

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Head of School's Weekly Roundup

It has been a wonderfully busy week in school. Our cross-country team performed brilliantly at their race this week, showing great determination and team spirit—we are incredibly proud of them all. DRB also enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Unity Theatre on Friday, where the children represented the school beautifully and had a memorable experience.

We have also loved welcoming back three of our past pupils for work experience; it is always special when familiar faces return, and all three have been exceptional helpers in the classes they have supported. In addition, our 'Ask the OT' sessions were very well received and proved both informative and helpful for those who attended. Thank you to everyone who took part—this is certainly something we look forward to running again in the near future.

I wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend - hopefully in the sun, but not holding out much hope for that!

**Mr. England, Head of School**



### Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 96.80% - brilliant effort this week, thank you!

Best performing class: Year 2: 98.89% - Well done again Year 2!

Minutes late across whole school: 640 learning minutes lost

Lovely to see our attendance figures moving in the right direction at the moment. Our lost learning due to lates is significantly reduced this week too - a brilliant effort. Year 2 are once again our attendance winners this week, attending school 98.89% of the week - well done!

**We aim as a school for every child to achieve 97% attendance or above for a school year, which means no more than 5 days off across the entire year.**



### Calendar Dates

- 5 Mar** Ask the Occupational Therapist session in school
- World Book Day!
- Year 1 visit to The Reader
- 13 Apr** Inset Day - school closed for all children

### Slow down for Bobby



As part of the 'Slow Down for Bobby' programme, next week we will be carrying out road safety awareness activities outside of school at drop-off and pick-up times. This will involve some of the children handing out information leaflets to parents and carers, as well as giving out unofficial parking tickets to any vehicles that are parked unsafely. Please support us in this by parking responsibly and working with us as a school to ensure everyone is safe. If there are any parents or carers that would like to support us with this, please get in touch.



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### Focus on World Book Day!



#### Overview by Mr England

What a fantastic World Book Day we had at Knotty Ash! It was wonderful to see all of our children arriving at school dressed in their amazing costumes or cosy pyjamas. The excitement around the building was infectious, and we hope everyone enjoyed celebrating the day together.

Our Year 1 children had an extra-special start to the day with a visit to an author event at The Reader in Calderstones Park. They were thrilled to meet a real author and illustrator and took great delight in joining in with drawing activities. To make the day even more memorable, every child received a signed copy of a book to take home.

Back at school, children across all year groups immersed themselves in a wide range of book-themed activities. These included peer reading sessions, art lessons, creative writing opportunities, bookmark making, character design, acting out favourite stories, and so much more. The enthusiasm and imagination shown by the children truly brought stories to life. It was a wonderful day of reading, creativity, and fun at Knotty Ash—one we're sure the children will remember for a long time!



### A Special Mention

#### Congratulations to our Knotty Ash Girls football team

A special mention to our Girls footballers this week who played in their city finals on Thursday. Although the girls did not bring the trophy home this time, we are all immensely proud of their efforts in getting as far as they did in the competition.

Well done to all of the girls who have been a part of the team this school year, we hope you have enjoyed the journey you have been on together. A big thank you to Mrs McCormick and Mrs Rees for giving up their time and energy to help support the team.

### Competition winner!

Thank you to everyone that sent in a photograph for the nature competition over half-term, I can now finally let you know that after much deliberation between the staff in school, the winner of the competition was...Fred in Reception. Fred took this amazing picture of a robin when out with his family. I visited Fred this morning to award him his prize.



### Parent Information



#### FAMILY SIGN

We are delighted to let you know that we will be hosting some family sign lessons for parents and carers who are interested in learning BSL. Sessions start on Thursday 12th March at 2.00pm, and will run for 3 weeks.

If anyone is interested in taking part, please contact the school office to book your place.