



Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2024

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Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! It's wonderful to have all the children back in school.

The children have made a super start to their new classes. You should be very proud of their positive attitudes, hard work and kindness.



Knotty Ash Signing Choir

The first performance of the new year took place at Liverpool Parish Church to celebrate '999 Day': a thank-you service for everyone working in the emergency services. Well done to all the children involved!



Roald Dahl Day

Thursday 12th September was Roald Dahl's birthday and the children celebrated by learning about some of his stories and doing craft activities.



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Introducing...The Cubbie!

We are delighted to tell you about a brand-new resource to support our children with their emotions. The Cubbie is a state-of-the-art design, which is programmed to help children feel calmer or more energized, depending on what they need at the time. Come to our Open Event on Tuesday 17th and you might even be able to have a go!



Thank you to the Lydiate Learning Trust for purchasing The Cubbie for the children of Knotty Ash!

Reception Applications

If you are looking for a Reception place for your child to start in September 2025, then we are offering an open evening for prospective parents on Wednesday 9th October at 4:30pm

Any concerns, questions or conversations needed?

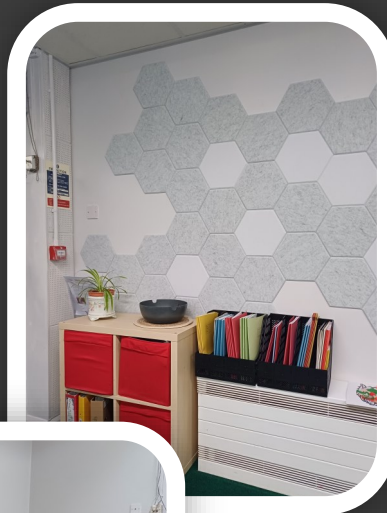
It's always worth a reminder that if you have anything on your mind, it's best to talk about it at the earliest opportunity. Teachers are always at the classroom door when children arrive and leave if you just have a very quick question. Otherwise, please make an appointment through the office (in person, by phone or by email) and they'll arrange a convenient time for a chat. Most questions or concerns will be answered by your child's teacher, but if you still want to talk further, please make an appointment to see myself or Mr England.

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School improvements

Over the Summer break a small but dedicated team have been working to improve the classrooms and open areas in KS1 and Early Years. I'd like to express huge gratitude on behalf of everyone here to Keith, Colin and Jacob for their amazing work gutting classrooms, pulling up flooring, filling holes, sanding and painting. Between them, they have delivered smart new-looking rooms, which our brilliant teachers have then been able to make into wonderful learning spaces!



Also, a great big thank you to our team of cleaners: Barbara, Sonia, Carol, Danielle & Silvica for their patience and determination to get everywhere clean and tidy and ready for the children!

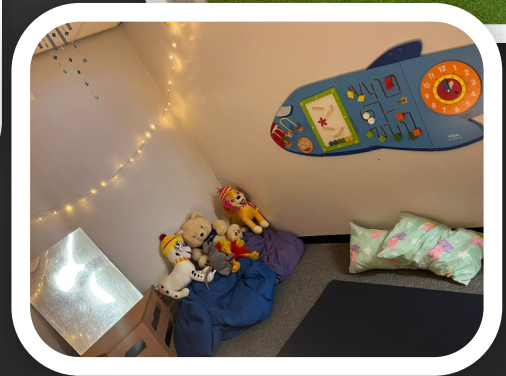
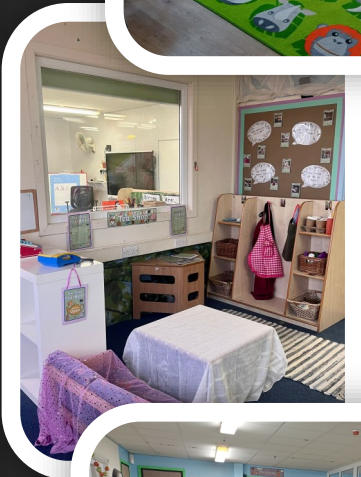
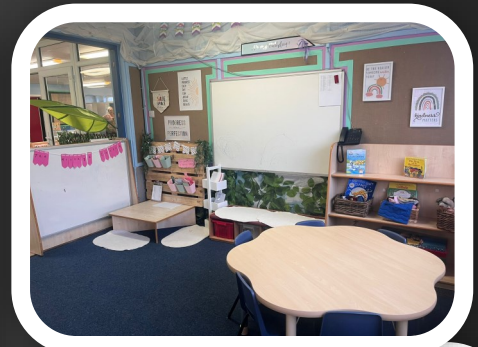
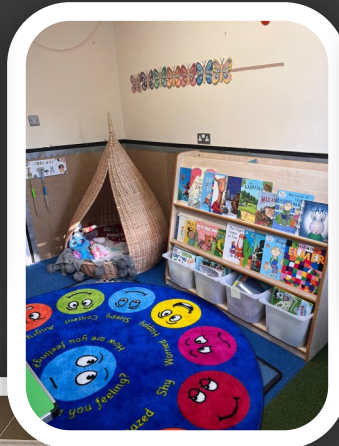
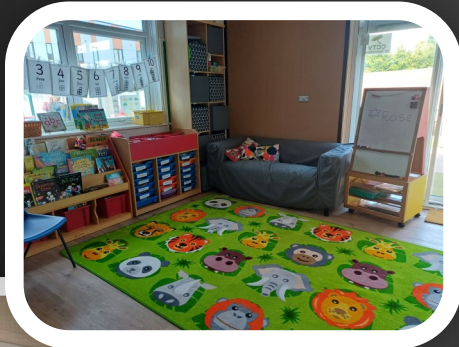
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Other improvements have included: New flooring, new roofs on the conservatory areas, and a new canopy above the Early Years outdoor space.



The Nursery input room and the Reception class areas have also had makeovers (thanks everyone for all your hard work) there!



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KS2 hasn't been left out! They've had a makeover to turn the open area into a library and reading space.



So, there are lots of changes already! We have a few more plans to improve the buildings and learning spaces, but I hope the children are happy with what we've achieved so far.


Please join us on TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 3:20-4:20pm to have a look around the school.

I look forward to seeing you soon, Miss Clements x

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Curriculum

This half-term, the curriculum focuses on the theme of Social Justice & Equity.

Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
<p>A unit about gender equality; kings and queens through history, comparison of Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II; study of castles.</p> 	<p>Children learn that knowledge is discovered and built upon through generations; study of the Ancient Greeks and influence on today's world, in particular magnetism and democracy.</p> 	<p>A study of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet and exploration of the issues within the play, which still resonate today. Focus on communicative and collaborative skills.</p> 

This half-term's topic of Social Justice and Equity encourages the children to start thinking about fairness and how different groups in our global society may be treated better or worse than others. Our younger children read 'The Paper Bag Princess' where the princess saves the prince, and they learn about kings and queens, comparing gender equality and stereotypes in the past and now. Older children learn about the Ancient Greeks, focusing on how knowledge is discovered and passed down through history. They also enjoy the Greek myths, learning about famous gods and heroes. Our oldest children study Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. They'll learn about the playwright and find out why his plays are still so popular today. Using the play as a starting point, they'll think about street crime, gangs and peer pressure, and most

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Who's Who?

Leadership Team

Miss Clements Headteacher

Mr England Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo

Ms Sweeney Head of Deaf Resource Base

Mrs O'Hanlon Forest School and Mental Health Lead

Mrs Carson School Business Manager

Teachers

Mrs Davies Nursery

Mrs England Reception

Mrs Nugent Year 1

Mr Houghton Year 2

Mrs O'Hanlon/Mrs Cartwright Year 3

Miss Kerr Year 4

Mr Hall Year 5

Miss Hunter Year 6

Mrs Woods DRB 1

Mrs Rigg DRB 2

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What have we been learning? Nursery



This has been our first full week in nursery and we have had lots of fun playing and making new friends.

We have been doing collages of our faces using lots of different materials. We have enjoyed playing outside , especially under our new all weather canopy . We decorated some cakes and ate them for snack time. We went in the hall for PE and played some listening games and played with the parachute . We have enjoyed playing in the new home corner and building with our new building blocks.

We have been very sensible and we have been very helpful, our teachers are very proud of the way we have settled in .

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What have we been learning? Reception



It has been an amazing week for our new reception children!! They have all settled into Knotty Ash beautifully and they have made a great start on their learning journey!

They have explored the indoor and outdoor environment in their new classroom, stayed for dinner and even had their first PE lesson!!

Reception have had their first BSL lesson and enjoyed learning all their teachers sign names! They are looking forward to learning the days of the week next week as well as the signs for the weather!! The children impressed us with how well they sat!!

One week down and we are all looking forward to next week already!

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What have we been learning? Year 1



Year 1 has had a brilliant first full week back in school! They're really started to settle in well and remember our school rules. In Maths, we've been looking at numbers within 10 practising counting. In English, we have started to look at the story Paper Bag Princess, focusing on the feelings of the characters in the pages we have read so far. In RE, we spoke about Christianity and that a special place for Christians to go is to church. In Science, we looked at materials and sorted everyday objects into groups such as wood, glass, metal and plastic. It has been a lovely week; we hope all our Year 1 families have a nice weekend!

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What have we been learning?

Year 2



Hello to all the children, parents and carers in Year 2.

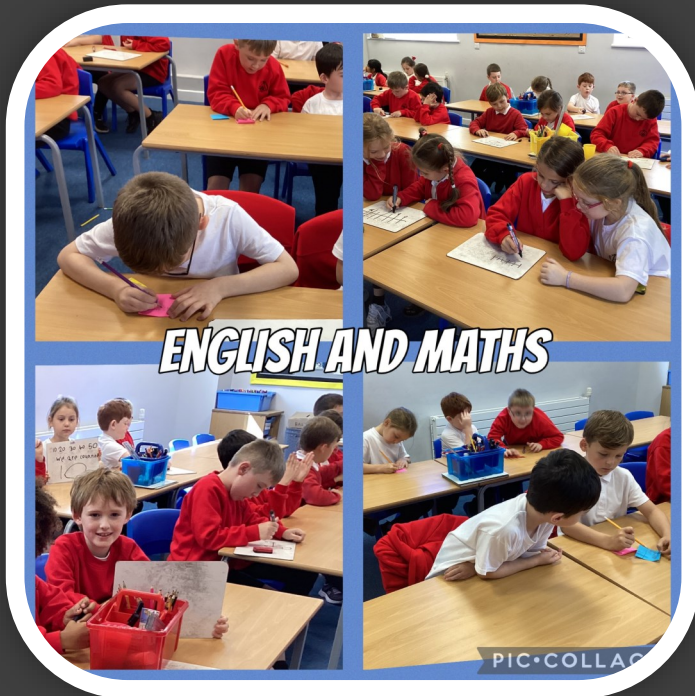
This is my first newsletter entry of the year and I've plenty to report. Firstly, the children have been settling in really well and adjusting to all of the lessons, rules and requirements that have landed in their lap after the long summer break. It's a lot for them to get used to and they're all pretty tired by the end of each day! I'm tremendously impressed with how well they're adapting. I'm adapting too of course, as for the last nine years I've been teaching in KS2. I have really experienced and hard-working support staff alongside me, however, so we've got everything we need to make this year one to remember. Our learning topics this term are centred on Gender and Monarchy - looking at Kings and Queens through the ages and people's attitudes towards jobs for girls and boys. We'll be building and visiting castles, making puppets, reading great stories, writing letters and developing our fluency with numbers upto 100. I'm also really looking forward to all the Harvest time, Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas activities we will be sharing together. It was Roald Dahl day yesterday and the children loved recalling their favourite Roald Dahl books and films. I look forward to filling you in each week on how we've got on and what we've been learning and experiencing. Have a great weekend!

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What have we been learning?

Year 3



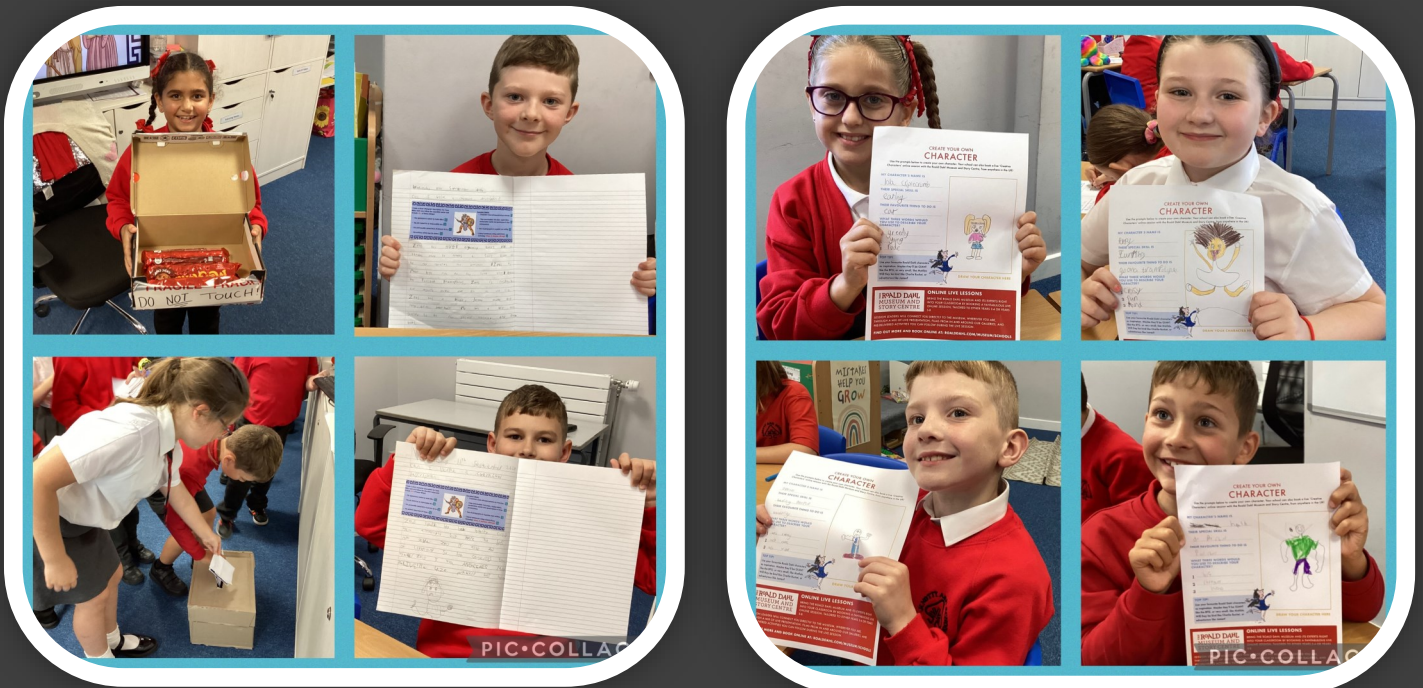
Year 3 have loved the first full week of their new Inclusive Curriculum unit exploring the Ancient Greeks! When a mystery box appeared in our classroom, we read the story of Pandora's Box before debating whether to open it or not! We learnt about the origins of democracy in Ancient Greece before casting our vote in the ballot box. The majority voted to open the box and luckily (unlike Pandora's Box), it was full of sweet treats! We were also excited to discover the way Ancient Greeks enjoyed the theatre and designed our own masks. In English, we have looked Zeus and his fellow Gods and Goddesses from Greek Mythology and in Maths, we have explored place value and counting in 10s. We also had lots of fun in Science too, investigating attraction and repulsion and finding out when magnets were first discovered . . . you guessed it - in Ancient Greece!

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What have we been learning?

Year 4



Year 4 have had a cracking first two weeks back to school! They have settled in well and have already produced some fantastic creative writing based around our theme of Ancient Greece. In English, we researched Greek Gods and Goddesses and wrote a detailed character description of Zeus. We discovered our very own Pandora's Box had been mysteriously left in our classroom, so we held a class vote to decide whether to open the box or keep it closed! This taught us all about democracy (which the Ancient Greeks created!) The majority voted for open and luckily for us, it was filled with delicious cookies! In Maths we have been looking at Place Value, focusing on numbers up to 1,000. We used our Base 10 in class to represent and partition our hundreds, tens and ones and have finished this week with counting to 1,000 on a number line. To celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday, we created our own characters with Mr. England and read 'The Witches.'

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What have we been learning?

Year 5



Year 5 have made a fantastic start to their year! We have been very impressed by the way in which the children have settled into class and worked incredibly hard. The class have begun

their topic this week and have researched the Tudors! There was so many fantastic historians and we have been so impressed with their research skills. I am sure these abilities will come in handy when we research the mighty William Shakespeare! The class have begun their PE unit in fitness and have been sending and receiving objects. In art, we finished off our self portraits and in Science we really enjoyed starting to learn about the heart and its different features! We then finished the week of with some religion and a bit of chess!

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What have we been learning? Year 6



Year 6 have had an amazing start back to school! All of us adults in year 6 have been so impressed with their hard working and positive attitude to learning and think they are setting an amazing example as the oldest in the school.

In our first week back we all got to know each other and tested our teamwork and communication with some team building activities and turns our making towers from spaghetti and blutack proved quite difficult!

We have got stuck into our new topics and our Inclusive Curriculum topic for this term, Romeo and Juliet. In English we started by looking at biographies, their features and analysing different biographies in preparation for writing our own Shakespeare biography next week. In maths everyone was done so well with our new place value topic, involving writing and reading numbers up to 10 million!

A highlight of last week was completing our first mile run as a class where all of year 6 completed the course and more importantly encouraged and cheered each other all the way round! In art we have been creating self portraits looking at proportion and scale as well as using different shading techniques to add tone. We also put these skills into practice in science where children drew the anatomy of the heart and they looked amazing! We then recreated the role of the heart outside, acting as the blood flow collecting 'oxygen' from the lungs and delivering it to the rest of the body. Then to finish's a busy week on Thursday we celebrated Roald Dahl day looking at the BFG and creating our own dream jars. It's safe to say year 6 is full of are aspiring footballers, Olympians and musicians! Well done on an amazing start to term year 6 keep it up!

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What have we been learning?

DRB 1



We've had an incredible start to the school year! During our first week, the children had a great time sharing their holiday stories with friends, and we were amused to find that everyone had been to a swimming pool over the summer!

We are thrilled with our new DRB rooms, which look fantastic thanks to the hard work of our amazing staff. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the space so beautiful.

As part of our autumn theme, we have enjoyed collecting fallen leaves, listening to the crunchy sounds as we swept them up and tidied the playground.

This week, we've also begun our new BSL story, "Sleeping Beauty," with Ann, where we've started identifying the different characters. In addition, we have been working hard on our number skills, sequencing numbers from 1 to 100 and finding missing numbers.

To celebrate Roald Dahl Day, we've explored the life of Roald Dahl and looked at the story "The Twits." The children had a blast making their own "Mr. Twit" beards!

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What have we been learning?

DRB 2



It's just wonderful to see everyone back in school ready for another fantastic year in Junior DRB. We've started the year off as we mean to go on by delving straight into our learning. In Maths, we have been polishing up on our number and place value skills by partitioning and representing numbers up to 100. In our Language lessons we have enjoyed sharing our summer holiday news: initially by showing photographs to each other and later by producing some lovely writing. We had a really fun PE lesson on Tuesday: we split into two teams and had to collect items, worth different points, from around the hall. To develop coordination and balance we had to move around in different and unusual ways - it was a lot of fun to watch! The end of the week saw the celebration of Roald Dahl's 108th birthday – we had an afternoon jam-packed with activities: Mrs French lead a session making dream jars, Miss Fisher taught the children how to make iMovies dedicated to Roald Dahl and Mrs Rigg showed the children how to make a mini book showcasing our favourite Roald Dahl books.

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Term Dates and Events

Tuesday 17th Sept	3:20pm Meet the Teacher Open Event
Friday 27th Sept	Liverpool Maths Party—themed day
Thursday 28th Sept	Open evening for parents/carers looking for Reception places from Sept '25
Friday 25th October	School finishes at 3:20pm for half-term (after-school care still available)
28th Oct—1st Nov	HALF TERM WEEK
Monday 4th Nov	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5th Nov	School reopens at 8:50am (breakfast club still available)
Tuesday 5th Nov	Knotty Ash fireworks at Bright Park

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

[School Term Dates and Inset Days – Knotty Ash Primary School](#)

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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/>

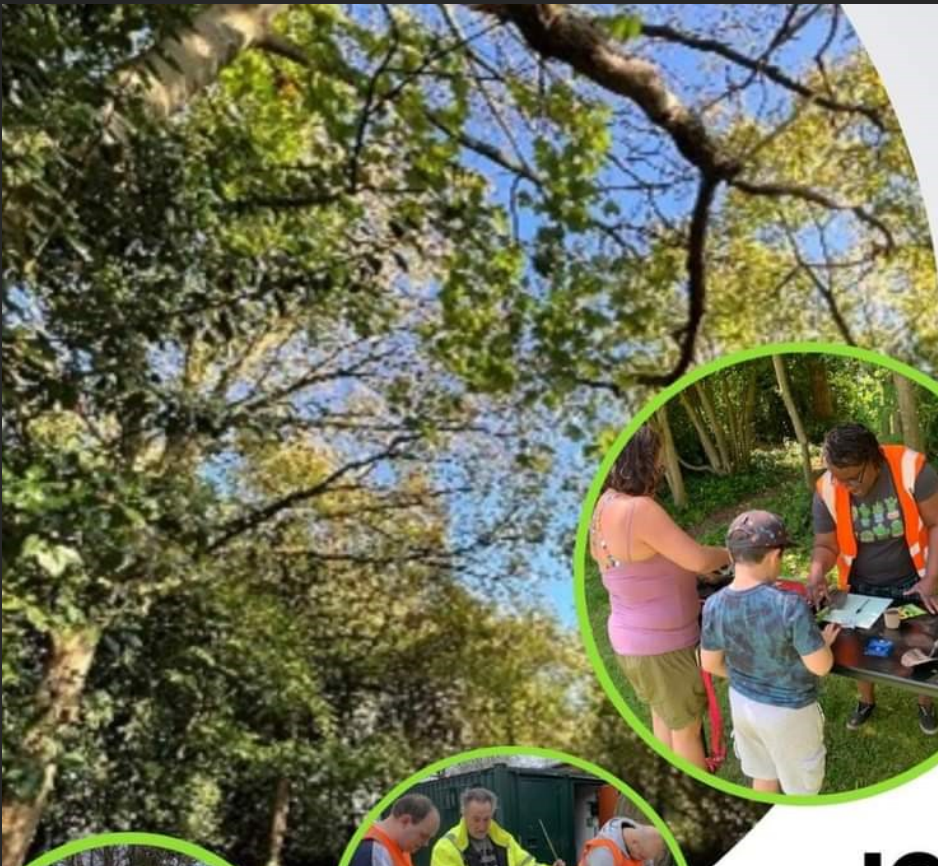
Locally, St John's Church offer a range of community groups and activities for families:

<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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JOIN OUR FRIENDS OF BRIGHT PARK VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY

Come and be a part of developing and maintaining the park and its programmes.

Get Involved With:

- Park Maintenance
- Educational Activities
- Event Organising
- Administration
- Holiday Clubs
- Fundraising



Come visit us at:

Bright Park,
81 Thomas Lane,
Knotty Ash, L14 5NS



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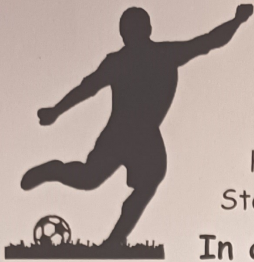


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Liverpool Football



Development

At Cardinal Heenan (Sports Hall)
Honey's Green Lane, Liverpool, L12 9HZ
Starting on Thursday 26th September 2024



In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1	6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 & Year 3	6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Thursday at Cardinal Heenan**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



Scott

**TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE
0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534**



We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked

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FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS PREMIER SOCCER COACHING



AT DIXONS BROADGREEN ACADEMY
QUEENS DRIVE, LIVERPOOL, L13 5UQ
STARTING THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024



Group 1	5.00pm – 6.00pm	School Years Reception and 1
Group 2	6.00pm – 7.00pm	School Years 2 and 3
Group 3	7.00pm – 8.00pm	School Years 4 +

Premier Soccer Coaching providing safe, fun enjoyable football coaching for Boys and Girls aged between 4 and 13 for 27 years! All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. Players are grouped together according to age and ability.

FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS. Places must be booked.

⊕ The course will be held on Thursday evenings, starting 12th September and will run for 12 weeks.

⊕ The cost of the course is £7.50 per week (which is payable every four weeks - £30)
HALF PRICE £3.75 per week for second and subsequent Brothers and Sisters (which is payable every four weeks - £15) with the first payment due on week 1.

⊕ ALL CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST 1 TROPHY on the final week of the course with opportunities for all players to win more during the course including Penalty shoot-out, World Cup competition and **NEW AWARDS** Best Defender and Golden Boot winner.

⊕ The children will be coached by DBS POLICE CHECKED and F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES who are used to working with and bringing the best out in children. The coaches will develop self-confidence and self-esteem through encouragement and positive reinforcements. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

⊕ The course will be held Indoors in the sports hall so trainers should be worn.

If you wish to book a place for your child or have any other questions, please contact us on the details below.

BOOK ONLINE www.premiersoccercoaching.co.uk

**Alternatively CALL 07305 065 525 or Text
BROADGREEN+ CHILD'S NAME+ GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3)
and receive confirmation by text
Stephen Carpenter
(Course Co-ordinator)**

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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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