

8/12/2023



# The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



## A message from Mrs Rourke...

This week the school has been full to the brim with the wonderful sound of nativity rehearsals and my word it has been just lovely to hear! Next week we have a busy week of nativities and we can't wait to welcome you all in to share the children's hard work and efforts with you. A warm welcome to Mrs Mountford who has joined us in class 7 as a teaching assistant she has been busy learning all about the class and visiting lessons to learn all about her role here at Knypersley.

Year 4 parents have braved the rain today to join us for a Forest School Parent Engagement event, thank you – we hope you have by now dried out and warmed up!

The children have looked lovely in their Christmas jumper day today, thank you for your support. Please can you use the details on the spotlight page in this newsletter to send in your donations for Dougie Mac.

The next few weeks are very busy please can I urge you to check the school calendar <https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/calendar/>

for the details of our parties, Christmas dinners, pantomimes and other special visitors.

Work to re grout our pool has commenced which will give us time to complete the job and re fill the pool in time to restart our lessons on our return after Christmas. (Fingers crossed for no unexpected delays.) Thank you for your co-operation with this. Tonight our choir will be performing alongside Rode Hall Brass Band in a Christmas Concert in front of a sell out crowd of over 120. Thank you to everyone involved – we can't wait.

## Important dates coming soon...

**11-14/12/2023**

Christmas Nativity week

**15/12/2023**

EYFS Magician am

Grandparents sing a long 2pm

**18/12/2023**

Grandparent sing a long 9.30am and 2pm

**21/12/2023** Class Christmas Party Day!

**22/12/2023**

Year 1-4 Panto

**22/12/2023**

**SCHOOL CLOSES**

## Class Attendance

Creative Caterpillars	94.7%
Busy Bees	94.8%
Class 2	95.1%
Class 3	93.8%
Class 4	96.7%
Class 5	96.5%
Class 6	96.7%
Class 7	94.8%
Class 8	96.6%
Class 9	95.6%

This Week's winner is:  
**Class 4 & 6**



Please follow the following link <https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/lunch-menu/> to find our school lunch menu.

Next week we will be following **week 3**



## [www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk) In the Spotlight

We will be taking the opportunity weekly to shine the spotlight on selected areas of our school webpage. This week we want to take the opportunity to direct you to our school

**Special Education Needs and Disabilities Page:**

<https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>

The 'SEND' page on our webpage offers an overview of SEND support at Knypersley First School.

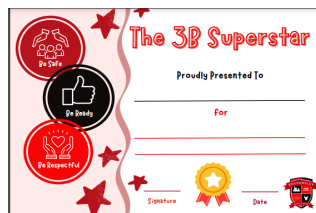
Please take a moment to visit our spotlight page this week.

Thank you

**Our whole school attendance target is 100%.**

This week, our school attendance was: **95.6%**

# Rewards and Celebrations



Class 2- Harper  
Class 3- Laurence  
Class 4- River  
Class 5- Jayden  
Class 6- Oscar  
Class 7- Hugo  
Class 8- Myles  
Class 9- Elijah

Nursery- Harry  
Creative Caterpillars- Hugo  
Busy Bees- Hunter  
Class 2- Tilly  
Class 3- Abigel  
Class 4- Oscar  
Class 5- William  
Class 6- Alithea  
Class 7- Harrison  
Class 8- Amber  
Class 9- Olivia

Nursery- Arthur  
Creative Caterpillars- Bryony  
Busy Bees- Miguel  
Class 2- Nellie  
Class 3- George  
Class 4- Tahlia  
Class 5- Rosalyn  
Class 6- Tiffany  
Class 7- James  
Class 8- Noah T  
Class 9- Darcy



This week our House  
Team winner are.....



## Achievements Outside of School...

We are so proud of all of our home achievement awards this week and have enjoyed celebrating them within our classroom while the hall is being used for some extra special performances! Thank you for your support with celebrating awards from home this term it has been amazing to see the range of experiences our children have outside of school!



For more information regarding holiday activities and food over the Christmas Period please see <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/Holiday-activities-and-food/HAF-Timetables.aspx&StaffordshireMoorlands>

### School Volunteers

We are always looking to extend our volunteer team in school. There are a range of areas that we would like to invite you to volunteer to support with (subject to a DBS check) such as :

- Swimming support
- Daily learning resource support i.e 1:1 readers/ learning resources support
- PTFA
- School Events i.e Coffee Morning/ trips

If you are interested to learn more or to apply please speak to Mrs Taylor in the school office and collect a pack!

### Staffordshire Connects

We encourage you to take a moment to explore the wealth of support and information available to all families via Staffordshire Connects. <https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/home.page>

Staffordshire Connects aims to direct families to agencies that can support in a range of different ways such as:

- Housing and Finances
- SEND and Inclusion
- Health and Wellbeing
- Funded hours for Nursery aged children

We encourage you to take time to access the support that you can gain through Staffordshire Connects and if you feel you would like more clarity or support please feel free to contact school.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your support today with our annual Dougie Mac Christmas Jumper Day. The children looked fantastic and we would like to thank you for your efforts in the lead up to the day. If you have not yet made a donation and wish to the Dougie Mac Christmas Jumper Day page is still open.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/charlotte-bailey-1701275355217?newPage=true>



**Knypersley First School** @KnypersleyFirst · 3h  
Class 2 have had a surprise today! Our elf, Elfs Presently, has been busy drawing on our bananas! #cheekyelf #countdowntochristmas 🍌🎅🦋  
@ChildrenFirstLP





Knypersley First School Proudly Presents...

# Christmas in the Spotlight

WE KNOW THAT DECEMBER CAN BE A BUSY TIME OF YEAR, WE HAVE CREATED THIS PAGE FOR YOU TO REFER TO IN ORDER TO SUPPORT YOU DURING THE LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS.

## NATIVITY WEEK

**The children and staff of Knypersley First School proudly present...**



'A Wiggly Nativity' performed by Nursery and Reception  
11.12.2023 at 9:15am/ 2pm



'The Children's Christmas Drums' performed by Year 1  
11.12.2023 at 6pm



'Ralph the Reindeer' performed by Year 2  
12.12.2023 at 6pm



'It's CHRIIIISTMAAAAS!' performed by Year 3  
13.12.2023 at 6pm



'A Christmas Extravaganza' performed by Year 4  
14.12.2023 at 6pm

**All children will receive three tickets per family. There may be an opportunity of more if some families only claim one.**

**Please return any tickets that you do not need so that we can reallocate tickets to our waitlist before performances, thank you.**



# Our Autumn Bookshelf!



## Nursery



## Reception



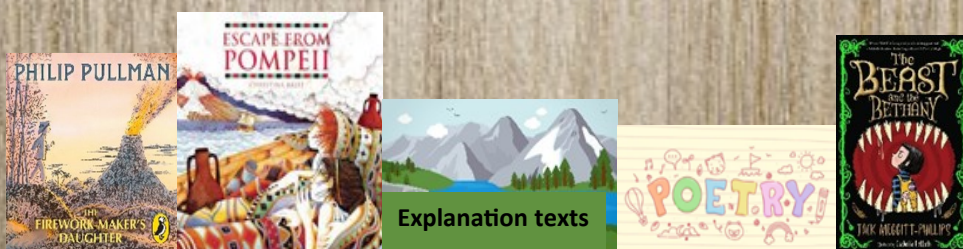
## Year 1



## Year 2



## Year 3



## Year 4