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# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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# Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we welcome October, with the colder nights brings the first storm of the Autumn in Storm Amy; hopefully there aren't too many more to follow!

Can I say a big thank you to all of the parents and carers that came to our 'Meet the Teacher' night after school on Tuesday. I hope you all had the time you needed to have a look around your child's classroom and chat to their teaching staff. Y2 parents, I apologise that your evening needed to be rearranged, however, this will now take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October after school.

This week has been an exciting sporting week for us at Knotty Ash. We are now in the thick of events happening weekly at school. Our boys and girls football teams are training weekly after school and are busy preparing for their next fixtures. The cross country team was once again in action, this week at Newsham Park. Miss Hunter reported back that all children that attended ran brilliantly! A special mention to Megan who ran as a late call-up to the team and did us proud!



Seesaw

Can I just remind all parents to ensure that you have downloaded the Seesaw app onto your device so that you are able to keep up to date with your child's homework and learning. A polite reminder to all parents that this app should not be used to communicate with class teachers for anything other than your child's learning. All other questions and queries should be done so via the school office on [r.carson@knottyashprimary.co.uk](mailto:r.carson@knottyashprimary.co.uk). Teachers working hours are between 8am and 5pm, they will not respond to messages outside of these hours.

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### Our School Uniform



Just a reminder to all about ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform for school. Your child's footwear should be black, not brightly or multicoloured. Long hair should be tied back so that it is not in their face. The wearing of jewellery (except stud earrings), false nails or make-up is not allowed in school. On your child's PE day, they should come into school wearing the school PE kit, with their school jumper or cardigan on. Branded jumpers or hoodies are not to be worn into school on these days.

## TT Rockstars Day - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

As you may be aware we use an online times tables programme called TT Rockstars to support our pupils with their learning. To encourage awareness of this and boost engagement, we are holding a TT Rockstars Day! We would love the children to come in to school dressed as their favourite rockstar! We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per pupil, which we will use to enhance maths resources in each classroom.



At Knotty Ash we aim for 100% attendance for all of our pupils. Remember that school lessons start at 8.50am, any time after this then your child is late. Classroom doors open at 8.40am. Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence. If you do not do this then your child will be given an unauthorised absence mark and the school office will look to contact you in order to explain the absence. All children must be accounted for each day.

Attendance this week is as follows (we aim for every class to be above 98%):

Reception - 90%, Year 1 - 94.98%, Year 2 - 98.21%, Year 3 - 92.47%

Year 4 - 97.54%, Year 5 - 94.61%, Year 6 - 87.35%

**Attendance winner this week - Year 2!**



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# Class News

## Nursery



This week we have been reading Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson. We read the story first and then we acted it out in class with dressing up props. Some of us really enjoyed being the monster in the swamp. We also did some Room on the Broom mark making .

In maths we have been making sets of different objects and finding the odd one out which doesn't belong to the set . In PE we are been practising beanbag skills.

## Reception

Reception have had a wonderful week! We have been learning all about autumn and have even made our own hedgehogs from clay and owls out of leaves. They have been reading Bunnybear and have enjoyed creating their own story maps!

It was also reception's turn for Forest school so they enjoyed their morning of outdoor learning!



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# Class News

## Inf. DRB

We've had a lovely week in Infant DRB! Our focus has been on the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children had a fantastic time dressing up as their favourite characters and acting out the story – there were lots of giggles along the way!

We've also been spotting nouns from the story, such as bridge, river, grass, goat, and mountain. In our DRB outdoor area, we brought the story to life by building our own bridges and exploring our environment, which also gave us the chance to practise counting with natural objects.

In maths, we explored repeating patterns and the concept of "one less than," helping the children develop their number skills through fun, hands-on activities.

Gardening has been another highlight this week! We planted bulbs, and we're thrilled to see our grass starting to grow. Some shoots are already appearing, and we can't wait to watch them continue to grow.

Watch this space!



## Year 1

This week Year 1 enjoyed their Forest School session exploring nature. In music, the children have begun to learn to play the glockenspiel to their song for this half term, Hey You! We've also been looking at more and fewer in Maths, as well as beginning to understand and use the symbols for greater than, less than and equal to.

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# Class News

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a hard working week and their skills in all subjects are coming along really well. In English, we are using the setting of Paradise Falls from Up! to develop their persuasive writing skills – looking at different TV and print ads to see how the professionals do it. In Maths, we are coming to the end of our Place Value studies and the children are much more confident with their partitioning after a lot of practice! In Music, we've developed our clapping rhythms, singing and glockenspiel playing and in PE, our one legged balance skills continue to improve. Have a great weekend everyone!



## Year 3



How well we've done this week! We have challenged ourselves to work with numbers to 1000 in Maths and carried out an experiment in Science. Who knew you could recreate our digestive system with chocolate, bananas, orange juice and a pair of tights? What fun we had! We wrote descriptive sentences in the style of Roald Dahl In English and especially enjoying writing our own exclamations. Can you spot the two in this paragraph?

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# Class News

## Year 4

Year 4 have had a very busy week. They started off with some team building exercises in their P.E. They finished Monday with a drawing of Mr.Myles in the style of Quentin Blake (Cartoonist) which they really enjoyed. They focused on the digestive system in science and took part in a real-life model of the digestive system.

They focused on Judaism in RE.

They had lots of fun playing battleships after doing really well in their geography lesson on four-figure grid references.

They also enjoyed a session on "black heroes of mathematics".

They finished their week by completing their showcase write which was focused on describing a setting.



## Year 5



Year 5 have made the most of the dry weather this week and have enjoyed taking their learning outside of the classroom across different subjects. We kicked off the week in Forest school with Mrs O'Hanlon and on Tuesday we joined Year 6 for some drama activities on the field to help prepare us for the planning of our diary entries in English. In Maths, the class have continued to focus on rounding to 100,000 to practise our skills. We transformed into rockstars during our music lesson and practised singing and playing the glockenspiels to Bon Jovi's 'Livin' On A Prayer!' What a brilliant week!

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# Class News

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a great week of investigation. They have loved continuing our science topic on forces, investigating air resistance, even testing our parachutes from the roof! We then looked at water resistance, exploring how it links to surface area and timing how different playdough shapes fall in water. We also showed great curiosity when using digimaps to plot different the sights in Liverpool linked from the slave trade. In maths, we have been looking at prime, square and cubed types of numbers, spotting patterns and how we can prove their characteristics. Another busy week, keep working hard year 6!



## Jun. DRB



This week in Maths, Junior DRB have been learning all about number and place value. They started with fun, hands-on activities such as using number cards and counting blocks to practise ordering numbers and spotting patterns. Then, they used the iPads to play Place Value Basketball on Top Marks, which helped them build their skills in a fun and interactive way. To finish off the week, they completed number lines and fill-in-the-missing-number activities, to show what they had learned. It's been a great week full of practical, digital, and written learning!

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Hope you all have a good weekend. Please all stay safe in the stormy weather that is coming our way.


*Mr. England*

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# School News/Events

Can I draw your attention to an event which is currently happening in school every Monday. Although these sessions have started, we do have some availability. If anyone would like to join, please contact using the information below:

**Group  
Family Sign**



**Come & learn sign language with us!**




**Every Monday for 4 weeks**

**At Knotty Ash Primary School,  
Thomas Lane, Knotty Ash, L14 5NX**

**Starting  
Monday 29th September 2025  
1.00pm—2.30pm**

**For more information & to book your place please contact:**  
**E: [ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org](mailto:ICAN@deafnessresourcecentre.org)**  
**T: 01744 23887**

Deafness Resource Centre, 32-40 Dentons Green Lane, St Helens, WA10 2QB



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# Local news & events

Please see the below information regarding parental training being offered by the ASD team. Please contact them via the email below if you are interested.



Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Time: 9.30am – 12 noon  
Venue: Virtual Zoom

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you have early concerns about social communication and interaction or your child is awaiting assessment from the ASD pathway, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend the above workshop on Social Communication and Social Behaviour (**Both session dates need to be attended**).

If you wish to attend, please contact the team on the email below.  
Email: [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk)

If the above dates for the workshop are not suitable, please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.  
[Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

We look forward to meeting you.  
Yours sincerely

**ASD Training Team**

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