

7/11/2025



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

It's been a calm and purposeful start to the new half term at Knypersley First School. The children have returned with enthusiasm and have quickly settled back into their routines, ready to embrace the learning and excitement that Autumn 2 brings.

As we look ahead to the festive season, preparations are already underway. Next Friday, we'll be sending home letters with details about our upcoming Nativity and Winter performances. These events are always a highlight of the school year, and we hope the information will help you plan ahead and share in the celebrations.

We're also looking forward to welcoming families to our annual Winter Fair on **Friday 14th November**. Our brilliant PTFA have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this year's event a success. In response to last year's challenges with external stall cancellations, we've chosen to keep all stalls in-house to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone.

- All stalls and games will be cash only, with prices ranging from 50p to £1.50
- Please bring small change, as change may be limited at times.

Thank you for your generous support during today's non-uniform day. The hamper donations received will be used to create festive prizes for our Winter and Nativity raffles. Your kindness and community spirit are always appreciated.

This Sunday, we are proud to be taking part in Biddulph's annual Remembrance Day Parade. It's a moment of reflection and respect, and we warmly invite families to join us. We will meet outside Sainsbury's at **10:00am**, with the parade beginning at **10:30am**.

If your child is joining us, please ensure they wear their school jumper or cardigan so they can be clearly recognised as part of our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're looking forward to a half term filled with learning, celebration, and togetherness.

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley

Important dates coming soon...

10.11 Yr2 curriculum workshop 1.45pm/5pm

13.11 Yr4 multiplication workshop 1.45pm/5pm

14.11 Non-uniform

14.11 PTFA Christmas Fayre

2.12 Flu vaccinations Reception-Yr4

5.12 Yr 4 forest school parent engagement

CLASS 8 9.30am

CLASS 9 1.30pm

Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%

This week, our school attendance was: **95.21%**

Class	Attendance
Creative Caterpillars	96.71%
Busy Bees	97.06%
Class 2	95.05%
Class 3	96.14%
Class 4	95.26%
Class 5	91.07%
Class 6	92.41%
Class 7	96.76%
Class 8	93.48%
Class 9	98.33%



This Week's winner is: **Class 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 2** of the new **sept-feb** menu.

Rewards and Celebrations



Creative Caterpillars—Myles
Busy Bees— Arthur
Class 2— Imogen
Class 3— Bonnie-Mae
Class 4— Faye
Class 5— Bobby
Class 6— Olivia
Class 7— Jasmine
Class 8— Harry
Class 9— River

Nursery— Ben
Creative Caterpillars— George
Busy Bees— Edith
Class 2— Axel
Class 3— Harrison
Class 4— Archie
Class 5— Daisy
Class 6— Brooke
Class 7— Harvey
Class 8— Amber
Class 9— Ava M

Nursery— Ari
Creative Caterpillars— Maisie
Busy Bees— Myla
Class 2— Darcie-Rae
Class 3— Dougie
Class 4— Eddie
Class 5— Charlie
Class 6— Michael
Class 7— Poppy
Class 8— Ava-Grace
Class 9— Della



House Points



Swimmer of the week

Creative C: Sienna
BB: Harlow
C2: no swim inset day
C3: no swim inset day
C4: Grace
C5: Charlie C
C6: Willow
C7: George
C8: Sienna
C9: Max

Achievements Outside of School...





A Reminder About Dogs on School Premises

To help us maintain a safe and happy environment for all children, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not bring dogs or other animals onto the school grounds. We also ask that dogs are not left unsupervised around the perimeter of the playground, as this can cause distress and safety concerns for our pupils.

While we understand that your pets may be well-behaved and familiar to you, other children may feel anxious or unsettled around animals—particularly if they are unexpected or unsupervised. We want every child to feel secure and confident during their time at school, and your support with this helps us achieve that.

If this update affects your usual collection routine, please speak to your child's class teacher, we're here to help.



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 concern 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](#).

Makaton Sign of the Week

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



Please click the link to practise at home!



Knypersley in the Spotlight...

Physical Education in Knypersley First...

This year, we have ASM sport supporting our children and staff with a whole host of new sports, inclusive of hockey, handball and cricket. Sessions will go ahead on Tuesday mornings. Commencing this week with Year 2, children had the opportunity to explore Speed and Agility! Pictures can be seen below...

This is part of an inter-school competition with all schools involved within the Children First Learning Partnership, virtually competing within a live league table to monitor progress. On completion of each year group's sessions, a sports superstar medal will be presented to classes for their excellent performance, resilience and determination. Keep an eye on our Facebook page to check for pictures on your child's sessions.

Below is each Year group's schedule:

Autumn 1 (7 weeks)

Year 1 - Speed & Agility / Year 2 - Speed & Agility

Spring 1 (6 weeks)

Year 3 - Invasion Skills (Hockey) / Year 4 - Invasion Skills (Handball)

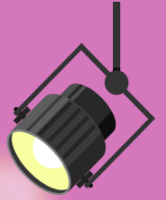
Spring 2 (5 weeks)



PE kit

Thank you for your support in sending your child in the appropriate PE kit on their PE days. Just a reminder, we expect your child to be wearing black trainers, a red polo / T shirt and black shorts / jogging bottoms.





Sharing Inspiration from Our Inset Day

We're thrilled to reflect on the recent inset day, which left our staff feeling uplifted, inspired, and ready to make an even greater impact—and we believe these powerful messages could resonate just as deeply with our parent community.

We were honoured to welcome three extraordinary guest speakers: Charlie Beswick, Amit Ghose, and Jason Todd from The Art of Brilliance. Each brought a unique perspective that sparked meaningful conversations and personal growth.

Charlie Beswick reminded us of the profound influence school staff can have in shaping lives. Her story, honest, moving, and profoundly relatable, left a lasting impression on us all. As a parent of a child with SEND, Charlie has turned her lived experience into a source of strength and support for others.

She's an author, mentor, and the founder of a thriving SEND Facebook community. Her journey is one of resilience, advocacy, and hope and we believe her voice could be just as empowering for you as it was for us. You can explore Charlie's story, resources, and advice on her website: (<https://www.charliebeswick.com>)

Amit Ghose, born with Neurofibromatosis Type 1, shared his powerful journey of overcoming bullying and embracing his uniqueness. His message was clear: be kind, be confident, and never let challenges define you. Amit's experiences in school—both as a student and through the lens of staff, offered a poignant reminder of the difference we can all make. You can hear more of his story through his podcast Unscripted and his book Born Different.

Jason Todd, a motivational speaker from The Art of Brilliance, brought energy and insight into the power of positive psychology. He showed us how pairing optimism with realism can transform not just our schools, but our lives. Their mission is simple yet profound: help people become the best version of themselves. As educators, if we can embed this mindset into our culture, we're already halfway there. Learn more at (<https://www.artofbrilliance.co.uk/>).

We're grateful for the inspiration these speakers shared—and we hope their messages continue to ripple through our community.

We would also like to thank the Children First Learning Partnership for providing the opportunity to engage with the powerful stories and advice shared throughout the day. Moments to pause, reflect, and recalibrate are deeply valued and we remain profoundly grateful for them.





Join us for our annual

PTFA

Winter Festival

Friday 14th November

3:30pm - 5pm School Hall

Entry is free via the school office from 3:30pm

This year we invite you to have fun and celebrate the winter season with us. We will have many activities and games for your child to engage with such as: Face painting, Winter games, Hot drinks, Tombola and much more!

Stalls are cash only and range from 50p-£1.50,.





KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL EYFS TOURS 2025



**COME AND JOIN OUR EYFS TEAM FOR A TOUR
OF OUR SCHOOL. A BRILLIANT OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOU TO ASK QUESTIONS AND TO SEE OUR
EYFS PROVISION**

Dates and Times:

**FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
10AM**

**WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
2PM**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
4PM**



To book a slot
please ring the
school office
on:
01782 973810



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! (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

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

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)

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

June

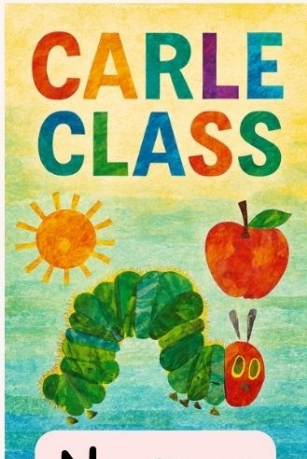
12.6.2026 Rainbow Raffle Non-uniform PTFA. We kindly ask for donations of items in the following colour to aid our Rainbow Run hamper prize draw:
EYFS - Red/ Yellow items
KS1 - Pink/ Green items
KS2 - Orange/ Blue items

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

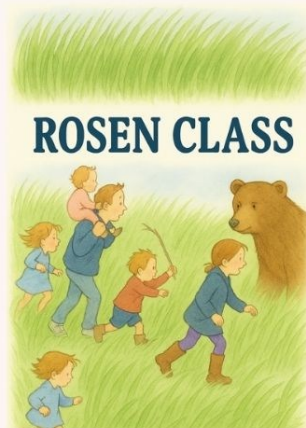
CLASS AUTHORS

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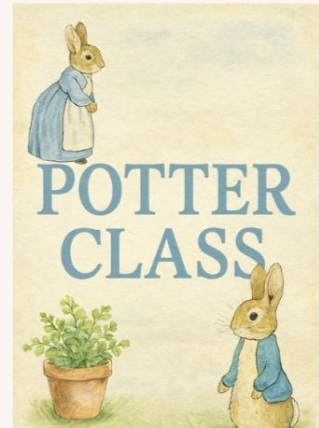
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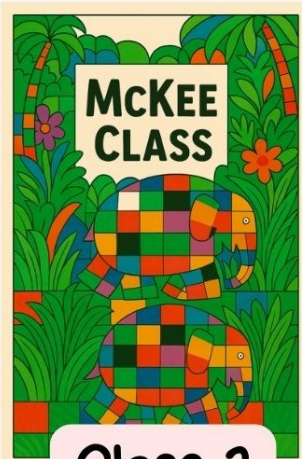
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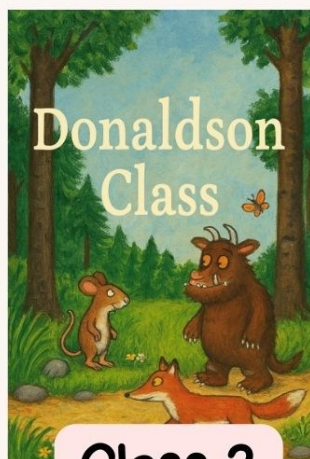
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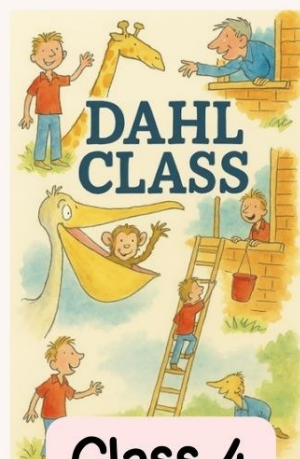
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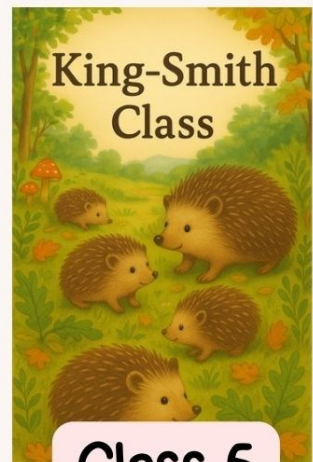
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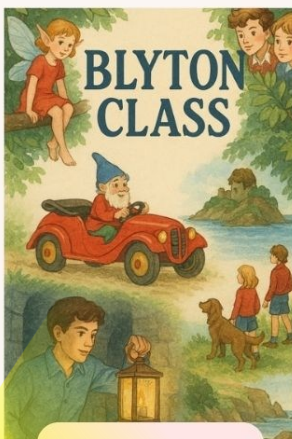
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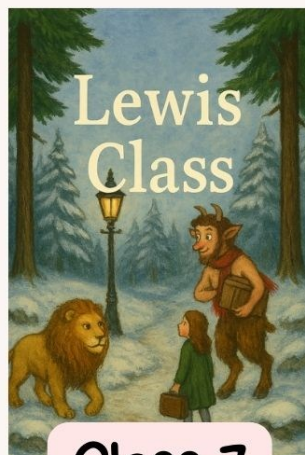
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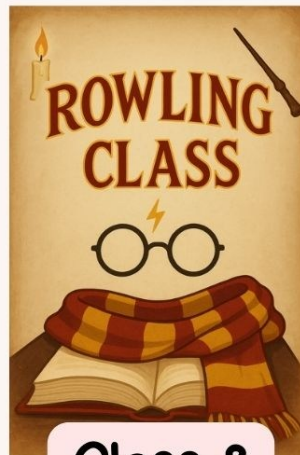
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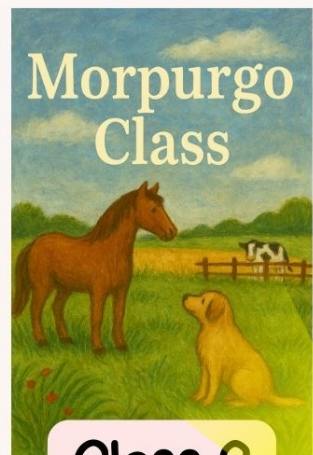
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Class 7



Class 8



Class 9