



## The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!









## A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a wonderful week of parties, sing alongs and plenty of festive fun across the school, I think we are all ready for Christmas!

A huge well done to Ronnie T, who has won this year's Rotary Club Christmas card competition. We are also proud of the many children who received runners-up certificates. Please take a look at our recent Facebook post to see their proud faces and beautiful cards, what a lovely way to end the week.

I hope you have had chance to read the Children First Learning Partnership Trust Newsletter, which gives a glimpse of what has been happening across our family of schools during this busy term.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to welcome Miss Fox to our Nursery team after Christmas, and Miss Hand and Miss Standeven who will be joining our lunchtime team in Key Stage 2.

A huge thank you to our PTFA and to all families who have supported fundraising over the past few weeks, we are delighted to share that together you have raised over £1000 for the school. Our wonderful PTFA, along with School Council members, are already beginning to think about how best to use this money to review the lunchtime offer for children through new resources.

A huge thank you for everyone who kindly made donations to the British Heart Foundation over the festive period. We are happy to report that we raised a huge £146.42!

As we close a very busy and successful term, I would like to thank our dedicated PTFA team for their wonderful work, our staff for their determination and professionalism in providing the very best opportunities for our children, and our parents for their continued support and kindness.

We also say a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Mrs Newton and Mrs Bromley, who are both leaving us after many years of service and dedication. We wish them every success in their new adventures and thank them sincerely for everything they have done for our school and the children they have supported.

We hope you enjoy a happy and peaceful Christmas, and we look forward to working with you all in the new year. See you on Monday January 5th!

Wishing you a very happy/ healthy two weeks, Miss Leese and Team Knypersley xxxx



This Week's winner is: Class 3



Please follow the following link <a href="https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/">https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/">lunch-menu/</a> 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...

5.1.26 School open

5.2.26 Young Voices

6.2.26 Yr 2 Forset School engagement

Class 4 - 9.30am

Class 5 - 1.30pm

10.2.26 Parents evening 3.30-5.30

11.2.26 Parents evening 5-6.30

12.2.26 Spring disco more details to follow.

## Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%

This week, our school attendance was: 92.97%

Class	Attendance
Creative Caterpillars	96.24%
Busy Bees	93.7%
Class 2	93.91%
Class 3	98.85%
Class 4	79.66%
Class 5	95%
Class 6	89.29%
Class 7	93.33%
Class 8	96.9%
Class 9	94%

# Rewards and Celebrations



Creative Caterpillars— Whole class

Busy Bees— Whole class

Class 2- Whole class

Class 3- Whole class

Class 4- Connor

Class 5- Whole class

Class 6- Whole class

Class 7- Whole class

Class 8- Whole class

Class 9- Whole class



Nursery— Whole class

Creative Caterpillars — Whole class

Busy Bees- Whole class

Class 2- Whole class

Class 3- Whole class

Class 4- Millie

Class 5- Whole class

Class 6- Whole class

Class 7- Whole class

Class 8- Whole class

Class 9- Whole class

Nursery- Whole class

Creative Caterpillars - Whole

Busy Bees- Whole class

Class 2- Whole class

Class 3- Whole class

Class 4- Oscar

Class 5-Whole class

Class 6- Whole class

Class 7- Whole class

Class 8- Whole class

Class 9- Whole class



Swimmer of the Week

Achievements Outside of School....

House Points



All swimmers are swimmer of the week.

Celebrated in classes





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



## HAF CODE

contacting admin at your school.





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



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.



NAME

HAFPODE

## For more information:

Call: 01782 366332

Website: asmsports.co.uk

Reminder to please clear any outstanding balances for school meals, KidsZone, and Nursery before the New Year, or make payments towards them. If debts become regular and payments are not made, access to meals and KidsZone may be stopped to prevent debt building up over time.

## Safequarding Tab

As you know, we have a safeguarding tab on our school website. It has a wealth of information and support for anyone needing safeguarding advice and support on a range of safeguarding matters including: mental health, domestic abuse, child criminal exploitation, radicalisation, bereavement, general parenting advice and online /esafety.

Please have a look and feel free to signpost this to other parents/families that require support in the wider community.

https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/ safeguarding-2/

## Makaton Christmas Countdown

This week we would love you to join in with our Makaton Christmas Countdown each day.

https://www.makaton.org/TMC/News\_Stories/ Countdown to Christmas/ CTC\_17DEC25.aspx

## A Message of Support This Christmas

As we head into the Christmas season, we know that while it is a time of joy and celebration, it can also bring added pressures for families. Winter can sometimes feel overwhelming, and it's important to remember that support is available if you need it.

During the school holidays, while we are closed, please remember that you can access guidance and urgent support through the Staffordshire Family Hub and Staffordshire Connects. Both services offer advice, resources, and practical help for families, ensuring no one feels alone during this busy time.



# 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.



## Non-Uniform Dates



British Heart Foundation 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)

### 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)

## 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.

## June

12.6.2026 Rainbow Raffle Nonuniform 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

#### 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)

### Jan

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

## Apr

## July

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

#### 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)

#### Feb

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

## May

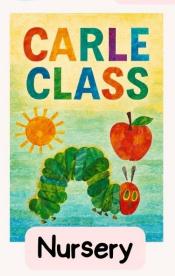
11.5.2026 Brighten up the Day (non-uniform to raise awareness of Mental Health Week)

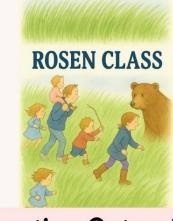
NEW ADDITION **21.05.2025** Summer Disco (non-uniform for all)

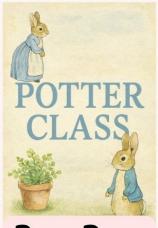
We want to thank you all ahead of time for your support with our fundraising efforts!

## **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....







Creative Caterpillars

**Busy Bees** 

