

02/05/2025



# The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



## A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a great Easter holiday, full of fun and memories! What glorious weather we have had this week on our return to school! The children have been busy getting stuck into their Summer term learning and I have loved seeing how hard they have been working already; they sure are determined this term! We've also welcomed some new members to our Knypersley family this week, with new children joining in different year groups and even some new staff faces too! Welcome back Miss Lunn and a huge welcome to the team Miss Emery!

It has been so lovely to see those summer dresses, shorts and lack of coats! Not to mention the stylish sunhats and sunglasses too! With this in mind, please ensure that all of your child's belongings are named, making it easier for us to reconnect lost property to its owner. I would also like to remind you about sun cream in school. Please do not send your child into school with sun cream for them to apply in the day. Instead, please ensure that adequate sun cream is applied before school as this will protect them during short break times and lunch times. There are children who are allergic to different lotions and we thank you for supporting us with this.

Next week, we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE day on Thursday 8th May. Mrs Harvey, our History leader has arranged for a jam-packed, exciting and enriching day for our pupils as well as a truly British picnic style lunch on the playground. To mark this special event, we ask that children come to school wearing red, white or blue.

I'd also like to politely request that any bikes or scooters brought onto the playground are held still and not ridden to avoid accidents or injuries.

Our new range of school clubs kickstart next week so please do familiarise yourself with the timetable information / pick up points on our spotlight page this week.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley x

### Important dates

**05/05/25– School closed. Bank Holiday**

**08/05/25– Year 1 trip to Llandudno**

**22/05/25– PTFA Summer Disco**

**23/05/25– School closes for May half term.**

**03/06/25– School reopens for pupils**

**06/06/25– Reception forest school parent engagement**

**W.b 09/06/25 & 16/06/25– New year group parent info evening.**

### Class Attendance

Creative Caterpillars	93.56%
Busy Bees	98.41%
Class 2	97.94%
Class 3	93.09%
Class 4	95.88%
Class 5	98.35%
Class 6	99.23%
Class 7	97.3%
Class 8	98.52%
Class 9	97.85%

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



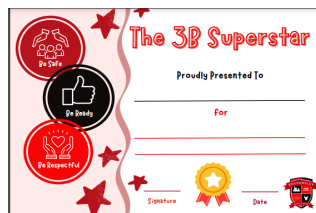
**Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%**  
This week, our school attendance was: **97.04%**



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 **Feb-July** menu.

# Rewards and Celebrations



**Creative Caterpillars— Milly**  
**Busy Bees— Frankie**  
**Class 2— Noah**  
**Class 3— Logan**  
**Class 4— Nellie**  
**Class 5— Jasmine**  
**Class 6— Olivia K**  
**Class 7— William**  
**Class 8— Harriet**  
**Class 9— Lexi-Leigh**

**Nursery— Chloe**  
**Creative Caterpillars— Lola**  
**Busy Bees— Max**  
**Class 2— Archie**  
**Class 3— Bryony**  
**Class 4— Archie**  
**Class 5— Blake**  
**Class 6— Tahlia**  
**Class 7— Eliza**  
**Class 8— Lucy**  
**Class 9— Sofia**

**Nursery— Aria,, Ben, Theo and Sophia—new starters**  
**Creative Caterpillars— Harry**  
**Busy Bees— Riva**  
**Class 2— Ollie**  
**Class 3— Syke**  
**Class 4— All of the class**  
**Class 5— Joey G**  
**Class 6— William**  
**Class 7— Rio**  
**Class 8— Alfie**  
**Class 9— Nancy**



## House Points



## Achievements Outside of School...





## 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 ['Keeping Safe'](#) section of the webpage.

This page will direct you to advice and support around keeping yourself and other people/ children within your community safe. If you have a safeguarding concern relating to a young person or adult please read the information on this section carefully.

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.

Our House Captains will also demonstrate the Makaton sign during their weekly news round. The children will have multiple opportunities to rehearse the sign through Learning for Life assemblies and through daily interactions.

[Ballet](#)

### Sun Safety

Although the British weather cannot be guaranteed, we need to make the most of it whilst we can. Please ensure that your child has:

- **Sun cream applied before school**
- **A refillable water bottle**
- **A sunhat**



### National Online Safety

Great news everyone!

We've continued our membership with National Online Safety!

You can use it to access fantastic courses to keep you and your families e-safe!

Download the apps or access it online using the following link

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/knypersley-first-school>

Choose parent and enjoy all of the amazing resources!

Thanks for your continued support!

Mr Evans



### Plant Plea



Over the Summer term Mr Evans will be running an after school gardening club. To support the gardening club to brighten up the external areas ready for Summer, we are asking for donations of seasonal and perennial flowers. Our young gardeners will then plant the donations and week by week learn to care for each one correctly.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support with donations and with developing young gardeners of the future!

# SCHOOL

# CLUBS

At Knypersley First School all children are encouraged to take part in clubs and we hope that they will enjoy the extra-curricular activities being offered this term.

We keep a register of children attending clubs. If your child cannot attend a club for any reason please ensure that the member of staff running the club knows. School will contact parents if a club has to be unavoidably cancelled.

We welcome any feedback on what we currently offer with regards to clubs and value suggestions of how we can make clubs more accessible to all pupils. Please send any comments or requests via Arbor to help us improve our current provision.

Take a look at our club timetable for this term!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	KS1 Numbots	Green Ambassadors Eco Club (Invite Only)			Newsletter Reporters (Invite Only)
After school	Choir (Collect from top Kidzzone door)		Makaton (Collect from bottom Y2/Y3 door)	KS1 and KS2 Forest School (Paid) (Collect from bottom Y2/Y3 door)	Faye's Gymnastics (Collect from bottom Y2/Y3 door) Sign up via letter given out
			EYFS Messy Play (Collect from bottom Reception door)	KS2 Arts and Crafts (Collect from top Kidzzone door)	
	Reception Cosmic Yoga (Collect from bottom Reception door)		Girl's Football (Collect from bottom Y2/Y3 door)	Gardening Club (Collect from bottom Y2/Y3 door) EYFS Outdoor Adventures (Collect from bottom Reception door)	

Clubs can be signed up to between 18:00 on Monday 28th April until Friday 2nd May.

Clubs in red are ongoing and cannot be signed up for this term.



# VE DAY CELEBRATION DAY 2025



Join us to celebrate 80 years since  
the end of the Second World War

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

We will be holding a commemorative day to celebrate and to show our respect for our war heroes. We invite children to come into school wearing **red, white and blue** clothes.

We will also be sharing with you, after the Easter break, a special picnic style lunch menu that the children will be offered on the day. If the weather holds out we hope to have lunch in a street party style on the school playground!

# WE ARE RECRUITING *join our team*

**Health and Safety Link  
Governor  
Knipersley First School**

We would welcome interested parents or members of the local community to express an interest if this is something that excites you. Our Local Advisory Board is seeking a member with experience working within or managing Health and Safety to fill this important position within our school leadership team.

We offer Link Governors access to a wealth of training and a broad and in-depth insight into our school. We welcome your views and your expertise and use them to guide us in our on-going development in order to get the very best for our learners.

Please contact Mrs Taylor in the office on  
k.taylor@cflptrust.co.uk / 01782 973810 to express your  
interest and to request more information.



MAY 2025	COMING SOON	MONDAY	MONDAY
<p><b>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub</b></p> <p>Here at Staffordshire Moorlands Hub we aim to provide activities and support for children and young people 0-19 and their families to keep them happy, healthy and safe. We aim to provide 'The Right Help at the Right Time and in the Right Place'.</p> <p>Our friendly team of staff are here to help you find the right support and answer any of your questions as well as tell you about the range of services and activities offered in Family Hubs.</p> <p>The activities we provide are delivered across the Moorlands area, including Biddulph, Leek and Cheadle.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact us via Facebook or by calling the Hub or why not drop in.</p> <p><b>FPC = Family Hub Free Pass Card</b> Accepted up to a value of £5 per participating session</p> <p>Find us on Facebook</p>	<p><b>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub</b></p> <p>Coffee morning Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs? Join us for our coffee morning to discuss anything SEN</p> <p>When: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.15-11.00am Where: Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, Albert Street, Biddulph, ST10 3HN</p> <p>To book a place please email: <a href="mailto:familyhub@staffordshire.gov.uk">familyhub@staffordshire.gov.uk</a> or call the team on 01782 297970</p> <p><b>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub</b> Are joining forces with Wild &amp; Free in Leek and The Snug in Cheadle to provide Special Educational Needs Activities. Watch this space for details.</p> <p><b>Breastfeeding Peer Support</b> Is coming soon to The Snug in Cheadle. Keep an eye on their facebook page for details</p> <p><b>SNUG</b> The Snug and Play Cafe</p> <p><b>Craft &amp; Play</b> Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT Our next session will take place on Monday 12th May. For children aged 9-12 years. 3.30pm-4.30pm Email: <a href="mailto:carol.boon@staffordshire.gov.uk">carol.boon@staffordshire.gov.uk</a> to book your place</p>	<p><b>Little Doves Under 5s Playgroup FPC</b> <b>Waterhouses Methodist Chapel, ST10 3HN</b> Fun &amp; Friendly baby &amp; toddler group. Free play, craft, dancing and bubbles! Drop In 9.15AM - 11.00AM 0-5 years £2.00 per family For details go to @Little Doves Under 5s Playgroup Waterhouses</p> <p><b>Little Bees Craft &amp; Play</b> <b>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT</b> An interactive themed session each week for parents and carers with little ones aged 0-4 years. 9.30AM-11.00AM FREE-DROP IN SO NO NEED TO BOOK For details call: 01782 297970 Kindly sponsored by Biddulph Town Council</p> <p><b>Craft &amp; Play</b> <b>St Giles The Abbott Cheadle ST10 1HU</b> Come and join us for a morning of crafts and play. Suitable for Pre-school children with parents/carers. 10.15AM-11.45AM FREE - TERM TIME ONLY Tel: 01538 387231</p> <p><b>Biddulph Breastfeeding Group</b> <b>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT</b> Parent Led Support Group. A chance for mums to meet other mums. Refreshments provided. FREE 10.00AM-11.30AM Call 01782 297970 for details</p>	<p><b>**Coming Soon**</b> <b>Pram to Primary-Virtual Online</b> Are you struggling with your child's behaviour? If your child is aged between 0-11 years, then this programme could be for you. <b>**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**</b> Email: <a href="mailto:Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk">Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Mini Messy Makers FPC</b> <b>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT</b> Do you love messy play with your little one, 75 different themed sensory tuff trays per week. £6.50 per child. Block booking also available. 6 months old to preschool Contact Alex book or for more information. <a href="mailto:Mini.messy.makers101@gmail.com">Mini.messy.makers101@gmail.com</a></p> <p>If you need to speak to a Health Visitor please call the Hub on <b>0808 178 0611</b></p>

We are extremely fortunate to have a wealth of agencies, support and range of activities right on our doorstep in Staffordshire Moorlands. Please click [HERE](#) to see May's timetable of activities available for you to access.

## **CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2025/2026**

### **Autumn Term 2025**

**INSET DAYS 1 AND 2:** Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025 (Staff only)

**Pupils:** Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October

**October Half Term Holiday:** Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

**INSET DAY 3** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Staff only)

**Staff and Pupils:** Tuesday 4th November – Friday 19 December

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026

### **Spring Term 2026**

**Staff and Pupils:** Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February

**February Half Term:** Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

**Pupils:** Monday 23rd February – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

### **| Summer Term 2026**

**Staff and Pupils:** Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

**May Bank Holiday - School Closed:** Monday 4th May

**Half term:** Monday 25th May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**INSET DAY 4:** Monday 1st June (Staff only)

**Pupils:** Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**INSET DAY 5-** Monday 20th July (Staff only) Taken as Twilights

**Summer Holiday for pupils:** Monday 20th July -Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026



# Our Summer Bookshelf!



## Nursery



## Reception



## Year 1



## Year 2



## Year 3



## Year 4