

12/09/2025



# The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



## A message from Miss Leese...

What a wonderful start to the new school year! Our classrooms are already buzzing with curiosity, creativity, and fantastic behaviours for learning. It's been a joy to see children settling into routines with such enthusiasm and excitement for the themes ahead.

You'll notice that this week's **PTFA Spotlight Page** includes key dates for the year ahead. We've worked closely with our brilliant PTFA to capture events already booked in, with the aim of supporting your organisation and planning across the year. As always, if you need support with any events or have questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff—we're here to help.

A special thank you to **Mr Finch** and **Mr Kaminskis** for their behind-the-scenes efforts to get our swimming pool up and running after some last-minute technical hiccups. Thanks also to **Mrs Wardle**, who has led our first swimming sessions with such nurture and care. We're thrilled to be back into the rhythm of weekly lessons!

I'd also like to give a heartfelt shoutout to our **Pupil Leadership Teams**, who have been instrumental in the smooth running of key parts of the day - from assembly transitions and lunchtime support to helping manage office pinch points. Their maturity and teamwork are already making a real difference.

Next week, we're excited to welcome external trainers for a full day of **Knypersley Knights peer mediator training**. This will be a brilliant opportunity for our pupil leaders and lunchtime supervisors to deepen their skills in restorative practice and peer support.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley

## Important dates coming soon...

**24.9.25** EYFS curriculum work-shop 1.45pm/5pm

**25.9.25** Stanley Head meeting 3.30pm/5pm

**26.9.25** 'Big 'Hearty' brunch 9.30-11am

**7.10.25** Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm

**8.10.25** Parents Evening 5pm-6.30pm

**9.10.25** Academy photographs



Class	Attendance
Creative Caterpillars	92.22%
Busy Bees	93.36%
Class 2	97.27%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	98.97%
Class 5	97.14%
Class 6	96.79%
Class 7	97.73%
Class 8	92.86%
Class 9	100%



This Week's winner is:  
Class 3 and 9

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 3** of the new **sept-feb** menu.

## Attendance Policy Update

We have updated our school [Attendance Policy](#) in line with Government changes. As always we ask that you avoid holidays taken within the school year to support your child's learning journey. Please take time to read over our policy, please feel free to ask any questions that you may have.

**Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%**

This week, our school attendance was: **96.65%**

# Rewards and Celebrations



**Creative Caterpillars—Theo**  
**Busy Bees—Sophie**  
**Class 2— Harrison**  
**Class 3— Asher**  
**Class 4— Florence**  
**Class 5—Joshua**  
**Class 6— William**  
**Class 7— Ariana-Grace**  
**Class 8— Pearl**  
**Class 9— Poppy**

**Nursery— Whole class**  
**Creative Caterpillars— Romie**  
**Busy Bees— Ueli**  
**Class 2— Violet**  
**Class 3— Nancy**  
**Class 4— Finley**  
**Class 5— Henry**  
**Class 6— Seb**  
**Class 7— Cleo**  
**Class 8— Nova**  
**Class 9— Isla**

**Nursery— Whole class**  
**Creative Caterpillars— Bella**  
**Busy Bees— Lexi-May**  
**Class 2— Jenson**  
**Class 3— Ruby**  
**Class 4— Emily**  
**Class 5— Bryony**  
**Class 6— Isla**  
**Class 7— Florence**  
**Class 8— Hakeem**  
**Class 9— Rosie**



House Points

Water

Achievements Outside of School...





Knypersley in the Spotlight...

### Reception Parents

Starting next week, all children in reception will be participating in the Reception Baseline Assessments.

More information can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1182374/2023\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_r](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1182374/2023_Information_for_parents_r)

### PTFA

Our amazing PTFA members met last night and have created an overview of events for the year ahead. This is designed to support your planning and organisation across the school year.

As previously shared, the PTFA and the British Heart Foundation will be the only charities we support this year. This decision was made by our School Council children.

We hope this approach supports manageability while also helping our children to measure the impact of their fundraising efforts.

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our PTFA meetings. The next meeting will take place on: **Thursday 16th October 2025** at **5:00pm** Location: Knypersley First School

Please contact the school office to express your interest in attending. The upcoming meeting will focus on planning for **Winter festivities**.



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 '[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 concerns 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](#).

### Arbor



Please ensure that if any details have changed over the Summer holidays eg. Addresses or contact numbers that these are changed via the app or in the school office. Please ensure you have **at least** 3 emergency contacts saved on Arbor.

## What is Pupil Premium and Free School Meals?



If your child gets Free School Meals, the school receives extra money called **Pupil Premium**.

This helps us give your child more support—like extra help with learning, fun activities, and help with things like trips or uniform.



It's all about making sure every child feels confident and included at school.

If you think your child might be eligible, please ask at the school office or speak to **Miss Stephenson**, our Pupil Premium leader.







British Heart  
Foundation

# Non-Uniform Dates



This overview includes non-uniform days that have been planned by the PTFA and our School Councillors. Any additional non-uniforms and events will be communicated as soon as they are planned.

## Sept

**23.09.2025** - We Heart Non-Uniform Day  
(School council kindly ask for donations on the day of baked goods to support their Big Hearty Brunch on 26.9.25)

## Oct

**10.10.2025** - Break the Rules Day (poster included on Spotlight page 19.09.2025)

## Nov

**7.11.2025** - PTFA Non-uniform.  
We kindly ask for donations of the following:  
EYFS - Chocolates  
KS1 - Sweets  
KS2 - Bottles  
**21.11.2025** - We Heart Non - Uniform Day (small Donations of £1 pp)

## Dec

**12.12.2025** - We 'Heart' Winter Jumper Day! (small Donations of £1 pp)

**18.12.2025** - Christmas Party Day (funded by the PTFA)

## Jan

**23.1.2026** - PTFA PJ Day! (small Donations of £1 pp)

## Feb

## Mar

**5.3.2026** - World Book Day (more information to follow)

**13.3.2026** PTFA Easter Non-uniform.  
We kindly ask for donations of Easter items.

## Apr

## July

**16.7.2026** PTFA Summer Party Day!  
(Funded by the PTFA)

## May

**11.5.2026** Brighten up the Day (non-uniform to raise awareness of Mental Health Week)

## June

**12.6.2026** Rainbow Raffle Non-uniform PTFA. We kindly ask for donations of items in the following colour to aid our Rainbow Run hamper prize draw:  
EYFS - Red/ Yellow items  
KS1 - Pink/ Green items  
KS2 - Orange/ Blue items

We want to thank you all ahead of time for your support with our fundraising efforts!



# Love is...



**EATING CAKE TOGETHER!**

## BIG 'HEARTY' BRUNCH



**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US  
FOR OUR FIRST 'BIG HEARTY BRUNCH'.  
SIGN UP WILL BE LIVE ON ARBOR FROM 6PM  
TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER.

**SESSION 1: 9:10-10AM**  
**SESSION 2: 10:20-11:10AM**

**WE WELCOME ANY DONATIONS TO THE BRUNCH SUCH AS  
CAKES/ PASTERIES. WE ASK THAT DONATIONS ARE BROUGHT  
INTO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

*Thank You*





Mr Evan's Really  
Cool, Super Fun

# QUIZ!

Join for an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly  
competition!

Lots of cool prizes to be won.

To purchase a family quiz ticket, please send £5 in  
a named envelope with your child's name, class,  
and the number of people attending. Tickets will  
be sold on a first come, first served basis.

You are welcome to bring your own snacks and  
drinks on the night!

Don't miss out on this fantastic event!

**Date: 1st October 2025**

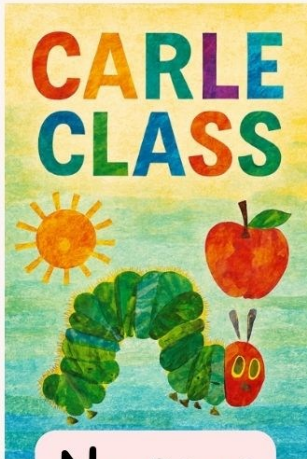
**Time: 5:00–6:30pm**

**Venue: School Hall**

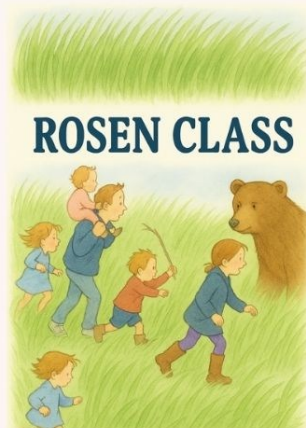


# CLASS AUTHORS

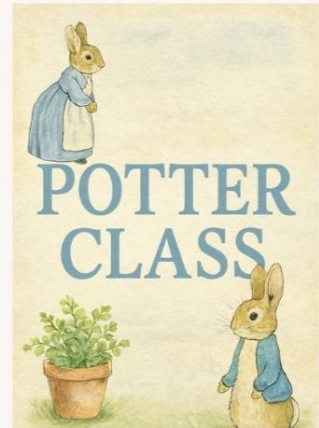
We LOVE reading at Knypersley! This year, each class has a chosen author to explore new books and stories!  
We are so excited to introduce you to....



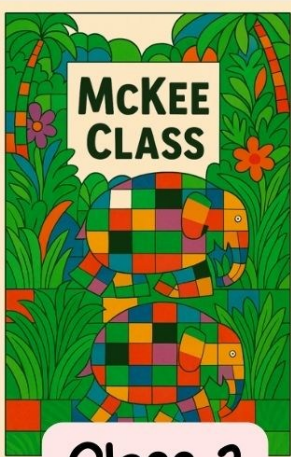
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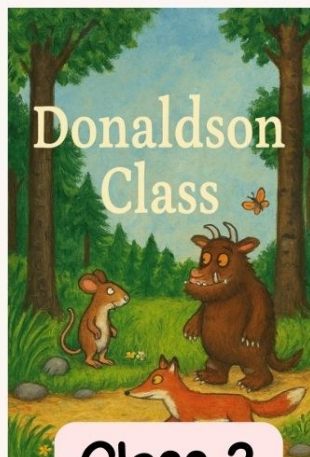
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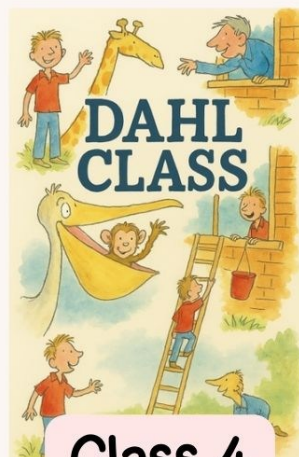
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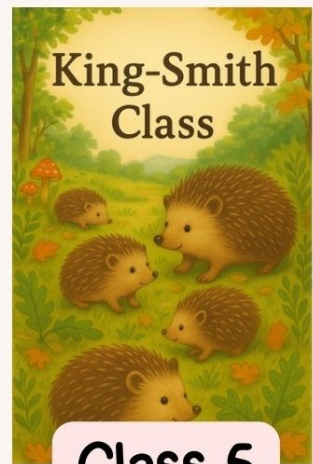
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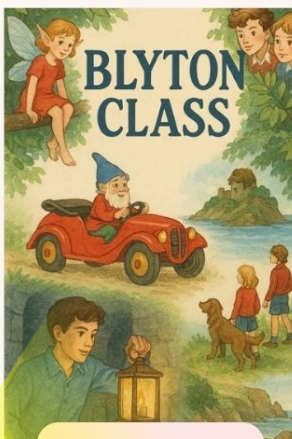
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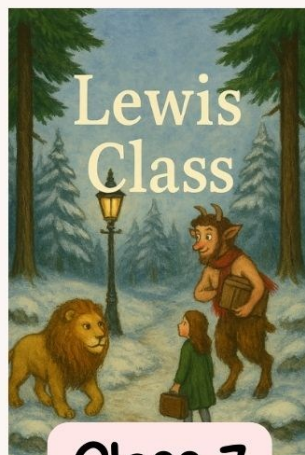
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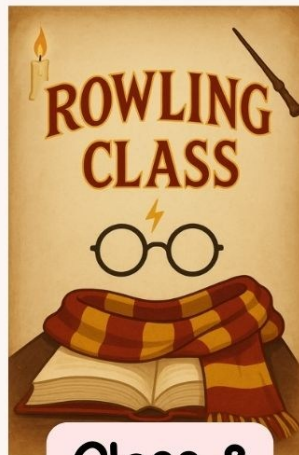
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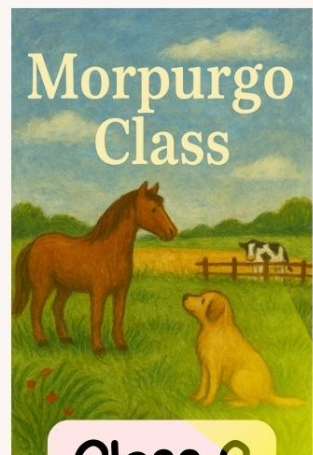
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Class 8



Class 9