

09/05/2025



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE day! The children had a fun-filled day exploring the significance of this occasion and took part in a celebratory picnic lunch. They sung their hearts out to the Royal British Legion VE day song! We are also enormously proud of our children who sang at Park Lane nursing home yesterday and we hope the residents enjoyed their day of celebrations. A huge thank you to Mrs Harvey for helping us all mark this very important day! We would also like to thank all of our fantastic parents for supporting our non-uniform colour scheme, it was wonderful to see a sea of red white and blue!

Yesterday Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Llandudno. They had a fantastic time experiencing the seaside. They had a lovely walk along the pier and played on the beach. At lunchtime the children tested out their 'seagull scarers' that they made as part of their Design and Technology learning whilst they enjoyed their picnic. The PTFA bought all of the children an ice lolly to finish off a brilliant day. Well done Year 1 and thank you to all of the staff and volunteers!

As the temperatures are set to rise again next week, please can we remind everyone to dress children for the hot weather and to provide adequate sun protection. Sun cream is to be applied at home before school and not brought into school in order to keep our children with allergies safe. As we encourage active playtimes, please send children in their usual school footwear and not sandals or beach type shoes.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley x

Important dates

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	98.08%
Busy Bees	100%
Class 2	96.76%
Class 3	95.54%
Class 4	93.98%
Class 5	97.22%
Class 6	97.41%
Class 7	94.4%
Class 8	97.5%
Class 9	97.98%

This week's winner is: **Busy Bees**



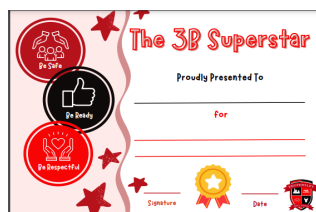
Our whole school attendance target is 96.82%
This week, our school attendance was: 95.21%



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** of the new **Feb-July** menu.

Rewards and Celebrations



Creative Caterpillars— Nolah

Busy Bees— Ollie

Class 2— Whole class

Class 3— Whole class

Class 4— Harper

Class 5— Poppy P

Class 6— Isla

Class 7— Seb

Class 8— Finn

Class 9— Elliott

Nursery— Isabella

Creative Caterpillars— Finley

Busy Bees— Reggie

Class 2— Whole class

Class 3— Whole class

Class 4— Ellemi

Class 5— Joseph B

Class 6— Ethan

Class 7— Emily T

Class 8— Thomas

Class 9— James

Nursery— Conor

Creative Caterpillars— Dougie

Busy Bees— Gracie

Class 2— Whole class

Class 3— Whole class

Class 4— Seb

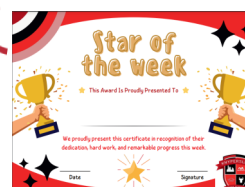
Class 5— Muzammil

Class 6— Alyssia

Class 7— Olivia

Class 8— Alithea

Class 9— Amelia



House Points



Achievements Outside of School...





Knypersley in the Spotlight...



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](#).

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**



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!

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.

[VE Day](#)

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.

Early Years Toy Appeal

If you are having a spring clear out and looking to declutter any toys or books, our Early Years team would be really grateful for donations!

We are also running low on spare pants and socks if anybody has any to donate!

Many thanks in advance!

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
	Reception Cosmic Yoga (Collect from bottom Reception door)		EYFS Messy Play (Collect from bottom Reception door)	KS2 Arts and Crafts (Collect from top Kidzzone 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.

Parent Engagement

You're Invited!

Nursery

23.06.25 9.30am Sport's Day
09.07.25 9.15 am Graduation
11.7.25 Forest School (Times TBC)

Reception

06.06.25 Reception Forest School
23.06.25 1.30pm Sport's Day
04.07.25 9.10am Reception Assembly

Year 1

24.06.25 9.30am Sport's Day
01.07.25 9.15am Year 1 Assembly

Year 2

25.06.25 9.30am Sport's Day
15.07.25 9.10am Year 2 Assembly

Year 3

26.06.25 9.30am Sport's Day
02.07.25 9.10am Year 3
Assembly

Year 4

27.06.25 9.30am Sport's Day
09.07.25 6pm Leavers Concert
18.07.25 1pm Leavers Picnic

Bookings now open!

READY FOR SCHOOL SESSION

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND
EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday 13th May
9.30-11am
Knypersley First School

Is your child starting reception or a school nursery
within the next 12 months?

Come along to a play based session to learn how you
can support your child to be as ready as possible to
step into school life.

This session is free of charge and open to all local
children, regardless of school choice.

Topics to explore include:

Toilet Training
Healthy Lifestyles
Child Wellbeing
Emotions and Regulation
Self care and independence
Learning through Play
Social Development

Join us for a
relaxed morning
with our early
years staff
whilst your child
has lots of fun
exploring a
range of
activities.

A local health
visitor will be
joining us to offer
support and
advice

To reserve your place, please email
office.knp@cflptrust.co.uk

KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL NURSERY



Proud to be part of the
Children First
Learning Partnership
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

**15 and 30 hour
funded places
subject to eligibility**

**OUTSTANDING
in all areas
including Early
Years
-OFSTED
November 2024**

**Weekly swimming
session at our
onsite pool
(no additional cost)**



**APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER
PLACES OPEN NOW**

01782 973810
office.knp@cflptrust.co.uk

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>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub</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 Cheshire.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact us via Facebook or by calling the Hub or why not drop in.</p> <p>FPC = Family Hub Free Pass Card Accepted up to a value of £5 per participating session</p> <p>Find us on Facebook</p>	<p>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub</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 7th June 10.15-11.00am Where: Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, Albert Street, Biddulph, ST10 3HN</p> <p>To book a place please email: familyhub@staffordshire.gov.uk or call the team on 01782 297970</p> <p>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub</p> <p>Are joining forces with Wild & Free in Leek and The Snug in Cheshire to provide Special Educational Needs Activities. Watch this space for details.</p> <p>Breastfeeding Peer Support</p> <p>Is coming soon to The Snug in Cheshire. Keep an eye on their facebook page for details</p> <p>SNUG</p> <p>@Thesnugstayandplaycafe</p> <p>Craft & Play</p> <p>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT</p> <p>Our next session will take place on Monday 12th May. For children aged 9-12 years. 3.30pm-4.30pm Email: carol.boon@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place</p>	<p>Little Doves Under 5s Playgroup FPC</p> <p>Waterhouses Methodist Chapel, ST10 3HN</p> <p>Fun & Friendly baby & toddler group. Free play, craft, dancing and bubbles!</p> <p>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>Little Bees Craft & Play</p> <p>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT</p> <p>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>Craft & Play</p> <p>St Giles The Abbott Cheshire ST10 1HU</p> <p>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>Biddulph Breastfeeding Group</p> <p>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT</p> <p>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>**Coming Soon**</p> <p>Pram to Primary-Virtual Online</p> <p>Are you struggling with your child's behaviour? If your child is aged between 0-11 years, then this programme could be for you. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** Email: Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Mini Messy Makers FPC</p> <p>Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT</p> <p>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. Mini.messy.makers101@gmail.com</p> <p>If you need to speak to a Health Visitor please call the Hub on 0808 178 0611</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 3rd 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 27th 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 29th May

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

Pupils: Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17th July

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

Summer Holiday for pupils: Monday 20th July -Monday 31st August 2026

Our Summer Bookshelf!



Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4