

28/11/2025



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Can you believe we are heading into December next week because I can't! Rehearsals for our Christmas and Winter performances have started this week and the children have loved stepping onto the stage and experiencing the excitement of performing. A huge thank you goes to Mr Finch and his helpers for building our amazing stage, and to Martin and Claire who have once again supported us with their wonderful lighting. I cannot wait for you to see the performances in all their glory.

As we approach half term, please be reminded that uniform should remain in line with school policy. Christmas headwear will be allowed during our non-uniform days and within the final week of school.

Children in school sometimes require resources to aid regulation, such as fidgets. These are carefully planned and resourced following agreements and meetings. Please can I ask that any objects from home, such as fidgets, are agreed with staff ahead of time so that we are aware of anything else your child may benefit from in school to aid learning and emotional regulation. Toys from home should not be brought into school.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already sent in nativity costumes in a clearly labelled plastic bag. Dress rehearsals will begin next week, so if you have not yet sent in costumes, please do so as soon as possible.

Next week we are proud to be hosting the first CFLP Leader's Forum here at Knypersley First School and we are excited for our selected representatives to take part. We will also welcome Year 4 parents for their Forest School session on

Friday 6th December 2025.

Spotlights this week include the introduction of our Healthy School incentive, which will launch in January 2026, and an overview of Winter performances to support organisation and planning.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend,

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 2** 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: **94.56%**

Class	Attendance
Creative Caterpillars	93.21%
Busy Bees	92.91%
Class 2	93.04%
Class 3	99.62%
Class 4	98.62%
Class 5	93.21%
Class 6	89.64%
Class 7	94.81%
Class 8	95.52%
Class 9	94.67%

Rewards and Celebrations



Creative Caterpillars—
Lennie

Busy Bees— Edith

Class 2— Ollie

Class 3— Arthur

Class 4— Grace

Class 5— T-arna

Class 6— Brooke

Class 7— George

Class 8— Emily T

Class 9— Tahlia

Nursery— Natasha

Creative Caterpillars— Teddy

Busy Bees— Myla

Class 2— Isla

Class 3— Isabelle

Class 4— Sam

Class 5— Leighton

Class 6— Tilly

Class 7— Elsie

Class 8— Rosalyn

Class 9— Oliver

Nursery— Albie

Creative Caterpillars— Carter

Busy Bees— Damian

Class 2— Rohan

Class 3— Mila

Class 4— Rowan

Class 5— Jacob

Class 6— Primrose

Class 7— James

Class 8— Amelia

Class 9— Theo



Swimmer of the Week

House Points



Creative C: Carter C

BB: Conor

C2: Harry C

C3: Reggie

C4: Scarlett

C5: Henry

C6: No lesson

C7: No lesson

C8: Mason

C9: Poppy and Ava H

Achievements Outside of School...

**Celebrations will be in
the classroom until the
New Year**



Knypersley in the Spotlight...

Invacuation Drill

As part of our ongoing commitment to health and safety, we will be carrying out an invacuation practice in school. The children have already been introduced to the procedure and have heard the bell, so they are familiar with what to expect. This first drill will take place within classrooms, but over the year we will extend the practice to include drills from the playground and after school.

These rehearsals are an important way for us to assess any risks and ensure they are reduced as quickly as possible. You will be informed once the invacuation has been completed.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us keep our school community safe.



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: [Gloves](#)



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

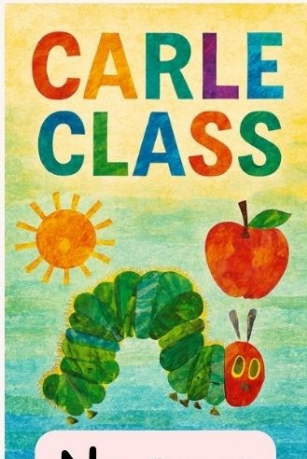
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16.7.2026 PTFA Summer Party Day!
(Funded by the PTFA)

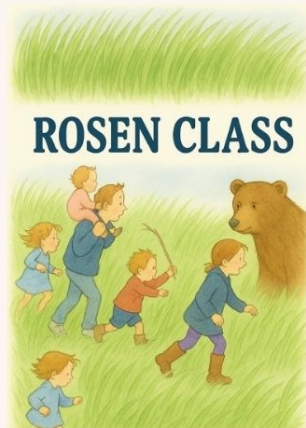
We want to thank you all ahead of time for your support with our fundraising efforts!

CLASS AUTHORS

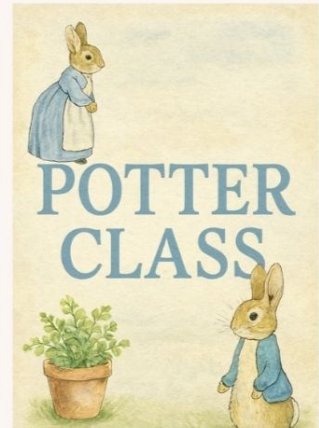
We LOVE reading at Knypersley! This year, each class has a chosen author to explore new books and stories!
We are so excited to introduce you to....



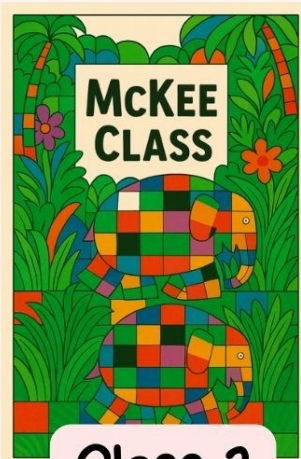
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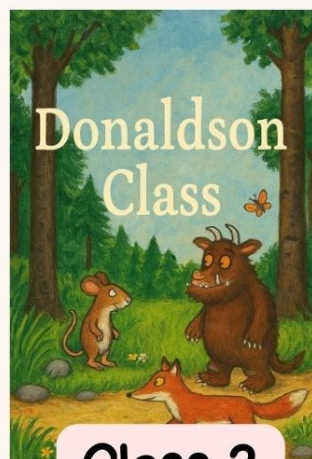
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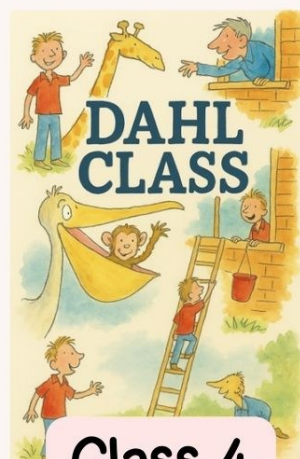
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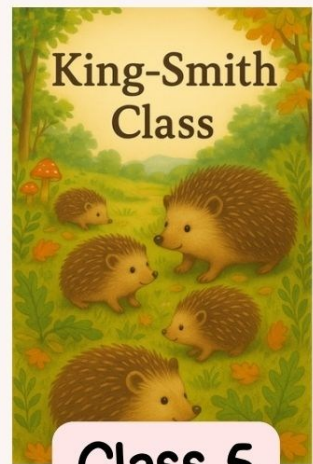
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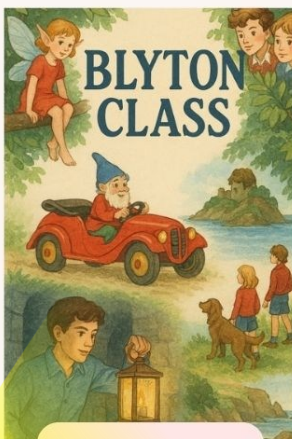
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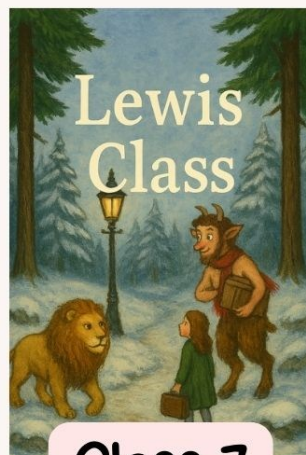
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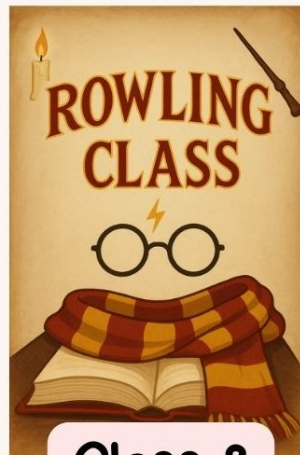
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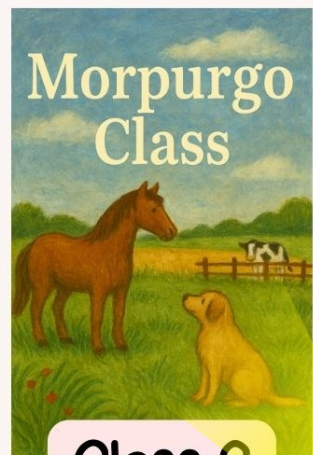
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Class 7



Class 8



Class 9