

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

Head of School's Weekly Roundup

It has been a busy end to the half-term week. Our junior children continue to work hard as they prepare for an athletics event in the first week back after the break.

Keeping with the sporting theme, we sent a group of girls to a cricket tournament at Alder Road this week. They performed exceptionally well, thoroughly enjoyed the day, and gained some valuable new skills along the way.

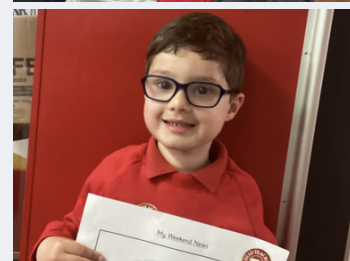
We were also treated to a wonderful assembly delivered by Year 3 on Thursday morning. Everyone in attendance was in awe of their performance. The speaking and singing were exceptional, and the Roman song was a particular highlight of mine.

This week has also been Mental Health Week at Knotty Ash, and I would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs O'Hanlon for organising such a meaningful programme. Our "Wear Green for Mental Health" day on Wednesday was very well received, and we hope the children have taken away important lessons that they can use in their everyday lives.

I'd like to mention some exceptional work that was brought to me this week, Jacob in Reception brought me the most wonderful piece of writing and I wanted to give him a special well done in my newsletter. Keep working hard Jacob.

I'd like to wish you all a restful (and hopefully warm) half-term break. A reminder that school starts back again at 8.50am on Tuesday 2nd June.

Mr. England, Head of School



Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 90.12%

Best performing class: Reception: 93.75%

Minutes late across whole school: 465 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

- 2 June** School returns after half-term
- 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 Ms Rodgers & Miss Hancock

Today, we are sadly saying goodbye to two members of staff. Ms Rodgers brings to an end her 10 year association with Knotty Ash. She has worked in lots of different roles while she has been with us, all of which she has done brilliantly in, always showing compassion and kindness. Miss Hancock, although she only been with us for a short time has had a big impact on the school. Her care and attention to the children she has supported has been wonderful. Both are moving on in their careers to new challenges and I'd like to take this moment to say thank you and good luck.

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Focus on Nursery

Overview by Mrs Davies

Nursery have had a wonderfully busy and engaging week, immersing themselves in learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly. As part of this topic, they have been exploring the much-loved story The Hungry Caterpillar, which has captured their imaginations and supported their understanding of growth and change. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking their learning outdoors during Forest School sessions, where they went on an exciting mini-beast hunt, searching carefully for different creatures in their natural habitats.

Back in the classroom, the learning has continued as the children have been developing their early maths skills by sorting and classifying a range of bugs. They have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout these activities, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their discoveries with one another. Last week, we were also delighted to host a very successful stay-and-play session. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to join us and support this event. It was fantastic to see so many families in attendance, and the children absolutely loved having the opportunity to show off their classroom, their learning, and the activities they enjoy each day. It was a truly special session that highlighted the strong partnership between home and school.



Mount Everest climb

One of our former pupils, and the brother of a current staff member (Mrs Woods) is currently on his way to the summit of Mount Everest. He is climbing to raise money for The National Deaf Children's Society. If you are able to give anything towards this great cause, please click the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/michaelwoods-everest?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



A Special Mention

Year 4 - Natty

Last week Natty travelled to Birmingham for a Punch and Judy event, where he, as one of the UK's youngest puppeteers, performed a special show and received a certificate, a handmade oak slapstick, and even won a Mr Punch in the raffle. He continues his journey in this field and I just wanted to let him know how proud we all are of his achievements at Knotty Ash. If anyone would like to see Natty perform, he is at Gulliver's World "Have-a-Go" theatre often.



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