

05/12/2025



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



A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it has been here at Knypersley! The cheeky elves have well and truly invaded our corridors, bringing with them a sparkle of winter magic. Alongside their mischief, the sound of children's voices filling the school during rehearsals for our Winter performances has been an absolute delight. As I've been working away, hearing their songs and laughter has reminded me just how special this time of year is. I cannot wait for you to see and hear them all next week.

Our Nativities for Year 1 – Year 3 will begin at 5pm, with children asked to arrive from 4:30pm via the main office. The PTFA will be selling raffle tickets at £1 a strip, giving you the chance to win a festive hamper, a lovely way to add to the celebrations.

This week has also been filled with exciting adventures:

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Bliss Hill Victorian Village, returning full of stories and enthusiasm.

Year 3 and Year 4 visited St John's Church, where their behaviour and engagement were praised, well done to them all.

Looking ahead, our School Council representatives will be meeting next week to discuss plans for 100% and 98%+ attendance awards. We look forward to sharing their ideas with you before the end of term.

On a practical note, we have noticed a slight increase in colds and coughs. To help combat this, children are being reminded to wash hands more frequently and to follow the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" routine. Staff are also cleaning extra touch points throughout the day. Please do support us by reinforcing these messages at home, so we can all enjoy a happy and healthy winter break.

As we move into the final few weeks of term, our Spotlight will continue to support you with organisation of times and dates, with more specific information sent via Arbor.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend,

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley x

Important dates coming soon...

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 Grandparents edition
9.30am/2pm

17.12.25 Christmas dinner day

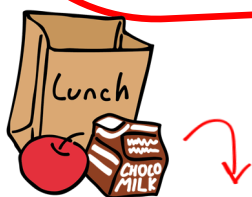
18.12.25 Whole school Christmas party day

19.12.25 Yr1-4 Panto visit/School Closes

Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%
This week, our school attendance was: **91.58%**

Class

Creative Caterpillars	93.96%
Busy Bees	93.7%
Class 2	92.61%
Class 3	91.54%
Class 4	95.52%
Class 5	97.14%
Class 6	86.07%
Class 7	94.81%
Class 8	87.24%
Class 9	84.33%



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

Rewards and Celebrations



Creative Caterpillars— Halley

Busy Bees— Carter

Class 2- Violet

Class 3- Jessica

Class 4- Finley

Class 5- Henry

Class 6- Seb

Class 7- Joey G

Class 8- Travis

Class 9- Louie

Nursery— Willow

Creative Caterpillars— Logan

Busy Bees- Harlow

Class 2- Max

Class 3- Isabelle

Class 4- Isla

Class 5- Paisley

Class 6- Whole Class

Class 7- Whole class

Class 8- Eliza

Class 9- Logan W

Nursery- Amora

Creative Caterpillars- Sienna

Busy Bees- Poppy

Class 2- Frankie

Class 3- Nancy

Class 4- Whole Class

Class 5- Whole Class

Class 6- Carlo

Class 7- Ariana-Grace

Class 8- Nova

Class 9- Aria



House Points



Swimmer of the Week

Creative C: Maisie

BB: Chloe

C2: Hugo

C3: Lola B

C4: Jack

C5: Joshua

C6: George & Sebastian

C7: Alayah

C8: Travis

C9: Joshua

Achievements Outside of School...

Achievements will be celebrated in the classroom until the New Year



Knypersley in the Spotlight...



ASMSports CHRISTMAS CRACKER
HOLIDAY CLUBS

KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL
Gunn Street, Biddulph, ST8 6AY

1 DECEMBER 22-23 2 DECEMBER 29-30 HALF DAY 09:00-13:00

We are excited to welcome you all to our action-packed holiday club throughout the Christmas period. Our program of sports, games, crafts and special events will give every child an unforgettable experience that will live long in the memory.

**MULTI-SPORTS • SPECIAL EVENTS • GAMES
ARTS & CRAFTS • INFLATABLES • COMPETITIONS**

123 HAF CODE
Access this through contacting admin at your school.

REGISTER
Login to the EEQU website to register your child's details.

BOOK
Locate your venue on the EEQU website to secure a place.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD
This program provides children who are eligible for free school meals with the opportunity to access physical activity, alongside receiving snacks, a nutritious lunch and drinks.

SCAN HERE

NAME _____ HAF CODE _____

For more information:
Call: 01782 366332 Website: asmsports.co.uk



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](#).

Supervision Reminder

Please ensure children remain in supervised areas after school. They must not go behind the bus shelter, garages, or sheds. This helps us keep all pupils safe and visible at all times.

Thank you for your support.

Makaton Sign of the Week

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



Please click the link to practise at home!

Family & Grandparents SingaLongs

Family SingaLong: Monday 15th December 2025 @ 2pm

Grandparents SingaLong: Tuesday 16th December 2025 @ 9:30am & 2pm

Sign-up will open via Arbor (Clubs) on **Monday 8th December at 6pm** and close on Friday 12th December. Please book one session only to ensure access for all families. Siblings must be entered into the same slot (sign up ONE sibling), this will still allow two adults per family to attend and all siblings.

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.



Up-coming Events

12th December: We Heart 'Winter/ Xmas Jumper Day
(donations of Mince Pies/ Festive treats).

15th Dec - Big Hearty Family sing-a-long 2pm

16th Dec - Big Hearty Grandparent sing-a-long 9:30am/ 2pm

17th December: Xmas Dinner Day - see message on
Arbor to complete your child's order.



18th December: Whole School Party Day
(non-uniform - £1 donation on the day)

19th December: Year 1 - Year 4 Panto Trip

EYFS Magician visit 9:30am

School closes

19th December - PTFA/ Big Hearty Christmas sing-a-long
(Top playground from 3pm - 3:45pm) hot drinks for sale.



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

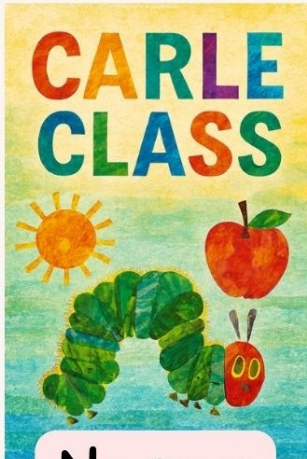
16.7.2026 PTFA Summer Party Day!
(Funded by the PTFA)

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

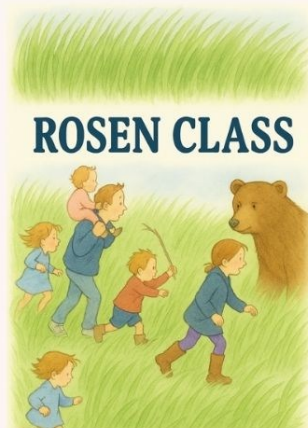
CLASS AUTHORS

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

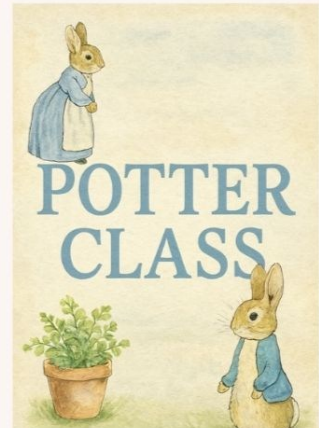
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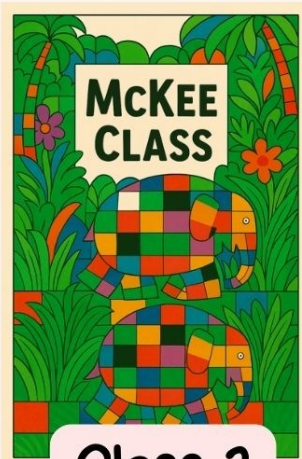
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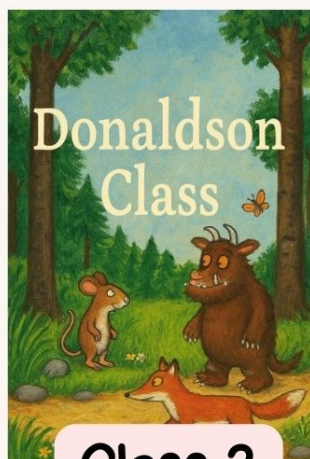
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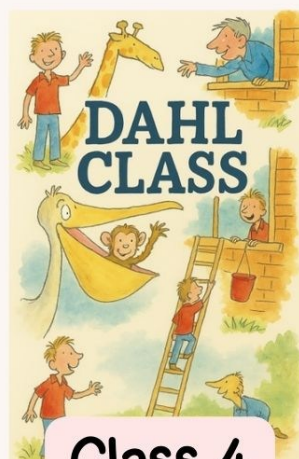
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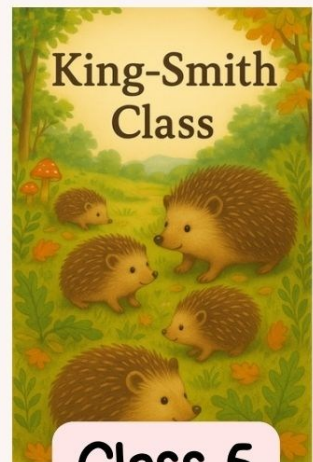
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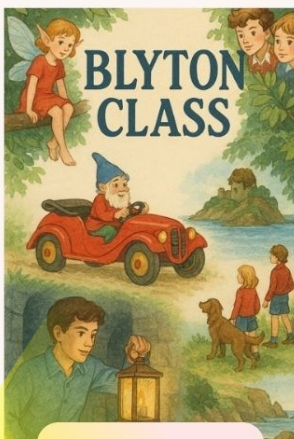
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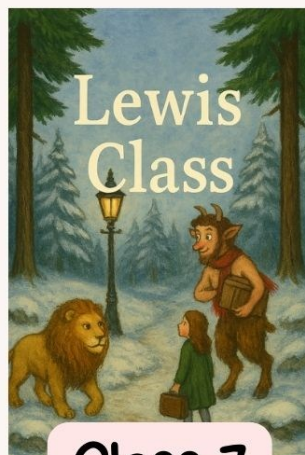
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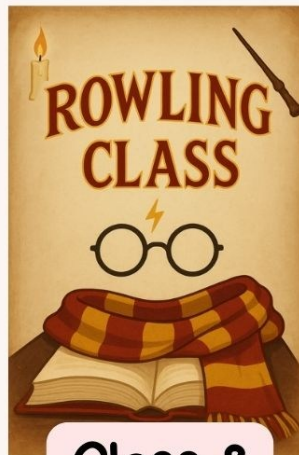
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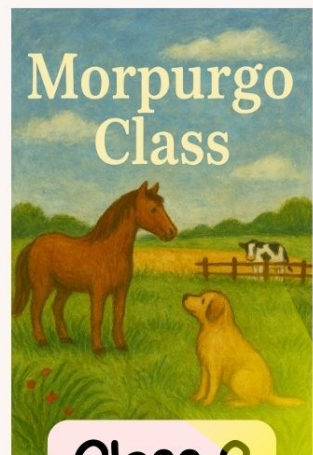
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Class 7



Class 8



Class 9