

23/01/2026



# The 'Knipersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



## A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today our children have taken part in our PTFA PJ Day! We have been raising money for the PTFA to aid trips and resources for all children. We have raised an amazing **£204.60** thank you all for your support. We have all had a brilliant time!

Knipersley choir have been practising the songs in preparation for their performance at the Co-op Live arena on Thursday 5th February. Reminder that we will communicate via Arbor and will not be posting live and sharing our location on Facebook until we have returned to school safely.

I would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support this week with SEND personalised target reviews. It was a pleasure sharing successes and hearing how supportive you are all with next steps and development points.

Our Year 1 children took part in the Change for Life festival at Biddulph Leisure Centre on Wednesday. The children had the chance to attempt many different sporting activities and did so whilst following our school 3B expectations, well done to all of our children!

In September, we reviewed our Positive Behaviour Policy. We believe that teaching behaviour is essential for children's understanding, confidence, and development. Just like any other skill, children learn best when home and school share the same expectations.

Our Behaviour Core Offer is available on our Spotlight page. It explains how we teach and support positive behaviour across school. Please take a moment to have a look so we can work together to give children a consistent, supportive approach.

Finally, please be reminded that parents' evening slots are now bookable on Arbor. If you feel you require longer than 5 minutes to discuss next steps please book onto weekly drop-in sessions to support staff to stick to timescales.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Leese and Team Knipersley xxxx

**Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%**  
This week, our school attendance was: **95.88%**



**This Week's  
winner is:  
Class 5**



Please follow the following link <https://www.knipersley.staffs.sch.uk/lunch-menu/> 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...

**28.1.26** Yr 4 parent engagement

**5.2.26** Young Voices

**6.2.26** Yr 2 Forest School parent engagement

**Class 4 -9.30am**

**Class 5 1.30pm**

**6.1.26** Number Day

**10.2.26** Parents evening 3.30-5.30

**11.2.26** Parents evening 5-6.30

**13.2.26** Non uniform day (Easter Hamper Prizes)

**13.2.26** Close for Half term

**23.2.26** School open

**25-27/2/26** Stanley Head Year 4

| Class                 | Attendance |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Nursery               | 93.94%     |
| Creative Caterpillars | 96.47%     |
| Busy Bees             | 91.02%     |
| Class 2               | 96.09%     |
| Class 3               | 96.92%     |
| Class 4               | 95.52%     |
| Class 5               | 99.31%     |
| Class 6               | 89.58%     |
| Class 7               | 99.26%     |
| Class 8               | 97.59%     |
| Class 9               | 99%        |

# Rewards and Celebrations



**Creative Caterpillars—**  
**Sophia**

**Busy Bees— Emily**

**Class 2- Lola**

**Class 3- Milly**

**Class 4- Theia**

**Class 5- Leo**

**Class 6- JJ**

**Class 7- James-Anthony**

**Class 8- Hollie**

**Class 9- Isla**

**Nursery— Milly S**

**Creative Caterpillars— Noah**

**Busy Bees- Damian**

**Class 2- Isabelle**

**Class 3- Bonnie**

**Class 4- Lucan**

**Class 5- Aria**

**Class 6- Isla**

**Class 7- Thea-Rai**

**Class 8- Hakeem**

**Class 9- Jasmine**

**Nursery- Jax**

**Creative Caterpillars- Gracie**

**Busy Bees- Riley**

**Class 2- Whole class**

**Class 3- Whole class**

**Class 4- Lily**

**Class 5- Skye**

**Class 6- Nellie**

**Class 7- Cleo**

**Class 8- Amber**

**Class 9- Ava M**



## Swimmer of the Week

Cc: Isabella

Bb: Amelia

2: Riva

3: Ruby

4: Theo

5: Daisy

6: Elizabeth

7: Harvey

8: Amelia

9: Tahlia

## House Points



## Achievements Outside of School...





## Knypersley in the Spotlight...



**The Zone**  
Biddulph Youth  
& Community Zone



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

## Makaton Sign of the Week

We have introduced a Makaton 'sign of the week' to strengthen communication across school, using a shared visual support that helps our pre-verbal learners express themselves with confidence to not just their teachers but to their friends.

This week we will be learning how to sign '[To Learn](#)'. Please can you practise at home with our Makaton word of the week.



## NUMBER DAY IS COMING...

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

We're excited to celebrate Number Day in school! To join in the fun, we're inviting all children to come dressed in number or shape themed clothing.

Clothing ideas: Spotty or stripy outfits, football shirts with numbers, clothes covered in shapes or DIY number badges or shape accessories.



# Our Behaviour Core Offer



At Knypersley First School, we believe behaviour is taught - not just expected. Our approach is proactive, inclusive, and rooted in relationships.

## Relationships, Modelling and Consistency

- Staff build trusting relationships with children and families.
- We model respectful, safe, and ready behaviours every day.
- Consistent routines and language help children feel secure and understood.

## We agree classroom expectations and share school expectations

Follow the 3B's



Our three simple, memorable rules guide everything we do and everywhere we learn and play:

- Be Safe
- Be Ready
- Be Respectful

These are introduced, discussed, and revisited regularly in class and assemblies.

## We Explicitly Teach Expected Behaviours

Weekly Learning for Life assemblies

- PSHE lessons provide structured opportunities to explore emotions, relationships, and choices.
- Class-based discussions allow children to talk about behaviour in context
- Role play, stories, and visual prompts help children see behaviour in action.
- Social stories and clear examples
- Personalised interventions are used when children need targeted support.
- In-the-moment coaching happens during the school day, when staff gently guide children through choices and consequences. This helps children reflect and reset in real time.

## We Use Positive Reinforcement and Rewards



- Praise is specific and meaningful.
- Children earn individual and class rewards for showing our school values. (celebration certificates, stickers, prizes)
- We refer to our class behaviour ladders to aid understanding.
- We celebrate effort, our 3Bs and improvement, not just outcomes.

## Address & Adjust as Needed

- We use a restorative approach to help children reflect, repair, and reconnect.
- Consequences are proportionate and explained clearly.
- Support plans are put in place when needed, involving families and staff.

## We Work in Partnership with Parents

- Behaviour conversations are open, honest, and supportive.
- We share successes and concerns early.
- Families are invited to be part of the solution, with shared strategies and consistent messaging.



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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

**23.9.2025** - We Heart Non-Uniform Day!  
(School council kindly ask for donations on Monday of baked goods to support the Big Party Brunch on 23.9.25)

## Oct

**10.10.2025** - Break the Rules Day!  
Poster included on School light page (10.9.2025)  
**21.10.2025** - Autumn Disco Non-Uniform day (for all)

## Nov

**7.11.2025** - PTFA Non-uniform m.  
We kindly ask for donations of the following:  
EYFS - Chocolate  
KS1 - Sweets  
KS2 - Bubbles  
**14.11.2025** - We Heart Non-Uniform Day (small Donations of £1 pp)

## Dec

**12.12.2025** - We 'Heart' Winter!  
Joyous Day! (donations of mince pies/ Christmas biscuits and Sing-a-long sessions)  
**23.12.2025** - Christmas Party (funded by the PTFA)

## Jan

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

## Feb

**13.2.2025** Non-uniform day (donations of Easter items)

## Mar

**5.3.2026** - World Book Day (more information to follow)  
**18.3.2026** Spring Disco (non-uniform day for all)

## Apr

## May

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

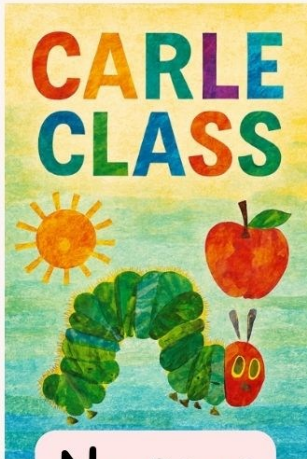
**16.7.2026** PTFA Summer Party Day!  
(Funded by the PTFA)

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

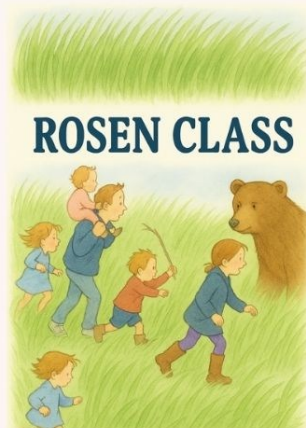


# CLASS AUTHORS

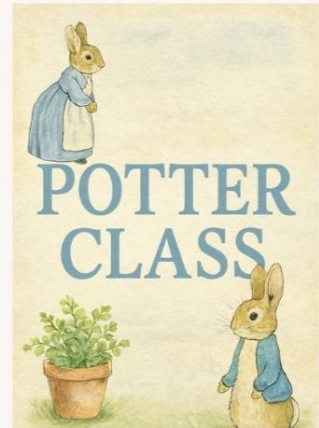
We LOVE reading at Knypersley! This year, each class has a chosen author to explore new books and stories!  
We are so excited to introduce you to....



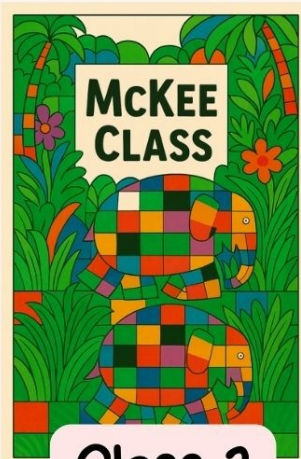
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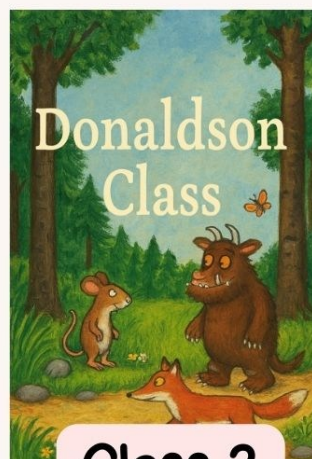
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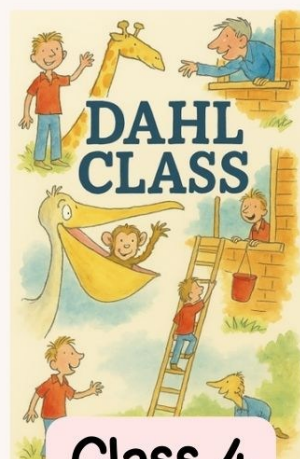
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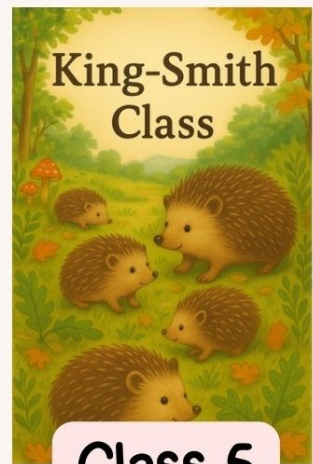
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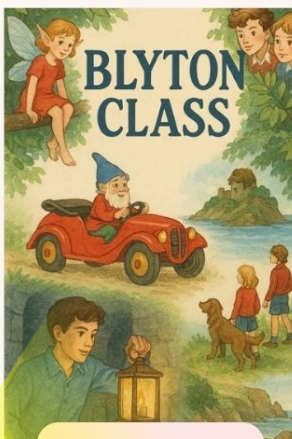
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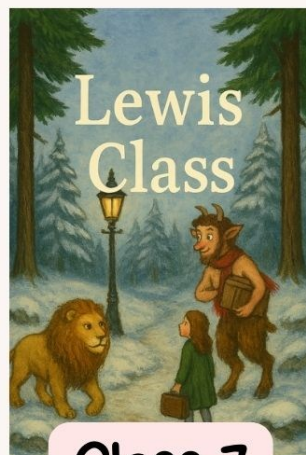
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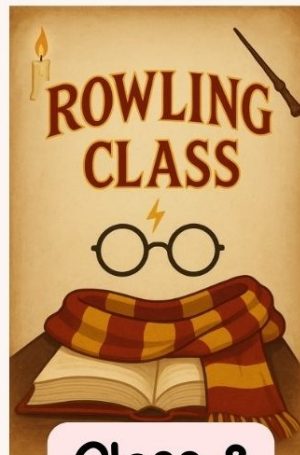
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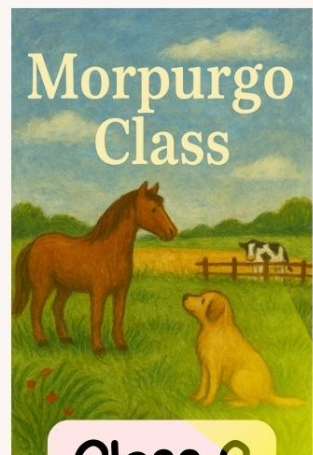
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