

23/05/2025



The 'Knypersley News'
Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Dear parents and carers,

After another fantastic week at school, we're thrilled to share some wonderful news and celebrate the successes of our school community.

A huge thank you to our amazing PTFA and everyone who supported the Summer Disco—what an event it was! With music, dancing, and lots of smiles, the event was a tremendous success, raising an incredible £787.54! These funds will go a long way in supporting enriching experiences and resources for our children. We are so grateful for your continued support and generosity.

Today, our Pupil Forum children, including four fantastic school council reps, visited Kingsfield First School alongside pupils from all the Children First Learning Partnership schools. They toured the school, shared thoughts on great lessons, and discussed progress toward the Eco Award and their next steps. Our representatives were a fantastic reflection of our school—respectful, engaged, and contributing thoughtfully to discussions. A huge thank you to Mrs. Hodson and the Kingsfield team for being wonderful hosts!

We also want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud the staff are of all the children. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and positive attitude throughout the term have been truly inspiring. They've earned a well-deserved break!

As we head into half term, we'd like to wish all our families a happy, restful, and safe holiday. We hope you enjoy some well-deserved time together, whether you're adventuring near or far, or simply enjoying a slower pace at home.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 3rd June**, refreshed and ready for the exciting final half of the summer term!

With warm wishes,

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley

Important dates

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	95.56%
Class 3	97.14%
Class 4	93.33%
Class 5	94.44%
Class 6	93.79%
Class 7	98.28%
Class 8	98.33%
Class 9	85.16%

This week's winner is: CLASS 8



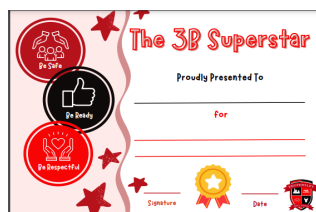
Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%
This week, our school attendance was **94.65%**



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—
Whole class**

Busy Bees— Matthew

Class 2— Marnie

Class 3— Aria

Class 4— Marnie

Class 5— Harvey

Class 6— Alyssia

Class 7— Eliza

Class 8— William

Class 9— Joe

Nursery— Athena-Rose

**Creative Caterpillars— Whole
class**

Busy Bees— Isla

Class 2— William

Class 3— Paisley

Class 4— Poppy

Class 5— Ava H

Class 6— Hadi

Class 7— Harry

Class 8— Tiffany

Class 9— Esmay

Nursery— Macy

**Creative Caterpillars— Whole
class**

Busy Bees— Amelia

Class 2— All of class 2

Class 3— Alex

Class 4— Alesse

Class 5— Leo

Class 6— Della

Class 7— Jenson

Class 8— Albert

Class 9— Polly



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 encourage our families to get active over half term! Have a look at the healthier families website for lots of ideas including what to do on those rainy days!

[Healthier Families - Home - NHS](#)

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**



Please can we remind all parents and carers to label all clothing and other items including water bottles, hats etc. In the warm weather children are more likely to take layers off and carry bottles around so they can easily end up lost. Labelled items have a much better chance of making their way back to their owner.

Thank you for your 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.

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.

[Flower](#)

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!



Our Spotlight this week is on the Staffordshire Mental Health App Find-



Supporting Young People's Mental Health with the Staffordshire Health App Finder

Young people today face increasing mental health challenges, and finding **trusted, effective support** can feel overwhelming. The [Staffordshire Health App Finder](#), a free digital tool that young people, parents / carers, families and professionals can use to find expert-reviewed, trusted and effective health apps.

The Staffordshire Health App Finder can support young people, and those who support young people, to find safe and reliable digital mental health support in one place. With thousands of apps available, the Staffordshire Health App Finder takes the guesswork out of finding expert-approved help for emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.

Anyone can access the new Young Person's Mental Health (YPMH) section within the Staffordshire Health App Finder, here at: [YP mental health - Staffordshire](#)

This easy-to-use tool helps families, schools, and young individuals discover a range of trusted, clinically-reviewed apps to address a variety of mental health needs—whether it's managing anxiety, building resilience, or coping with everyday stress.

Apps present a fantastic opportunity to provide us with valuable health information which can help us not only improve the quality of our healthcare but also help us to live healthier lives. Using the Staffordshire app finder ensures that we, and our friends and families, can get access to safe, quality assured apps at our fingertips.

With just a few clicks, you can explore apps tailored to young people, offering guidance, activities, and support at home or on the go. Empower young minds with tools that make a real difference!

Click the link or scan the QR code to start your search for safe digital health apps today.

(There are a wide range of apps for Adults as well as Children and young people to support health and wellbeing – use the search bar on the site to see what is available).

QR code for Staffordshire app finder:



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



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

**Swimming Instructor
Knypersley First School**

Knypersley First School is seeking to appoint a Swimming Instructor & Water Safety Officer 20 hours per week (Grade 6 term time only) to join our team. This is an exciting opportunity to join us as we look to develop our swimming provision. If you are an experienced instructor or newly qualified, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact Mrs Taylor in the office on office.knp@cflptrust.co.uk / 01782 973810 to express your interest and to request more information. Please search the role on WM jobs for forms and details



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 / 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 9th June 10.15.30am
Where: Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, Albert Street, Biddulph, ST8 6DT
To book a place please email 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

Craftsmoon
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 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

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

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 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