.2026 - Break the Rules Day (more info to follow)

22.10.2026 - Autumn Disco (non-uniform day)

Nov

13.11.2026 - Xmas Hamper Non-Uniform

Dec

10.12.2026 - Xmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)

17.12.2026 - Xmas Party Day (non-uniform)

18.12.2026 - Y1-Y4 Panto Day
EYFS: Magician Day

Jan

22.1.2027 - PJs, Hot Chocolates/ Milkshake Day

Feb

12.2.2027 - Easter Hamper Non-Uniform Day

Mar

4.3.2027 - World Book Day (details to follow)

10.3.2027 - Easter BINGO

19.3.2027 - Non-Uniform Day

Apr

22.4.2027 - Spring Disco

May

10.5.2027 - Wear Bright Colours - Healthy Minds Week

June

18.6.2027 - Knypersleys Got Talent (more details to follow)

WB 21.6.2027 - Sponsored Swim-a-thon week

25.6.2027 - PTFA Summer Sports Festival 3:30pm

July

16.7.2027 - Splat the Teacher

19.7.2027 - Summer Party Day

Over the year the PTFA will be running a number of sales such as Father's Day, Mother's Day and Tuck Shop Fridays they will keep you informed ahead of time!

Keep your eyes out for morning coffee shops on the playgrounds too!