

09/01/2026



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone and a big warm welcome to our new Nursery starters too! It's been lovely having the children back in school this week, and they've come in full of stories, smiles, and excitement. Hearing all about their adventures over the break has been such a treat. The magic you create at home really shines through in them, what wonderful childhoods you're giving our little ones.

Our newest children in Nursery have settled in brilliantly. They're already getting stuck into routines, making friends, and bringing so much joy to the building. I can't wait to get to know them all properly and watch them grow during their time with us at Knypersley.

We certainly started the term with a very wintry week. Monday's snow brought plenty of excitement, please take a look at the pictures on our Spotlight page. Thank you for your support with attendance and for following our health and safety guidance around the site; it really does help keep everyone safe. A huge thank you to Mr Finch, who has been on site at the early hours every day this week ensuring the site is safe to open for families and staff!

On Tuesday, the icy conditions meant we had to close. We really appreciate your understanding and the way you engaged with the home learning tasks. The children returned afterwards so sensibly and have settled straight back into their new learning themes for the term.

As we head into the new year, please take a moment to look at the PTFA and fundraising calendar on our Spotlight page, it should help with planning ahead.

And a little extra excitement with World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, we will be an open theme this year! Children can come dressed as any book character they love. We hope the early notice helps with your preparations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It's lovely to start the year together with such positivity and community spirit.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2026,
Miss Leese and Team Knypersley xxxx



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.

This Week's
winner is:
Class 9



Important dates
coming soon...

23/1/26 PTFA PJ day £1 donation

5/2/26 Young Voices

6/2/26 Yr 2 Forest School Parent engagement

Class 4—9.30am

Class 5—1.30pm

10/2/26 Parents evening Early slots 3.30pm-5.30pm

11/2/26 Parents evening Late slots 5pm-6.30pm

12/2/26 Spring Disco

13/2/26 Close for Half Term 3.30pm

23/2/26 School open

Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%
This week, our school attendance was: 95.11%

Class	Attendance
Nursery	96.93%
Busy Bees	95.02%
Creative Caterpillars	93.14%
Class 2	95.05%
Class 3	94.66%
Class 4	95.95%
Class 5	94.5%
Class 6	89.45%
Class 7	97.2%
Class 8	93.752%
Class 9	100%

Rewards and Celebrations



Creative Caterpillars— Bella
Busy Bees— Chloe
Class 2- Rory
Class 3- Koa
Class 4- Darcie-Robyn
Class 5- Leighton
Class 6- Alesse
Class 7- Jasmine
Class 8- Olivia
Class 9- River



Nursery— Whole class
Creative Caterpillars— Sckylaa
Busy Bees— Tommy
Class 2- Harry
Class 3- Willow
Class 4- Scarlett
Class 5- Charlie J
Class 6- Poppy
Class 7- Izzy
Class 8- Esra
Class 9- Tahlia



Swimmer of the Week

House Points

House points
will start next
week.

DUE TO THE WEATHER NOT
ALL CLASSES MANAGED A
SWIM

CC-Gracie
BB-Ueli
Class 4-Ayeza
Class 5-James
Class 6-Carter
Class 7-Joey

Achievements Outside of School....





As we launch our new **Snack Stars** initiative, we know that introducing a wider range of fruits and vegetables can sometimes feel like a big step for little tastebuds. To support families, we wanted to highlight a brilliant local offer right here in our community.

Biddulph Youth & Community Zone provides **fresh fruit and vegetable bags for just £3.50**, available every Thursday. Each bag includes a different selection of produce each week, making it a lovely way to help children try new fruits and vegetables at home. Bags can be reserved in advance and collected between 12:30pm and 6pm.

This is a great way to extend your child's diet, explore new flavours together, and support our Snack Stars focus on healthy choices. Little changes at home make a big difference in school too.

Reminder to please clear any outstanding balances for **school meals, KidsZone, and Nursery ASAP**, 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.

Makaton Sign of the Week

This week to launch our Snack Star incentive we will be learning how to sign 'Apple'. Please can you practise at home with our Makaton word of the week:

[Apple](#)



Uniform Reminder

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct Knypersley First School uniform as outlined on our website. This helps children feel part of our school family and ready for learning.

Years 1–4: Red sweatshirt/cardigan, white polo, grey/black skirt or trousers, dark shoes. PE Kit: Red T-shirt, black shorts, trainers. Early Years: White SMART polo, black hoodie, black shorts/joggers/leggings/skort, black Velcro trainers.

If you need support:

Uniform Recycling Centre in the main office

Biddulph Family Centre has a wide range of uniform

Speak to Miss Stephenson if you can't find what you need



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.



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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

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

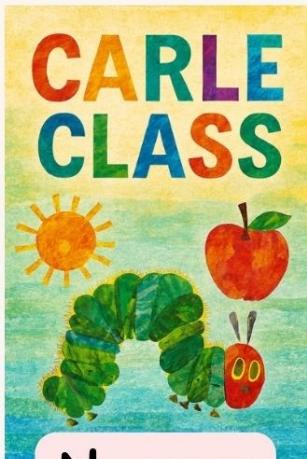
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16.7.2026 PTFA Summer Party Day!
(Funded by the PTFA)

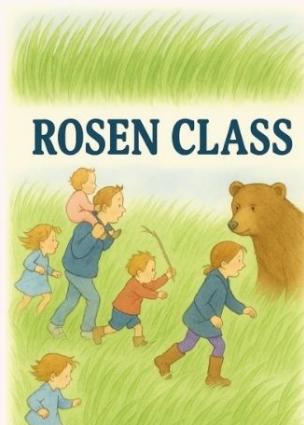
We want to thank you all ahead of time for your support with our fundraising efforts!

CLASS AUTHORS

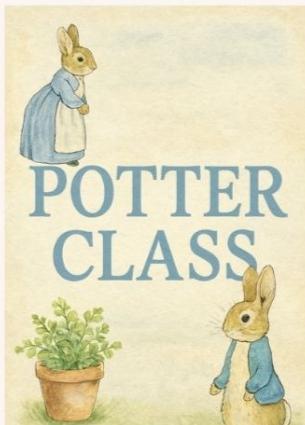
We LOVE reading at Knypersley! This year, each class has a chosen author to explore new books and stories! We are so excited to introduce you to....



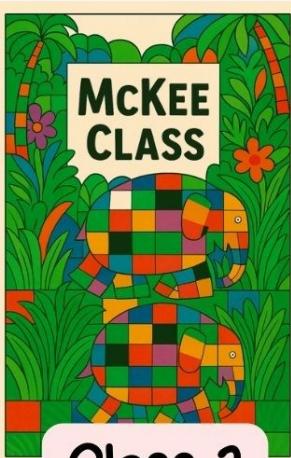
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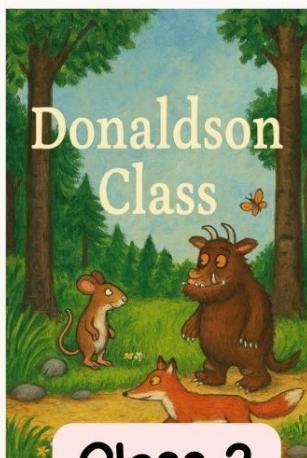
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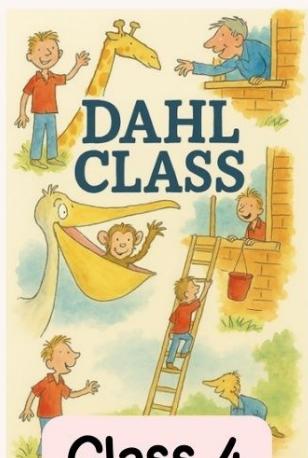
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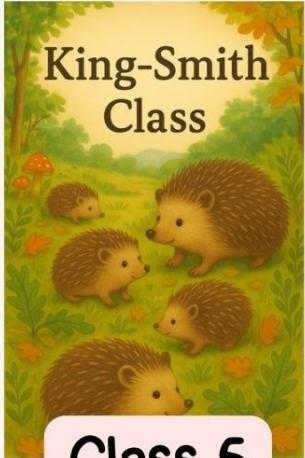
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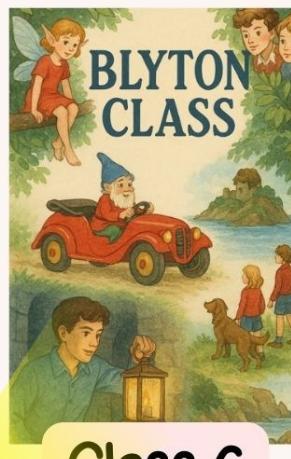
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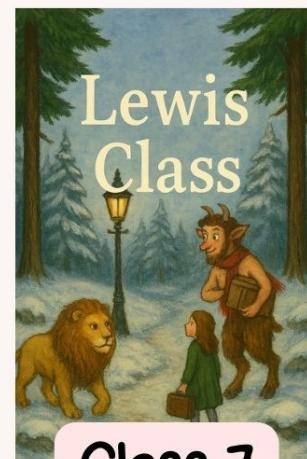
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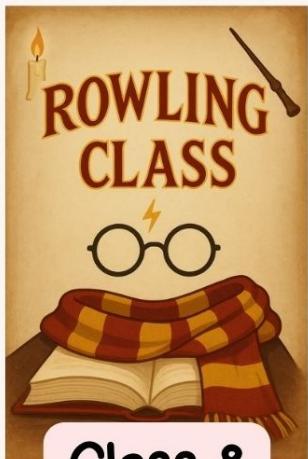
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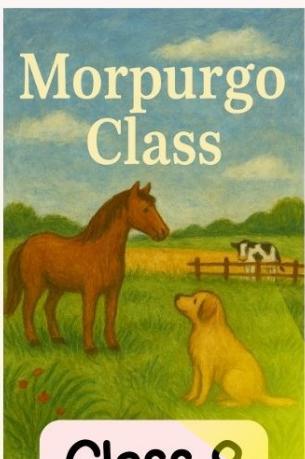
Class 6



Class 7



Class 8



Class 9