



Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER 2023

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Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's big news from school is that the builders handed over the last section of the current internal building works. Next begins the work of deciding where all the furniture and resources will go but for now we're enjoying our new intervention rooms and big empty spaces!

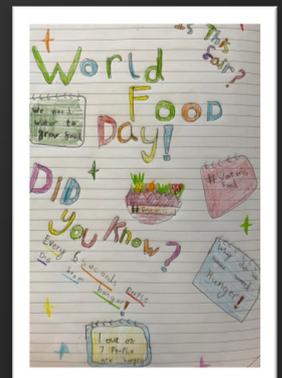
We're also saying goodbye to Mrs Wignall this week, as she retires after more than 20 years at Knotty Ash. She's made a huge difference to the lives of many children, and is going to be very much missed by everyone here. We wish her the very best of futures with her grandchildren

PTFA

Our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association met this week to plan the Bonfire Night and Christmas Fair events. They're a lovely group of people giving their time to support all the children in school. Last year, their hard work raised enough money to give £250 to each class towards a day trip. If you can possibly spare a few hours every so often, please look out for messages from school and join the PTFA at their next meeting.

World Food Day Poster Competition

Year 3 and Year 4 learnt about World Food Day this week as part of their topic on food production and ethics. Well done to the winners of the Poster Competition: Harley, Ariya, Arabella, Thomas and Lottie



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Applying for Secondary Schools

Year 6 parents, the application deadline is 31st October and the process is all done online:

Liverpool...

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

Knowsley...

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures>

Dogs

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if they are being carried.

Parking and Dropping Off

We've had a couple of scary situations on Thomas Lane this week, one where a child had to dodge a car that was driving on the pavement. Please be mindful of children and families when driving, parking or pulling over. Some cars even reverse onto pavements or driveways to turn round, even at our busiest times. PLEASE ALWAYS THINK SAFETY FIRST.

Cross Country

This week we ran at Clarke's Gardens and Stanley Park. The team are doing well and results can be found at the primary running site. Conditions are tough sometimes but the children have gritted their teeth and done the school proud! Stand out performance of the season So far has been from Luca in Y6 who came 14th at Clarke's Gardens. Cross country takes a little break now until after Christmas.



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Election of Parent Governors

17 October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Blackman-Cook, Mrs Kenwright, Mrs Grady and Mrs Pahlevan are elected as Parent Governors of this school for 2 years commencing 1 November 2023.

The Governing Board of this school now comprises of the following:

Mr D Rushworth, Co-opted Governor / Chair of Governors
Mr R Phillips, Co-opted Governor / Vice Chair
Ms R Clements-Bedson, Head Teacher
Mrs K Cartwright, Staff Governor
Ms L MacGarvey, LA Governor
Mrs V Gavin, Co-opted Governor
Mrs J Rees, Co-opted Governor
Dr L Short, Co-opted Governor
Mrs M Blackman-Cook, Parent Governor
Mrs E Grady, Parent Governor
Mrs A Kenwright, Parent Governor
Mrs N Pahlevan, Parent Governor

Mrs L Ashcroft, Clerk to Governors

Thank you for your interest in this school.

Yours sincerely

R Clements-Bedson

Ms R Clements-Bedson
HEADTEACHER

Each member of our Governing Board is totally committed to ensuring Knotty Ash Primary is the very best school for every little Knotty Asher.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their interest, commitment and for holding me, and the KA team, to account and encouraging us to continually improve.

Thank you

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Fireworks Evening at Bright Park

On **Tuesday 7th November 2023** we are planning on holding a Fireworks Evening at Bright Park.

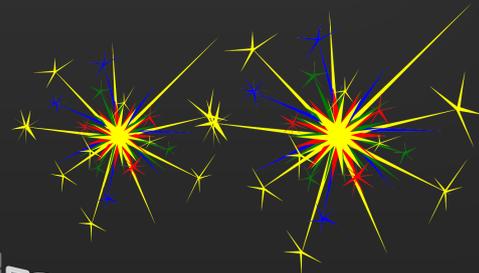
There will be hot/cold food and drinks, tuc-shop, glow-sticks and light up toys on sale. There will also be a fireworks display at the end of the evening to bring things to a close.

The gates of Bright Park will open at 6pm and the fireworks display will be at 7pm.

Tickets are priced at £3.00 each or a family ticket for 2 adults and 3 children for £10.00. Tickets will be available to order from the school office from Monday 23rd October.

This will be a ticket only event. Entrance to the event will be refused if a ticket hasn't been bought in advance.

Family and friends are welcome to come and join us with our evening's festivities!



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What have we been learning? Nursery



This week in nursery, we started off the week in a sunny ☀️ forest school, making nature patterns and playing hide and seek .

We spent more time reading and acting out Room on the Broom with puppets and other props . We loved being the scary monster in the swamp!

In maths we have been exploring pattern, especially repeating patterns and we have been comparing sets using the language more and fewer

We practised hoop skills in PE this week and we sang nursery rhymes in our BSL lesson .

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What have we been learning?

Reception



This week the children have been reading the story "Bunnybear". This is all about how it doesn't matter what we look like on the outside but how we feel on the inside and being true to ourselves. The children enjoyed making the story map and then creating their own "party" masterpiece. We learnt new words like "ferocious" and "warren".

In phonics we have learnt the sounds "d" as in dog and "g" as in gate. In maths we have been doing more, fewer and the same using lots of different objects.

In P.E. we started our new "Squirrel" topic and did lots of ball skills from rolling, throwing to kicking.

Thank you for another lovely week Reception 💖

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What have we been learning? Year 1



Year 1 have had another amazing week. We've explored what a recount is and time conjunctions in English this week, in preparation for writing their own recount next week. In Maths, the children have compared numbers, looking at the order they go in and have also been introduced to a number line.

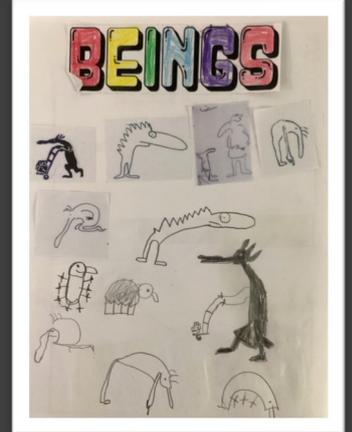
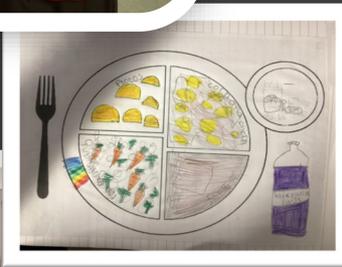
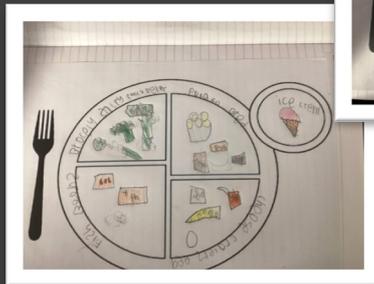
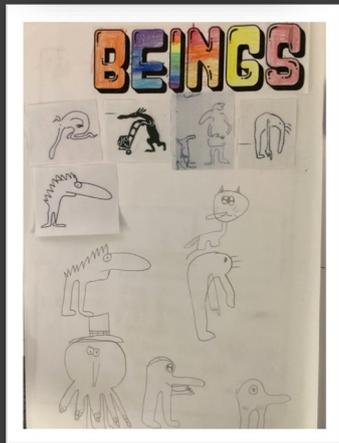
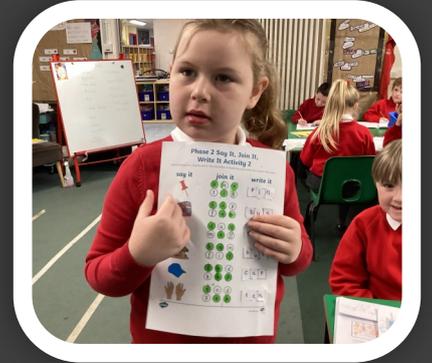
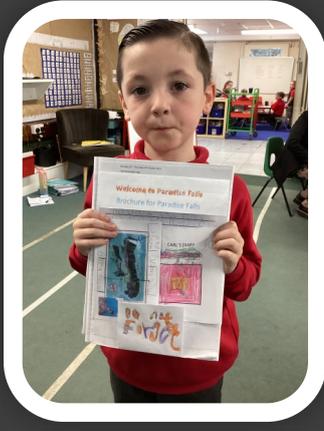
In Geography, the children have explored where we live in the UK. They've learnt that there are 4 countries that are a part of the UK, we live in England and they discovered that Liverpool is a city. In Science, we've explored our senses looking at which body part is associated with each sense. The children have worked so hard this week; they should be proud of themselves.

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What have we been learning?

Year 2



It's been a busy week for Year 2! In English, they have been finishing off their work on the Pixar movie 'Up!' They have created their own brochure advertising Paradise Falls! It's been lovely watching the children be so creative in English lessons. They have also looked at using commas this week!

In Math's the children have been exploring 10s and marking 10s on a number line all the way to 100! This has been tricky stuff but they have all worked so hard to master this concept.

In Science, the children had a fun afternoon looking at healthy and unhealthy foods and they even designed their own healthy dinner plate!

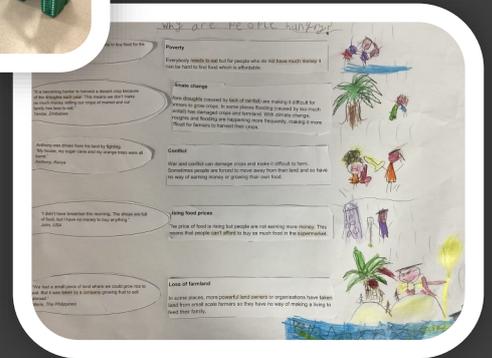
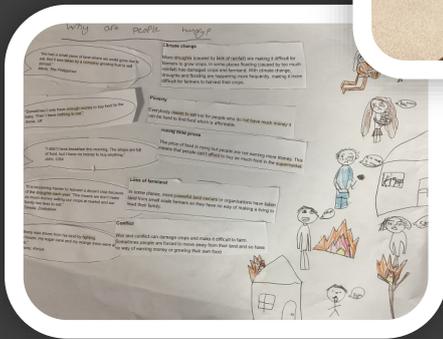
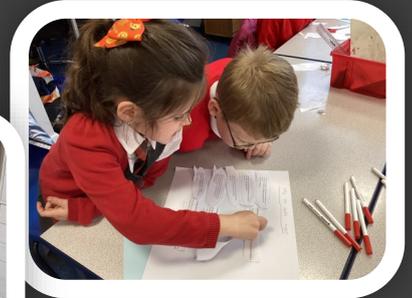
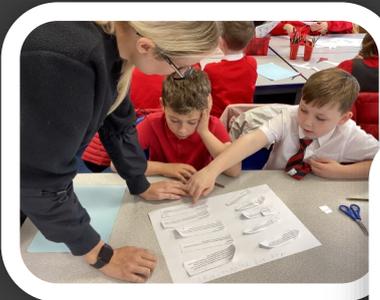
In Art, the children are continuing their project on Lucy Casson. They relaxed in the Art lesson to relaxing music and designed their own 'beings'. They are all looking forward to designing their own beings using clay after half term!

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What have we been learning?

Year 3



This week, we've been thinking about food, starting with our celebration of the UN World Food Day which aims for #zerohunger by 2030. We discovered how the distribution of wealth can be linked to the inequality in access to food. In pairs, we thought about the reasons why people across the world are hungry which led to a great deal of thoughtful discussion. To share our learning and raise awareness of the problem, we had our own poster competition with the winning designs being published in this newsletter. Congratulations to Arabella Thomas and Lottie!

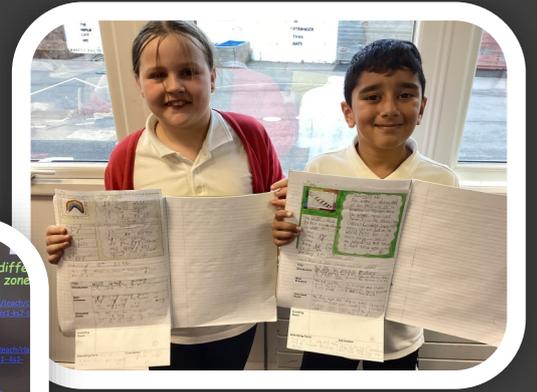
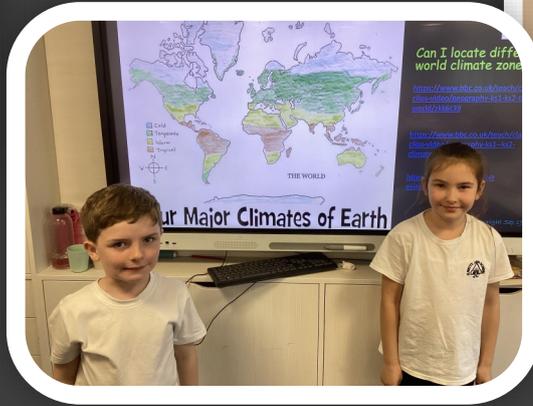
In Reading Explorers, we were inspired by the mathematical genius Katherine Johnson in the biography 'Counting On Katherine' as well as having fun with Winnie-the-Pooh chasing the bees to find himself a jar of 'hunny!' In English, we continued with our work on non-chronological reports whilst in Maths, we explored the relationship between the multiples of 5 and 10 as well as completing our unit on place value. In Science, we had great fun setting up our tooth decay experiment, placing eggs in different liquids to observe the effect on the shells over time. We can't wait to share our results with you next week - watch this space!

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What have we been learning?

Year 4



Year 4 have been frantically keeping pace with Mr England for the most part of this week due to Mrs Murphy not being in school. Non Chronological reports have been on the agenda in English and they have been busy piecing together information about The Chocolate Factory (from Charlie and The Chocolate Factory - like there's any other), in order to create the beginnings of writing in this way. More to follow on this next week.

In maths, addition and mastering its many secrets is still the aim of every student, and they are all firmly on this path.

Our Inclusive Curriculum has seen us look at world hunger, the major climates of the world and how to read and plot a map.

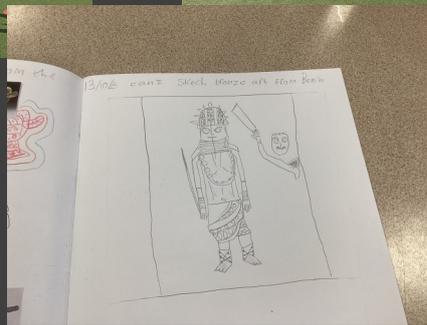
It's been pretty hectic, so much so, Mr England is dropping back to one day again next week as he can't hack the pace!

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What have we been learning?

Year 5



This week has been a super interesting one! After exploring the transatlantic slave trade, we have looked at segregation in America and the Civil Rights Movement! We explored two key figures from that period: Dr Martin Luther King Junior and Rosa Parks. The children have loved learning about these amazing people and have produced some epic writing. In Maths, we took a bit of time to learn about Roman Numerals and the class really enjoyed them! They translated some really difficult numbers and dates! In Art, we broke out the charcoals and in PE we have developed our tennis skills further! Well done Year 5!

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What have we been learning?

Year 6



I've a feeling that the children in Year 6 must be going home and immediately putting their hands and wrists in an ice bath with the amount of writing they've been doing! At the start of the week, they completed a historical slave story, designed to highlight two key skills: their ability to describe conditions for slaves working on plantations in the early 1800s; their ability to describe their own characters and settings fully. Then, in the latter half of the week, we've been putting our study of persuasive language to good use in a written speech designed to persuade people to join the Montgomery Bus Boycott. This was the protest sparked by the incredibly brave Rosa Parks - who staunchly refused to give up her seat to a white passenger in the midst of the Jim Crow era in 1955. Their speeches need to include metaphors, rhetorical questions and repetition for effect. Considering it's still fairly early in the year, I am thoroughly impressed with what they've managed to achieve thus far.

Aside from their academic studies, the children have been getting plenty of physical skill development. Ball skills, rope climbing and a health and fitness session in the hall; they've enjoyed it all thoroughly.

Next week, it's the Ireland residential trip!

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What have we been learning?

DRB 1



We have had another brilliant week in KS1 DRB. We have created our own 'Lucy Casson inspired beings' in 3D form using terracotta clay and then varnished these using PVA glue once they were dried. We couldn't wait to take these home to show our families!

We have been doing lots of labelling 'who?' in Language, focussing on the people who help us in our communities: police, fire fighters, doctors, lifeguards' vet etc. In maths, as we have continued with our counting using money to help us learn! Well done KS1 – it's been a great week

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What have we been learning?

DRB 2



Another great week draws to a close in KS2 DRB. As usual we got our Monday off to a flying start by sharing our news from the weekend. In Maths, we carried on polishing up our addition and subtraction skills and we know we are improving every day. Some of us have been concentrating on place value and have enjoyed consolidating our understanding by playing place value bingo. Our presentations all about Slavery were a highlight of the week. We drew on the knowledge we already had and also carried out some more research, to create our own Powerpoints! We finished off the week with visit from an ex Knotty Ash pupil - Cieran could not believe how fantastic the school looks now and delighted us all with his memories of his days at Knotty Ash!

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Attendance



Class	Attendance
Reception	88.2%
Year 1	86.5%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	98.4%
Year 4	86.6%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	96.2%

Whole school attendance this week **92.2%**

Class attendance winners **Year 3 98.4%**

Well done to all the children who were in school every day. However, overall attendance has fallen a lot in some classes. Please contact us if you are unsure about whether or not to keep your child off school.

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Term Dates and Events

Thursday 26th October	Prospective parents showaround for Reception in Sept 2024
Friday 27th October	School finishes at 3:20pm for half-term (after-school care still available)
30th Oct—3rd Nov	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 6th Nov	Inset Day—school closed
Tuesday 7th Nov	School reopens at 8:50am (breakfast club available)
Tuesday 7th Nov	Knotty Ash fireworks at Bright Park

Term dates for this year and next year are available on the school website:

<https://www.knottyashprimaryschool.co.uk/school-term-dates-and-inset-days/>

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**MAKING MONEY
MAKE SENSE**



Do you need help or advice with:

Money management **Maximising income**
Budgeting **Welfare benefits**
Banks/credit options **Energy efficiency**
Housing



**We can offer advice and support that is
free, independent and confidential.**



Signs of a Rainbow CIC

will be at Knotty Ash Community Hub

Tuesday afternoon—1.00 —3.00 pm

Wednesday morning 9.30—11.30 am

Please contact Ruth Carson on 2284222 to make
an appointment

or complete a Googlform [https://forms.gle/
cbwKstUAtnk15F3M7](https://forms.gle/cbwKstUAtnk15F3M7)

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Family Activities & Support

The latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter is here.

www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool

You will find new information about local support available for families and children in Liverpool, along with information regarding events and activities on offer running from March to May 2023.

We have also been sent information about Family Learning and Engagement Courses run by LCC Adult Learning Service. This can be found on our school website, link here:

<https://knotty-ash-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/family-information-and-support/>

For families in receipt of benefits related free school meals, there are a variety of activities over the Summer break, all of which are free and include a meal:

<https://merseyplay.com/summer-haf-holiday-activities-food-2023/>

Locally, St John's Church offer a range of community groups and activities for families:

<https://www.stjohnsknottyash.org/our-community>

There's also a range of groups and activities available at Yew Tree Children's Centre for parents whose children are 0-5 years.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/childrens-centres/yew-tree-childrens-centre/>

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It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

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Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough, there's no need to keep them off school. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice but tie hair back. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups .

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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