

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Head of School's Weekly Roundup

The week began with a whole-school performance of Oliver Twist, which was absolutely brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children. We have also been treated to a magnificent musical performance this week from our Wednesday Music Club, which is mentioned in more detail later in the newsletter. At the time of writing this, our girls' football team have set off for Liverpool Academy to compete in their city final; I wish them the very best of luck and hope to report more on their success next week.

Please be sure to check the Calendar Dates section below, where all class assembly dates have now been added—these are always special moments not to be missed.

Finally, after spending time away last week on a residential with our Year 3 and 4 children, I want to say how exceptional this group were. They were an absolute pleasure to take away and represented Knotty Ash incredibly well at all times. Several members of the public commented on how polite, kind, and respectful our children were, which made me a very proud teacher indeed. I hope the memories they brought home with them will last.

Mr. England, Head of School



Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 95.2%

Best performing class: Year 1: 97.5%

Minutes late across whole school: 542 learning minutes lost

A reminder that if your child is going to absent from school, you must ring the school office before 9am. If you fail to do so our office staff will attempt to contact you to understand the reason for absence. Every child must be accounted for, every day.



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

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| 7 May | Year 5 Assembly |
| 11 May | Y6 SATS start |
| 19 May | School Nurse visiting Y6 |
| 21 May | Year 3 Assembly |
| 11 June | Deaf Awareness Assembly |
| 16 June | Year 2 Assembly |
| 18 June | Year 1 Assembly |
| 22 June | Year 4 Assembly |
| 25 June | Nursery Assembly |
| 9 July | Reception Assembly |

Music Club Performance



Mr Houghton has been working tirelessly with his Music Club band every Wednesday after school for quite some time, and all of this dedication from both him and the children led to an amazing performance on Wednesday afternoon. Families were invited into the Year 5 classroom, where the children confidently performed a selection of songs they have learned on the guitar and keyboard. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their musical talents, and they should be extremely proud of themselves. A huge well done to Mr Houghton and to everyone who took part in this fantastic club.



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Focus on Y3/4 residential

Overview by Mrs Cartwright

What a fantastic time we had in the Peak District! And how lucky we were with the weather! It was perfect for our countryside walks, lunchtime picnics and playing together on the grass outside our youth hostel. To give us extra energy, we had regular trips to our 'Sweet Store on the Steps' with all the treats that were sent in to share! On the way, we enjoyed exploring Poole's cavern, one of the many limestone caves that the area is famous for. Their staff were very complimentary about our behaviour, particularly our manners in the shop where we had a fine time using our maths skills to work out our spends! Probably our favourite thing was the excitement of sharing a room with our friends with some of us bravely spending our first night away from home. We also enjoyed mealtimes together and listening to one of Mr England's famous stories about how Ravenstor got its name. Although we were tired after all our adventures, everyone had a ROARsome time and our teachers were so impressed with the way we looked after each other. We did ourselves and Knotty Ash proud!



A Special Mention

Year 6 - Dylan

Dylan, who is in our junior DRB, has recently been given a place on the Deaf England Football team. He was scouted and completed a series of trials, but we are delighted to tell you that he has been successful and now has a place on the team. We are all unbelievably proud of this achievement and we wish Dylan good luck in what is hopefully a long and successful footballing career.



May half-term camp

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.

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

Information for Parents

We will once again be hosting our popular Family Sign lessons for anyone interested in learning British Sign Language (BSL). These sessions have always been very well attended and offer a fantastic opportunity for beginners to take their first steps into sign language, or for those with some experience to continue their learning journey. If you're interested in taking part, please book using the contact details provided on the flyer.

Group family sign

Come along and learn or practice basic BSL with others

Where: Knotty Ash Primary School, Thomas Lane, Liverpool, L14 5NX

When: Wed 9am - 10am
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th June 2026

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