

21/11/2025



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA and all of our school staff for their incredible effort in preparing and running the Winter Fair last Friday. It was a fantastic community event, and I am delighted to share that a profit of £510 was raised. All of this will go directly towards funding the pantomime buses for Year 1 – Year 4 and providing a special magician experience for our EYFS children.

As we move into the next few weeks, we are excited to begin our winter festivities. To support organisation, you will find a breakdown of key dates included in this newsletter, covering performances and singalong sessions.

The weather has dropped significantly this week, so please ensure your child comes to school dressed warmly in their winter uniform (tights, leggings, trousers, etc.) and with a coat, hat, and gloves each day. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled. We also encourage you to help your child practise independence by showing them how to put on and fasten their coats, and reminding them to keep items safe in their trays, bags, or pockets during learning times.

We would also like to thank parents who have been making use of our teacher drop-in sessions to check in on children's progress and wellbeing. It is so important that we work together to ensure every child is happy and learning confidently. To book onto a teacher drop-in, please message via Arbor.

On today's Spotlight page, we are delighted to share the launch of our brand-new Healthy Snack Incentive – Snack Stars. This initiative is designed to encourage children to make and try healthier food choices. We have arranged this launch to allow time over the next few weeks for children to begin introducing healthy alternatives into their diets. This way, when we return in January, children will feel more confident and successful in contributing to their class's progress. It also gives parents and carers the opportunity to ask staff for support with healthy snack ideas before the incentive begins.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us provide the very best for our children.

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley x



This Week's
winner is:
Class 5



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

Important dates coming soon...

2.12.25 Flu vaccine
Rec-Yr4

5.12.25 Yr4 Forest
school parental
engagement Class 8
9.30am/Class 9
1.30pm

Wk beg 8.12.25
Nativity week please
see special poster

12.12.25 Christmas
jumper day

15.12.25 Big Hearty
sing a long 2pm

16.12.25 Big Hearty
sing a long Grand-
parents edition
9.30am/2pm

Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%
This week, our school attendance was: **95.63%**

Class	Attendance
Creative Caterpillars	95.47%
Busy Bees	97.25%
Class 2	91.74%
Class 3	94.62%
Class 4	96.21%
Class 5	100%
Class 6	94.29%
Class 7	92.96%
Class 8	95.52%
Class 9	97.33%

Rewards and Celebrations



**Creative Caterpillars—
Romie**

Busy Bees— Arthur

Class 2- Gracie

Class 3- Asher

Class 4- Maxwell

Class 5- Edie

Class 6- Nellie

Class 7- Naima

Class 8- Aria

Class 9- Betsy

Nursery— Rosie

Creative Caterpillars— Isabella

Busy Bees- Mia

Class 2- Matthew

Class 3- Thea S

Class 4- Noah

Class 5- James

Class 6- Mabel

Class 7- Isabelle

Class 8- Olivia

Class 9- Alyssia

Nursery- Aria

Creative Caterpillars- Harper

Busy Bees- Conor

Class 2- Willoe-Rae

Class 3- Lola

Class 4- Jack

Class 5- Oliver

Class 6- George

Class 7- Blake

Class 8- Sienna

Class 9- Oscar



House Points



Swimmer of the Week

Creative C: Romie

BB: Sophie

C2: Axel

C3: Nancy

C4: Lily

C5: Daisy

C6: Marnie

C7: Isla

C8: Hakeem

C9: Thea

Achievements Outside of School...





Knypersley in the Spotlight...

Healthy snacks, happy minds!

We'd like to remind families that children are encouraged to bring a **healthy mid-morning snack** to school.

Nursery – Year 2: All children are entitled to a free piece of fruit each day. If you prefer to send an alternative, please ensure it is a healthy option.

Drinks: Please remember that bottles should contain **water only**.

Why healthy snacks matter: Sugary foods may give a quick boost, but they often leave children feeling tired and less able to concentrate. Choosing fruit, vegetables, or other nutritious options helps keep energy steady and supports learning throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote healthy habits and wellbeing across the school community.



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](#).

Reception Application

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2026, please be aware that applications open on **1 November 2025** and must be submitted by **15 January 2026**.

Applications are made online through Staffordshire County Council's admissions portal. Please ensure you apply within this timeframe, as late applications may affect your chance of securing a place at your preferred school.

National Offer Day will be on **16 April 2026**, when you will be notified of your child's allocated school.

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week the new sign that we will be learning together as part of our Communication Promise is: [Television](#)



Please click the link to practise at home!

We have signed up to the education staff wellbeing charter because staff wellbeing matters

OUR SNACK STARS ARE COMING!

As part of our commitment to being a Healthy Eating School, we know that encouraging children to make healthier snack choices can sometimes be a challenge. However, it's also a fantastic opportunity for them to try new foods and build positive habits.

What Are Snack Stars?

- Each class will have a Healthy Snack Chart.
- When all children in the class bring a healthy snack, the class earns a sticker on their chart.
- Once the class collects 15 stickers, they will be invited to choose a Snack Star from Miss Leese!



What Do the Snack Stars Do?

- The Snack Stars will stay in the classroom for the term.
- Their role is to encourage and reward healthy snack choices, helping children feel proud of their efforts.
- At the end of the term, the Snack Star is returned, and the class works together again to earn a new one for the following term.

The incentive will begin week beginning 8th January 2026. Between now and then, we encourage children to start introducing healthier snacks at home and at school so they feel ready to contribute to their class's success.

Importantly, this lead-up period also gives parents and carers time to drop in and speak with staff if they would like advice or support with integrating healthy snacks into their child's routine. We are here to help make this transition as smooth and positive as possible.

Our Goal

To make healthy eating fun, rewarding, and a team effort — helping children build lasting habits while celebrating their success together.

NATIVITY WEEK

The children and staff of Knypersley First School proudly present...



'The Snowman at Sunset' performed by Nursery and Reception 08.12.2024 at 9:15am/ 2pm

(please sign up for the time slot you wish to attend using your three ticket allocation via the Google Forms link that will be sent via Arbor on Monday 1st December. The three tickets must be used within the same time slot to support with arrangements)



'Mary's Knitting performed by Year 1
08.12.2025 at 5pm



'Born in a Barn' performed by Year 2
9.12.2025 at 5pm



'Bethlehem Bakeoff' performed by Year 3
10.12.2025 at 5pm



'The Magic of Midnight' performed by Year 4
11.12.2025 to start at 2pm/ 5pm - St John's Church
(A letter will follow regarding how to select a time)

All children will receive three tickets per family. Tickets will be sent home on 28.11.2025.

There may be an opportunity for more tickets if some families do not require all of their allocation. If you would like to be added to a waitlist for 1 additional ticket please message via Arbor with your child's class teachers name requesting to be added to their year group waitlist. Waitlists will open on Monday 1st December 6pm - please do not message before this date as our waitlist will not be open.

Please return any tickets that you do not need ASAP so that we can reallocate tickets to our waitlist before performances, thank you.





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)

NEW ADDITION 23.10.2024 - Autumn Disco Non-Uniform day (for all)

Nov

7.11.2025 - PTFA Non-uniform.
We kindly ask for donations of the following:
EYFS - Chocolates
KS1 - Sweets
KS2 - Bottles
14.11.2025 - We Heart Non - Uniform Day (small Donations of £1 pp)

Dec

12.12.2025 - We 'Heart' Winter Jumper Day! (donations of mince pies/ Christmas biscuits to aid Sing-a-long sessions)

18.12.2025 - Christmas Party Day (funded by the PTFA)

Jan

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

Feb

NEW ADDITION 12.2.2025 Spring Disco (non-uniform day for all)

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

May

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

NEW ADDITION 21.05.2025 Summer Disco (non-uniform for all)

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

July

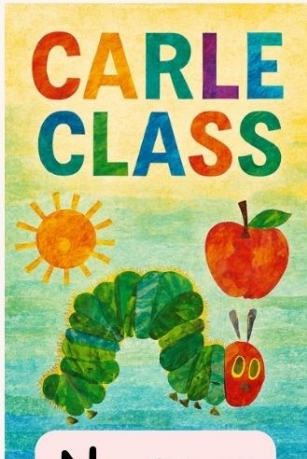
16.7.2026 PTFA Summer Party Day!
(Funded by the PTFA)

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

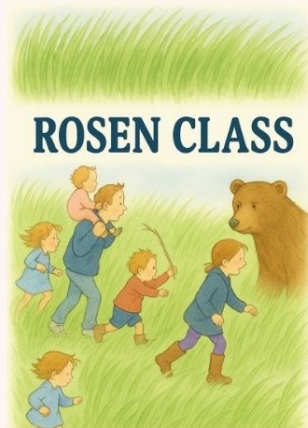
CLASS AUTHORS

We LOVE reading at Knypersley! This year, each class has a chosen author to explore new books and stories!

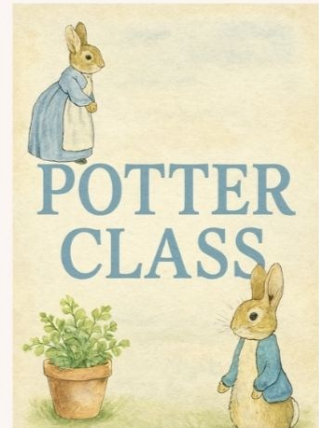
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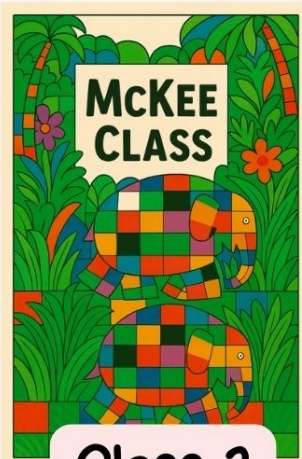
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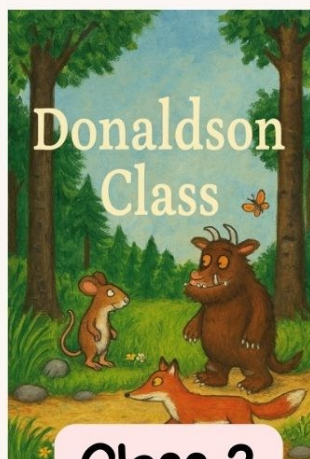
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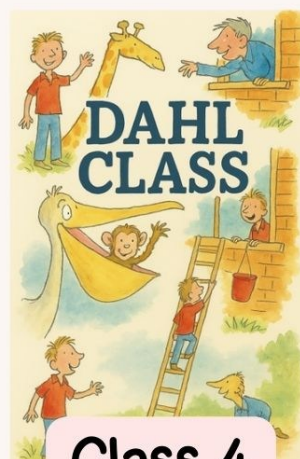
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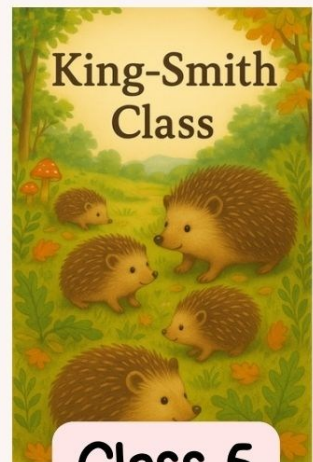
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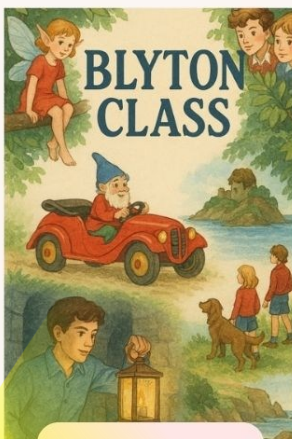
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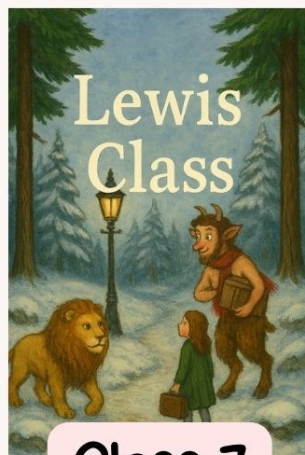
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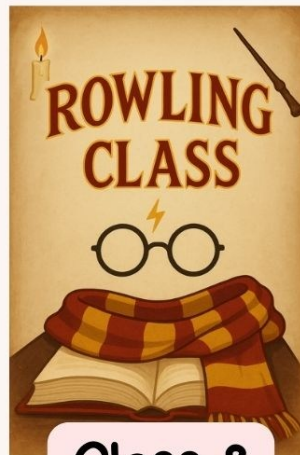
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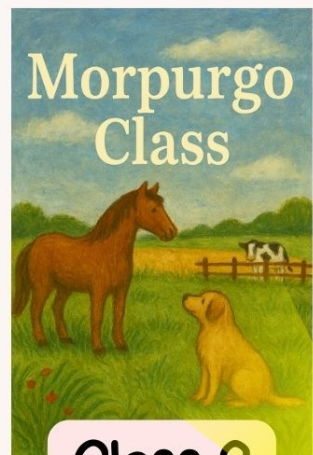
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Class 8



Class 9