

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th May 2026

Head of School's Weekly Roundup

It has been a fantastic week in school, particularly for our Year 6 pupils, who have been superb throughout their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard all year to reach this point and have approached each of their tests with determination, resilience and a positive attitude. We are very proud of the effort and maturity they have shown, and we are confident that they have done themselves proud.

It has also been lovely over the past few weeks to return to teaching athletics. This is always an exciting time of year as we begin to refocus on sports that are not regular throughout the whole year, and the children have really enjoyed getting involved and developing their skills. Looking ahead, in the first week after half-term, we will be taking approximately 20–30 pupils to the athletics competition at Wavertree Track, where they will compete against other local schools. This is an event where Knotty Ash has traditionally performed very well, and we are hopeful that this success will continue this year.

Finally, a short note regarding attendance. Whilst it is encouraging to see that the number of late arrivals is improving—thank you for your continued support with this—it has been noted that overall attendance has dipped slightly in recent weeks. Good attendance is essential in helping children make the most of their learning, so we would really appreciate your support in ensuring children are in school every day where possible. Let's aim for a strong final week and finish the half-term on a positive note.

Mr. England, Head of School



Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 93.03%

Best performing class: Reception: 97.22%

Minutes late across whole school: 216 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

- 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



Goodbye and thank you to Miss Stokes

We would like to say a big goodbye, thank you and good luck to Miss Stokes, who has been completing her university placement in Reception. She finished today and will now return to university before moving on to another school next year.

It has been extra special for us, particularly for Mrs England, as Miss Stokes was once a pupil at Knotty Ash and in Mrs England's class (when she was Miss Carlin). We are very proud of her and wish her every success in the future.

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Focus on Year 6 SATS

Overview by Miss Hunter

Year 6 have been truly fantastic this week and have approached their SATs with determination, resilience and a wonderfully positive attitude. Over the course of the week, they completed six different tests, covering spelling, grammar, reading and mathematics. Each test brought its own challenges, but the children showed real focus, perseverance and confidence throughout.

Their work ethic has been exceptional, and they have taken everything in their stride, supporting and encouraging one another along the way. We have been incredibly impressed with the way they approached each day, demonstrating not only their academic abilities but also their maturity and readiness for the next stage of their education. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Throughout the week, they have shown such sensible and mature behaviour, handling any pressures calmly and positively. Today, they had the opportunity to celebrate the end of SATs with a well-deserved party this morning, followed by a relaxing movie this afternoon – a lovely way to recognise all of their hard work and effort.

Well done, Year 6 – you are all superstars! ★

From Monday, it will be straight back to learning as we continue to focus on developing and improving our writing in preparation for the end-of-year assessments.



A Special Mention

Nursery - Thomas

Our special mention this week goes to Thomas in Nursery. He has been trying really hard in school and we love the wonderful models he creates with the cubes.

Thomas also deserves recognition for being such a super helper at home while his baby brother has been unwell. He has shown great maturity by continuing to come into school each day with a positive attitude, ready to play and learn with his friends.

We are all very proud of you, Thomas—keep it up!



May half-term camp

Spaces for the half-term camp and filling up fast. Use the QR code below to book on.



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

£15 Per Day

Scan to register

Information for Parents

As you know, as a school we work closely with Liverpool Occupational Therapy Services. They are running a free virtual workshop on Tuesday 19th May, where they are offering help and guidance to parents and professionals. If you are interested, please contact them on: info@liverpool-occupational-therapy-services.co.uk



**SENSORY STRATEGIES
TO SUPPORT YOUR
CHILD AT HOME**

- Simple, realistic strategies you can start using straight away
- Guidance from an experienced Occupational Therapist
- A chance to ask the questions that matter to you

**TUESDAY 19TH MAY
10AM - 11.30AM**

Email info@liverpool-occupational-therapy-services.co.uk