

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Head of School's Weekly Roundup

Welcome back everyone to the start of the Summer Term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break. Our children have returned to school looking smart, settled and ready to learn, with the summer uniforms looking fantastic and providing a welcome change at this time of year.

This half-term is set to be action-packed, with lots happening across the school. It is also an important term for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their SATs assessments, and they are working hard each day to practise and perfect their skills.

We have welcomed a visit from Merseyside Police this week, which is explained in more detail later in the newsletter: this was extremely well received.

I am very much looking forward to the better weather ahead as we move further into the term.

**Mr. England, Head of School**



### Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 96.84%

Best performing class: Year 4: 99.55%

Minutes late across whole school: 525 learning minutes lost

A reminder that if your child is going to absent from school, you must ring the school office before 9am. Year 5 are our attendance winners this week, attending school 97.64% 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

**23 Apr** Y3 & 4 Residential to YHA Ravenstor

**27 Apr** Drama Performance for whole school - Oliver Twist

**11 May** Y6 SATS start

### Visit from Merseyside Police & Community Team

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils were visited this week by representatives from Merseyside Police and Liverpool City Council's Community Team. The sessions focused on important issues including staying safe online, cyberbullying, hate crime, and knife crime. It was a highly engaging and thought-provoking assembly which the children responded to very positively. These important topics were addressed sensitively, and the children showed excellent maturity throughout.





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### Focus on KS2 DRB

#### Overview by Mrs Rigg

DRB have returned to school brilliantly this term, showing a fantastic attitude to learning from the very first day. The week began with the children confidently presenting their Easter holiday recounts to their classmates. Every child stood up in front of the class to share their experiences, which required a great deal of confidence and bravery. It was lovely to see how supportive and respectful the children were towards one another during these presentations.

Following this, the children created some beautiful pictures inspired by their recounts. They took real care with their drawings, adding thoughtful details to represent their experiences. The children then wrote excellent descriptive sentences around their pictures, using a range of vocabulary to bring their writing to life. A lot of hard work and effort went into this activity, and the progress shown was fantastic. All members of staff were extremely pleased with the quality of the work produced and the pride the children took in it.

In maths, we are currently focusing on learning about time. The children have worked very hard and are now confidently telling the time to the hour and half past the hour. We are beginning to build on this knowledge as we work towards recognising quarter past and quarter to the hour. The children are showing increasing confidence and enthusiasm during our maths lessons.

Finally, in preparation for the Oliver Twist performance taking place in a couple of weeks, we have begun exploring the story and learning about the different characters. The children have enjoyed discussing the plot and characters, and it has been lovely to see their excitement grow as we prepare for the upcoming performance.



### A Special Mention

#### Year 5 - Anthony

This week, Anthony has been a true superhero to another member of our school community. When another child needed first aid, Anthony showed great bravery and maturity by quickly shouting for a teacher to come over and help. His quick thinking and calm response meant that the situation was dealt with straight away and everyone was kept safe.

Anthony's actions showed kindness, responsibility, and a real willingness to look out for others. We are very proud of him for making such a positive choice and being an excellent role model to his peers.



We will once again be the host setting for an LSSP holiday camp this May half-term. Please use the QR code below to sign up to this camp. Just a reminder, this camp is not run by us as a school. LSSP are a private company who use our site to run their camps. No Knotty Ash staff will be present at the camp and all bookings and queries must be directed to LSSP and not to school.

**LSSP**

**£15**  
Per Day

**LSSP MAY CAMP**

Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May

Knotty Ash Primary School-  
Thomas lane, L14 5NX

9:00-15:00

Bring your own lunch

Scan to register

### Teach Rex run London Marathon

Our friends at Teach Rex are looking to make history, Jam the T. rex, will be running the London Marathon with the Teach Rex team. For the first time in 65 million years, a dinosaur will be pounding the streets again... this time in the London Marathon!

Jam the T. rex — a 2-metre tall, 4-metre long, 25kg dinosaur will STOMP the London Marathon with the support of the Teach Rex team. Jam is raising money for the NSPCC and is currently fundraising. If anyone would like to support this great cause, please go to:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jamteachrexlondonmarathon?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jamteachrexlondonmarathon?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

