



# Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 31st MARCH 2023



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# Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy Spring-term and an especially busy final week of term with Easter Bonnet parade, Easter Egg raffle, PTFA film evening and Easter church service! We've also managed to fit in a day-trip to Farmer Ted's for our Early Years children, a special goodbye assembly for our massage therapist, Sarah, and parent-teacher meetings!

It's all been lovely but my favourite thing this week has been seeing the quiet moments. I've been lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time to observe teachers making time for supportive chats with individual children or small groups of pupils—the kind of thing that goes on all the time but most people don't get to see. I've seen adults with children going for a calming walk on the field, having a gentle chat in the library, celebrating small (but important) steps with high-fives or sharing a quick hug to help with nerves. Working with children is more than just lessons and I've been privileged to see some extraordinary kindness from our staff to help children develop resilience, self-awareness and confidence.

Special praise this week also needs to go to our Head Pupils: Aaliyah, Jack, Polly and Harry for leading Friday's Easter Service at St John's church, and to all the children (and staff) who performed by reading, signing and singing to contribute to an uplifting service. Thank you!

## Online Safety Superhero competition

This competition was organised by Lydiate Learning Trust for schools across Liverpool and Sefton. Lots of our children took part and produced creative and thoughtful designs. Congratulations to Grace and Eme, who the judges chose as joint winners!

Lianne Greenall from LLT came to school to present the winners' prizes and to tell us that the winning designs are going to be made into plush figures for Knotty Ash! We were even given a basket of books about Internet Safety to help with lessons across school. Thanks to Lianne and everyone at Lydiate Learning Trust for organising an inspiring competition!



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### Dot Art Schools Competition

Every year Mrs Cartwright enters children from Year 5 into this Liverpool region art competition. This year, the children designed and sewed 'blood bags' having learnt about these life-saving items. Our school entries can be viewed here:

[https://schools.dot-art.com/schools/knotty-ash-primary\\_316/#mobile\\_info\\_details](https://schools.dot-art.com/schools/knotty-ash-primary_316/#mobile_info_details)

Three pieces have been shortlisted to be the Knotty Ash winner. You can vote for your favourite on the link above.



Well done to Amy, Chloe and Jack who the judges have shortlisted.

The Knotty Ash school winner will have their work framed and displayed in an exhibition with winners from the other participating schools.

### Signing Choir at Strawberry Field

Members of our wonderful signing choir visited Strawberry Field to join forces with Julia Baird (John Lennon's sister) and perform 'Imagine'. Watch them performing here <https://twitter.com/strawberryfield/status/1641849093503713294>



### Medicines in school

Recently, office staff have been asked to administer a large number of medicines to children. This is something that they volunteer to do in order to help parents, who may otherwise have to take time off work to give children antibiotics etc. However, please be aware that school can be extremely busy and there may be times when despite our best efforts, medicine is administered late or forgotten. If the timing of a medicine is crucial, then you are advised to pop into school to give it to your child.

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### The Knotty Smash

Our young journalists and Mr Houghton have been busy preparing this term's edition of The Knotty Smash. If you didn't manage to get hold of your copy this week, don't worry; it will be available to buy when we return to school after the Easter break. Well done to our marvellous Magazine Club members!



### Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to everyone who managed to come to our parades this year—especially because you had to brave the rain! Mrs Cartwright and I lead the assembly after the parade, where the 'judging' takes place and it's our favourite assembly of the year—looking out on a sea of bright Spring colours and proud little faces under elaborate hats!



This year we were lucky to have two judges—Roger Phillips, our vice-chair of Governors, and Lianne Greenall from Lydiate Learning Trust. They had the unenviable task of choosing winners from all the amazing designs!

Well done to ALL the children who took part, and to all the parents, carers and everyone else who helped create the fabulous hats which the children were so proud to wear on Thursday.



### Goodbye to Sarah,

Many of you will have benefitted from being given a lovely massage by your children—and that's thanks to Sarah, who has taught massage and relaxation to KA children for the last 16 years.

Sadly for us, she is moving to Devon and so her massage lessons will move onto Zoom until we find a replacement (which is going to be a tall order!) Sarah will be hugely missed: her kindness and patience have been invaluable to children and adults.



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Easter Bonnet Parade—a few more photos!



Wishing you all a very happy and relaxing Easter break!

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The Easter Story:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J\\_E-3BqqeiU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_E-3BqqeiU)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wnbo2AmS3OI>

What is Easter?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxpv4/articles/z4t6rj6>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks2-easter/zknkgwx>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-easter>

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# What have we been learning?

## Nursery



This week in Nursery we have been very busy finishing all our Easter Arts and crafts. We have made lovely Easter cards and baskets.

We have been for another run round the running track in the lovely spring weather. some of us did 7 laps which is a mile! We also enjoyed practising our new climbing and balancing skills on the adventure playground. We noticed the lovely cherry blossom tree next to the playground too.

On Tuesday it was our last massage session with Sarah. We will be very sorry to see her go but we wish her luck in her lovely new home in Devon.

We have been reading Little Red Riding Hood this week and we enjoyed acting out the story using finger puppets.

Our runner beans we planted 2 weeks ago are starting to grow . It has been very exciting watching the roots and shoots appearing.

In Maths we have been counting up to 10 . Coco our clown puppet has been helping us. when she pops up we have to say the next number. Sometimes she says the wrong number and we have to help her with her counting skills.

We had our Easter bonnet parade. It was very exciting! All our families came to watch us. The Easter bonnets were amazing. There were some beautiful creations.

At the end of the week we have Farmer Teds to look forward to. We can't wait! Happy Easter everyone xx

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# What have we been learning?

## Reception



Reception have had a lovely last week of finishing off our topic and getting ready for Easter.

More importantly, we had a wonderful time on our school trip to Farmer Teds. We saw a bearded dragon, hissing cockroaches, snakes, sheep with their lambs, pigs with their piglets, horses and guinea pigs. We got to brush the ponies and we even watched a Sheep Show! We had a sweaty time running around Climb & Slide and finished off in the soft play. We had a super day! Well done to all our children for being fantastic all day.

Have a wonderful Easter 🐰🐣

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# What have we been learning?

## Year 1



Year 1 have been extremely busy this week. The children said goodbye to a Knotty Ash legend on Tuesday; Sarah our resident peer to peer massage therapist. We are definitely going to miss her but wish her every success in Devon. The children loved working with Mrs England earlier in the week and have learnt a lot about Amelia Earhart and her World Record breaking feats. The children also enjoyed making some Andy Warhol inspired pop art using Amelia's image. We have also made beautiful Easter cards, baskets and cakes in preparation for our Easter egg hunt . A big thank you to all of you who stayed to watch our Easter bonnet parade on Thursday morning! Year 1 had an Easter egg hunt this morning with some help from our junior children. Our readers also did extremely well with their readings in church

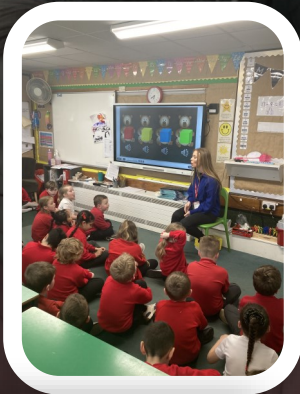
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# What have we been learning?

## Year 2



This week Year 2 have enjoyed all the Easter celebrations, as well as making cards and baskets!

The children had their very last massage session with Sarah. They found this very sad, but they were also very happy for Sarah with her big move and her lovely new house. There were lots of cuddles at the end of the session.

The children had a lovely morning with Year 1 on Tuesday where they learnt all about the artist Andy Warhol. They explored Pop art, and then had fun creating their own piece of art worked based on Amelia Earhart using Warhol's techniques!

Miss Davies was excited to teach the children Spanish this week! It was a very active and fun lesson, which the children loved! This will be a weekly lesson now for Year 2's! They are looking forward to the next one after Easter!

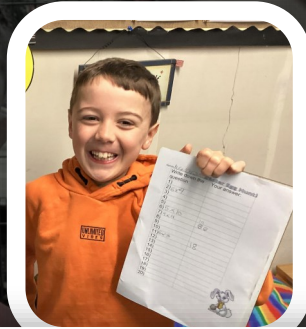
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# What have we been learning?

## Year 3



What an EGG-citing final week of term with lots of spring themed fun! We've made Easter cards as well as colourful baskets for our sweet treats, reusing plastic drinks bottles and painting them with special acrylic paint. We also enjoyed an egg hunt with a difference, working with a partner to solve the multiplication calculations hidden around the room! And of course, in a favourite Knotty Ash tradition, we proudly paraded our amazing Easter bonnet creations for families on Thursday.

In Reading Explorers, we began to investigate onomatopoeia through 'The Sound Collector' poem by Roger McGough and looked at the meaning behind song lyrics using 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars. In Science, we continued our learning about fossils by creating our own versions, imprinting toy dinosaurs into soft clay - we loved it!

We said a fond farewell to our lovely Sarah Simms this week, having our final massage and relaxation session with her on Tuesday. It was also lovely to celebrate the progress of our wonderful children with parents and carers this week. We wish everyone a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you next term for more learning fun!

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# What have we been learning?

## Year 4



It's been a busy, belter of an Easter week! I'm not sure if anyone has had time to take a breath! We began the week by finishing off our amonite fossil booklets. The children really enjoyed learning about how these sorts of fossils were formed. Then we bid farewell to the wonderful Sarah who has been helping to relax us with weekly massages for many years! The children thought it would be only right to break out the classic Gary Barlow song, 'Back for Good'. We had some children playing instruments and everybody singing! It's fair to say there was not a dry eye in Year 4 but we were all very happy for Sarah to move to a lovely house in Devon! We had our bonnet parade and egg raffle this week which was quite the spectacle! Well done to everyone who made a bonnet as the school was filled with eggs and feathers! Friday finished the term off with a superb treat of some special visitors! The children all got to hold some African land snails! We learned about how to look after them and some really interesting facts so a special thank you to Charlie and his mum for bringing them in!

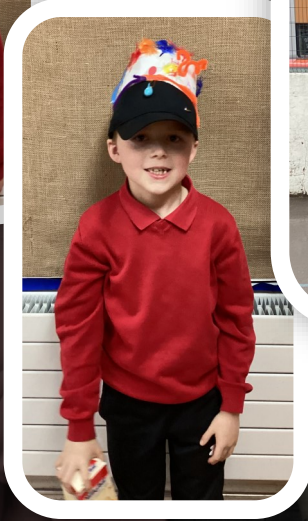
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# What have we been learning?

## Year 5



What a final week Year 5 have had! This week we said goodbye to Sarah who has been doing massages at Knotty Ash for 16 years. We have had a fun filled Easter week which included our Easter service, raffle and hat parade. In English, the children have been using their knowledge from last week to write a spring poem. We also looked at how art and being creative can impact our mental health in a positive way. The children have now learnt all of 'Fresh Prince of Bel Air' by Will Smith which sounds amazing. They also continued with their coding of a game they've made with Mr Mills which they thoroughly enjoyed. We hope all Year 5 families have a lovely Easter break and a well-deserved rest.

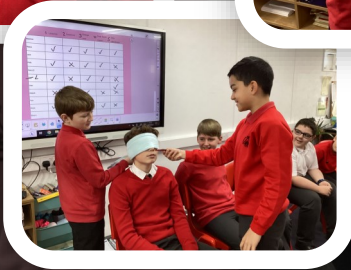
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# What have we been learning?

## Year 6



Happy Holidays everybody! Year 6 have had a lovely final week of the term. It was great to see so many of them still make the effort to make wonderful Easter bonnets for the parade on Thursday - no 'too cool for school' attitude here!

In amongst the chocolate and chicks, and aside from all of the usual intensive SATs practice, we also found time for some serious science. Cole, the Year 9 boy in our Year 6 class, was adamant that he could smell tapwater. Needing to complete some Science fair test work - I seized upon this as an opportunity to engage in a rigorous scientific experiment. Well, as rigorous as we can manage anyway! We used a series of smells, including some delightful cut price aftershave provided by Mr Houghton, to establish who were our 'super-smellers'. Once we had chosen who had the best chance of testing Cole's hypothesis (that you can smell tapwater), we set about proving conclusively that you can't. If you have any doubts about this - ask your child to carry out the experiment at home!

Please have a safe and sound holiday. When we return, it's a few short weeks until the SATs which begin on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. All the pupils have brought some revision materials home - but feel free to give them a good rest. It's back to the grindstone when we get back!

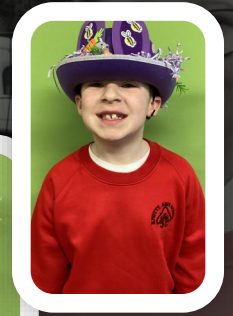
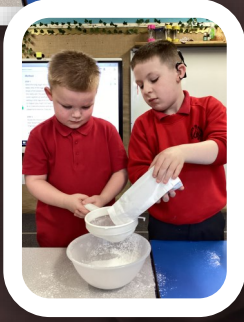
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# What have we been learning?

## DRB Key Stage 1



It has been one action packed week in KS1 DRB.

We have followed instructions to make peppermint cream. We worked in teams to make sure we got all of the measurements just right! We weighed, poured, mixed, dipped, counted and finally wrapped our lovely treats.

We made Easter baskets, using balloons, glue and wool – we are looking forward to filling these with Easter eggs!

Everyone enjoyed our BSL story sessions learning all about the Easter story and were able to take on the roles of all the people who were involved.

Our Easter chick cards are super cute and we cannot wait to give them to our families.

Our Easter bonnets were just sensational – thank you to everyone who helped us make such wonderful creations.

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# What have we been learning?

## DRB Key Stage 2



Junior DRB, Year 5 and Year 6 had the privilege of meeting Liverpool's 'Love artGlobal' artist, Jay Wheeler.

Jay Wheeler is a war veteran. From a young age Jay was keen to join the army, his motivation came from watching a news report showing aid being given out by soldiers in Bosnia. He was determined to give aid and restore peace in war torn countries, but was unprepared for the reality of army life. Jay served in the army for an outstanding 15 years and receiving 2 Kosovo, 2 Iraq and 1 Afghanistan medals. On his return home to Liverpool he struggled with his mental health and was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). After a journey of self-discovery and support from friends, family, medical professionals and God, Jay found art. Jay explained how art saved him and changed his life forever.

Jay now graffiti tags 'LOVE' around the streets of Liverpool (and further afield) as a social intervention to support us in seeing life in a positive light and as a reminder of how precious life is.

Jay shared his moving story with us in assembly where the children sat and listened with respect. Following assembly, we headed outside where Jay showed the children how to graffiti tag 'LOVE'. The children watched in awe and could hardly contain their excitement when they had a turn using the spray paint.

We are looking forward to welcoming Jay back to school in the Summer Term when, together with Junior DRB, Year 5 and Year 6, we will be tagging the wall on Year 3/4 yard with 'LOVE'.

Please keep your eye out for the LOVE tag when you're out and about. You can find Jay on social media: Twitter – Love artGlobal Facebook – Jay Wheeler Instagram – Love artGlobal

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# Attendance



Class	Attendance
Reception	96.4%
Year 1	89.2%
Year 2	91.6%
Year 3	95.1%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	99.0%

**Whole school attendance this week 95.5%**

**Class attendance winners Year 4 & Year 6 !!!**

Well done to all the children who were in school every day this week. Our lucky £10 winner in the attendance raffle was Amber in Year 5.

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## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING EASTER HALF TERM 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

### **ASDA CAFE**

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of Easter 2023

### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### **SAINSBURYS CAFES**

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main.

### **WHITBREAD INNS**

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### **PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE**

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### **TABLE TABLE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### **MORRISONS**

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### **BILLS**

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 3rd until Friday 14th April 2023

### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### **YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi with any adult £10 spend from April 3rd 2023

### **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### **TO BE CONFIRMED...**

M&S, Tesco and Farmhouse Inns

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Tuebrook West Derby  
& Yew Tree  
Children's Centre  
A Sure Start Children's Centre

## Easter Holiday Activities

**Tuesday 4th April, 10 - 12**

**Spring Family Activities at Yew Tree Children Centre**

Including Easter arts & crafts, outdoor play, story and songs.

**Wednesday 5th April, 1 - 2:30**

**Teddy Bears Picnic at Yew Tree Children Centre**

Come along for a light picnic lunch with your favourite toy and enjoy stories, rhymes and dancing

**Wednesday 12th April, 1 - 2:30**

**Going on a Bear Hunt at Tuebrook Children Centre**

Fun outdoor activities including a treasure hunt, you may even find an Easter egg or two! Plant seeds to grow your own flowers and join in Story Time to find the bear!

**Thursday 13th April, 10 -12**

**Spring Family Activities at Tuebrook Children Centre**

Including Easter arts & crafts, outdoor play, story and songs.

**For more information, please call!**

**0151 233 3830 / 6202**

**0151 296 7959**



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## Message from Morrisons

Dear Parents/Carers

Message from Morrisons Cafe:

Hello,

I just wanted to let you know about something we're running in our café over the Easter Holidays which might be good for some of your families.

From **Monday 3rd April** for three weeks, customers can come into our cafe any day before 11am and get a free bowl of cereal. They just need to mention the Kellogg's Breakfast Club.

There's no age limit, and customers can come back on multiple days while stocks last. We've set aside 50,000 breakfasts across the country.

Kind Regards,

Marie Collis  
Community Champion



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For you

Following



**Liverpool City Council** @lpool... · 9h

Free swims are back during the Easter holidays across @LifestylesGym centres.

Children aged 16 & under can swim for free from Monday 3 April - Sunday 16 April during public swims.

For more information and to sign up go to



[lifestyles.liverpool.gov.uk/free-swimming-...](https://lifestyles.liverpool.gov.uk/free-swimming-...)



1,266 views



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## A letter from Rose Crossland, our local Road Safety Officer:



slower speeds,  
safer streets



Liverpool  
City Council

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Due to a high number of complaints across the city we are having to issue another reminder to motorists about your responsibility as a driver to park responsibly. We need to share the road with all road users, especially the more vulnerable, and allow for safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

Remember pupils need to see and be seen when crossing the roads so please think seriously about the location of the school and neighbourhood and consider ways you can help as a parent/guardian to improve their road safety.

If you use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from School, please consider parking further away from the entrance & exits in a safe legal place and walk the remainder of the journey.

Do Not Park on

- School Keep Clear Zig Zags
- Double/Single Yellow Lines
- Close to junctions / Drop Kerbs
- Near School Crossing Patrol locations
- On Pavements
- Cycle Lanes
- In front of resident driveways

Parking Services and Police may be in attendance near your school do not be abusive as they are doing their jobs at the requests of concerns raised regarding road safety of the pupils.



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# Term Dates and Events

3rd—14th April

EASTER BREAK

Mon 17th Apr

School reopens at 8:50am (8:30am for Nursery)

Wed 19th Apr

Theatre company visit performing The Railway Children

Mon 1st May

Bank Holiday

Mon 8th May

Bank Holiday (extra for the King's Coronation)

9th-12th May

Year 6 SATs exams

Fri 12th May

Eurovision Party (afternoon)

22nd-26th May

Knotty Ash Deaf Awareness Week

Thurs 25th May

Inclusion Quality Mark review assessment

29th May—2nd June HALF TERM

Mon 5th June

INSET Day—school closed for staff training

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# Family Activities & Support

The latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter is here.

<https://sway.office.com/yaQ6W3itHm4L9gTU?ref=Link>

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 Easter break, all of which are free and include a meal:

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

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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# Help and Advice

For a range of local services - [info@localsolutions.org.uk](mailto:info@localsolutions.org.uk)

## Parenting

Solihull Free Online Parenting Courses are now available on a mobile app. Go to the website: <https://inourplace.co.uk/> and enter the access code PURPLEBIN to register for any of the FREE parenting programmes Or download the Free app and do a course on your mobile device at your own pace.

Early Communications—a language enrichment group (Wednesday mornings) for 2-3 year-olds at Stoneycroft Children's Centre. [www.stoneycroftchildrenscentre.co.uk/](http://www.stoneycroftchildrenscentre.co.uk/)

The Drive is a local community centre offering a range of activities for family members, old and young. They also run weekly food clubs and provide breakfast/lunch to families during school holidays. <https://www.the-drive.org/home>

## Domestic Abuse

For support around domestic abuse - <https://worstkeptsecret.org.uk/>

If you are worried about anything affecting your own or your children's safety or wellbeing, please get in touch in confidence and we'll be able to signpost you to support.

For more advice and support, follow us on Twitter @Knotty\_Families

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# Winter Illness

## Advice from NHS

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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