

16/05/2025



# The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



## A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another exciting week draws to a close, we are thrilled to share some fantastic successes from across the school.

On Tuesday, our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) team hosted a School Readiness Workshop for parents, offering invaluable guidance on supporting children as they transition into school life. The event was met with great enthusiasm, with parents gaining practical tips and insights to help their little ones embark on their learning journey with confidence.

Across the school, staff have led Personal Learning Plan meetings with parents, celebrating their child's progress and setting ambitious new targets. These meetings play a crucial role in ensuring every child receives the support they need to thrive academically and personally. Thank you to all of the parents who have attended, your engagement is instrumental in your child's success.

Meanwhile, Miss Leese and Mrs Jones, our science leader, took to the classrooms for Science Learning Walks this week, to observe lessons and celebrate the inspiring teaching and learning taking place. They were incredibly impressed with the curiosity, enthusiasm, and investigative skills demonstrated by our pupils. The commitment of staff to delivering engaging science lessons continues to shine, making learning truly exciting for our young scientists.

With only 1 week left of this half term and the school year whizzing by so quickly, please ensure that you check our important dates and school diary to keep up to date with exciting events and days.

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.

19/06/25– Biddulph  
move up and  
transition day.

W.b 23/06/25–  
Health and sports  
week & sports days.

### Class Attendance

Creative Caterpillars	95.38%
Busy Bees	96.15%
Class 2	97.78%
Class 3	98.57%
Class 4	90%
Class 5	98.52%
Class 6	95.86%
Class 7	97.93%
Class 8	98.33%
Class 9	93.53%

This week's winner  
is: Class 3



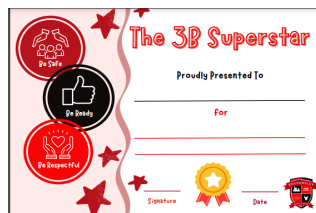
Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%  
This week, our school attendance was: 96.21%



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

# Rewards and Celebrations



**Creative Caterpillars—  
Jessica**

**Busy Bees— Max**

**Class 2— Archie**

**Class 3— Henry**

**Class 4— Michael**

**Class 5— Leo-James**

**Class 6— Tahlia**

**Class 7— Nova**

**Class 8— Harriet**

**Class 9— Sienna**

**Nursery— Gracie**

**Creative Caterpillars— Nancy**

**Busy Bees— Reggie**

**Class 2— Hunter**

**Class 3— Riley**

**Class 4— Isla**

**Class 5— Alayah**

**Class 6— Charlie**

**Class 7— Mason**

**Class 8— Lilly**

**Class 9— Harry**

**Nursery— Tommy-James**

**Creative Caterpillars— Asher**

**Busy Bees— Molly**

**Class 2— Charly**

**Class 3— T-arna**

**Class 4— Aryanna**

**Class 5— Abigel**

**Class 6— Logan W**

**Class 7— Nova**

**Class 8— Tom**

**Class 9— Alice**



## 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 'Healthy Steps' which can be found along with many more 'healthy lifestyle' resources under the Healthy Lifestyle and managing weight section of the webpage.

Whether it's **healthier snacking**, **cutting back sugar**, **meal planning**, or upping your **5 A Day**, you'll get easy tips from nutrition experts and other parents, Disney themed games, fun challenges and budget-friendly recipes delivered to your inbox.

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**



## Walking Warriors



### 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.

[Mental Health](#)

### Pants and socks appeal!

We are 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!



A vibrant invitation card for a Summer Disco event. The card has a white background with a decorative scalloped border. It is adorned with various colorful illustrations of flowers, including pink, yellow, and blue blooms, and green foliage. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, colorful fonts. The date '22.5.2025' is prominently displayed in orange. The event details, including the time slots for Reception, KS1, and KS2, are listed in pink. A list of included items (Disco, Hotdog/drink, Sweets, Glow Stick, Non-uniform Day) is written in green, and the entry fee (£4) and instructions are in blue. A final instruction in red at the bottom tells parents where to enter and where to collect their children.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# SUMMER DiSCO

22.5.2025

**NURSERY: WITHIN THE  
SCHOOL DAY**

**RECEPTION: 2:15PM-3:15PM**

**KS1: 3:15PM-4:15PM**

**KS2: 4:15PM - 5:15PM**

Included:  
Disco  
Hotdog/ drink  
Sweets  
Glow Stick  
Non-uniform Day

Entry £4  
Please send in  
your child's  
entry fee in a  
named  
envelope.

Please enter the disco via the main  
office, Collection will be through  
your child's normal dismissal door



# 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.

# 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](mailto:office.knp@cflptrust.co.uk)**



# PTFA RAINBOW RUN!



Get ready to lace up your sneakers and run through a spectrum of colours at the most vibrant event of the year!



Date: Friday, 4th July



Entry Fee: £5



Entry Deadline: Money in by 6th June

★ Don't miss out on the fun, fitness, and fabulous colours!

Warm up will be hosted by Basefit – 15 minutes before your child's session begins.



Location: Knypersley First School field



Start Time: EYFS- 2:45/ KS1: 3:30/ KS2 4:15pm

Register now and secure your spot in this unforgettable celebration of colour and camaraderie. Let's paint the town rainbow! Once you have secured your space by paying £5, your child will bring home a sponsorship form. All sponsorship raised will be donated to the PTFA!

All children taking part **MUST** wear sunglasses or goggles to add extra protection to eyes.



We can't wait to see you there!





# WE ARE RECRUITING *join our team*

## Health and Safety Link Governor Knypersley 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](mailto:k.taylor@cflptrust.co.uk) / 01782 973810 to express your interest and to request more information.



### MAY 2025



#### Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub

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'.

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.

The activities we provide are delivered across the Moorlands area, including Biddulph, Leek and Cheddle.

Please feel free to contact us via Facebook or by calling the Hub or why not drop in.

FPC = Family Hub Free Pass Card  
Accepted up to a value of £5 per participating session



### COMING SOON



#### Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub

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

When: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10.15.30am  
Where: Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, Albert Street, Biddulph, ST8 6DT  
To book a place please email [sen@staffordshiremoorlandsfamilyhub.gov.uk](mailto:sen@staffordshiremoorlandsfamilyhub.gov.uk) or call the team on 01782 297970



**Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub**  
Are joining forces with Wild & Free in Leek and The Snug in Cheddle to provide Special Educational Needs Activities. Watch this space for details.

**Breastfeeding Peer Support**  
Is coming soon to The Snug in Cheddle. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for details



@Thesnugstayandplaycafe

**Craftmoon**  
**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: [carol.boon@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:carol.boon@staffordshire.gov.uk) to book your place

### MONDAY

**Little Doves Under 5s Playgroup FPC**  
**Waterhouses Methodist Chapel, ST10 3HN**  
Fun & Friendly baby & 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 @LittleDovesUnder5sPlaygroup **Waterhouses**

**Little Bees Craft & Play**  
**Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT**  
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

**Craft & Play**  
**St Giles The Abbott Cheddle ST10 1HU**  
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

**Biddulph Breastfeeding Group**  
**Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT**  
Parent Led Support Group. A chance for mums to meet other mums. Refreshments provided.  
FREE  
10:00AM-11:30AM  
Call 01782 297970 for details

### MONDAY

**\*\*Coming Soon\*\***  
**Pram to Primary-Virtual Online**  
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](mailto:Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk)

**Mini Messy Makers FPC**  
**Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, ST8 6DT**  
Do you love messy play with your little one, 76 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](mailto:Mini.messy.makers101@gmail.com)

If you need to speak to a Health Visitor please call the Hub on  
0808 178 0611



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.



# Our Summer Bookshelf!



## Nursery



## Reception



## Year 1



## Year 2



## Year 3



## Year 4

## **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