Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life...

Friday 6th November 2026

A message from Miss Leese...

This week, children have been learning about Remembrance Day and the importance of remembering those who have served our country. Next week on the 11.11 (Wednesday) we will proudly welcome children from local uniformed groups, including Scouts, Beavers, Brownies and Guides to come in with their uniforms on and help to lead our school in a respectful two-minute silence.

Our Year 3 School Council representatives also attended the first Children First Learning Partnership Forum of the year at Reginald Mitchell, where they represented our school brilliantly with thoughtful ideas and contributions. Don't forget to take a look at this week's Trust Spotlight to see what they brought back to share.

A huge well done to Year 4, who took part in and enjoyed their Roman Experience Day. They enthusiastically engaged in activities such as shield making and created their own musuem where they explored primary and secondary sources. Next week, it will be Year 2's turn as they step back in time for their Victorian Britain Day.

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic visit from Jason at Recycling Alliance, learning how everyday items can be reused to help protect our environment. Thank you, Jason, for such an engaging start to their new topic.

Finally, thank you to James Bateman for welcoming our Year 4 children into their science labs this week. The children had a wonderful afternoon and were inspired by the exciting activities on offer.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Biddulph Remembrance Procession on Sunday.
With best wishes,
Miss Leese and Team Knypersley xx

Mark your Calendars

Coming up next week...

Monday	Yr 1 visit St John's Church
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Yr 4 multiplication workshop 3.30/5pm
Thursday	Year 2 Victorian day
Friday	Non-Uniform day for hamper gifts

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

SCAN ME

Next week we are on week 2 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/

SCAN ME

Facebook

We sent an important update regarding Facebook and how children's learning will be captured on this platform. Please ensure you are aware of the update and if you have any questions please let us know.

Our Weekly Attendance Spotlight...

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Hey, did you know the info below?

Class	Attendance
Nursery	94.6%
Busy Bees	90.1%
Creative Caterpillars	96.9%
Class 2	98.1%
Class 3	97.1%
Class 4	94.2%
Class 5	100%
Class 6	96.7%
Class 7	89.2%
Class 8	95%
Class 9	90.3%





Our whole school attendance target is 96%.

This week, our school attendance was: 94.66%

HERE
EVERY DAY
READY
ON TIME

Staffordshire County Council

Let's Celebrate!









Class	Star Reader	3B Champion	Handwriting Hero	Swimmer of the Week
Nursery		Isla		
Busy Bees	Aria	Rosie		Amelie
Caterpillars	Amelie	Harib		Ava
Class 2	Ember	Maisie	Romie	Teddy
Class 3	Holly	Myla	Brooklyn	Lexi-may
Class 4	Isabelle	Finley	Koa	Nancy
Class 5	Imogen	Isabelle	Imogen	Frankie
Class 6	Logan	Albie	Leo	Logan
Class 7	William	Marnie-Rae	Miguel	Michael
Class 8	Blake	Olivia	Oakley	Abigel
Class 9	Harlan	Alesse	Marnie	Nellie



Abigel B (Y4) Fantastic home research around the Romans.
Gracie P (Y2) For saving up her tooth fairy money to donate to the Poppy Appeal.

Wider Achievements

A huge well done to all of our children who have brought in their home achievement awards this week! We are so proud of each and every one of you and love celebrating your achievements outside of school. It is always a joy to hear how you earned your awards and to see the dedication, talent and community spirit you show through your local clubs and groups. Keep up the fantastic work!

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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.

Rememberance Day 2026 - Wed 11th November

We will be holding a minutes silence on the 11th November 2026 in school.

This year we would love for all children 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.

Biddulph Town Rememberance Parade

On Sunday 8th November, we will come together outside Sainsbury's (opposite the Town Hall) at 10:15am before joining the town procession down to the cenotaph.

We would love to invite all of our families and children to join us for this special occasion. We ask that children wear their school uniform to proudly represent our school.

This is a very special community event, and we would be delighted to see as many of you there as possible.

If you have any questions please call on: 01782 973810

CFLP Trust News...



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: Swimming



At Knypersley First School, we are incredibly fortunate to have our own on-site swimming pool, providing every child with the opportunity to develop this vital life skill as part of their weekly school experience.

Every child, from Nursery to Year 4, takes part in weekly swimming lessons led by our full-time qualified swimming teacher, Miss Wardle. Children work through a series of swimming levels, developing their confidence, technique and water skills. As they reach important milestones, their achievements are celebrated with swimming certificates, recognising their hard work and progress.



Alongside developing swimming ability, every lesson includes dedicated water safety education, helping children learn how to stay safe, respect the water and make sensible decisions in and around aquatic environments.

We are incredibly proud of both our swimming facilities and the achievements of our children. Through four years of regular lessons, our pupils leave Knypersley as confident, capable swimmers who can swim independently and enjoy the water safely, carrying with them a skill that will benefit them for life.

In Summer we will be working together as a school to swim the English Channel by sharing lengths to reach our shared goal!




PTFA
WINTER
FAYRE
FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER.
3/30-5PM - ENTER VIA THE MAIN OFFICE
£1 per family donation on entry.
This year we invite you to have fun and celebrate the winter season with us. We will have many activities and games for your child to engage with such as: Face painting, Winter games, Hot drinks, Tombola and much more!
Stalls are cash only and range from 50p-£1.50

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
Non-uniform day in exchange for Hamper gifts (xmas celebrations raffle hampers)
EYFS: Chocolate/Mince Pies
Year 1 and 2: Sweets/Mince Pies
Year 3 and 4: Bottles/Mince Pies

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!