

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026

Head of School's Weekly Roundup

It has been a very busy week at Knotty Ash! Our Year 1 children have been working incredibly hard completing their Phonics Screening Check this week. I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for their dedication and effort throughout the year to reach this point. In addition, our staff have worked tirelessly across the whole school to strengthen phonics and reading in every year group. We are seeing phenomenal results, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to Mrs England and Mrs Nugent for their outstanding work. This week, we were also delighted to welcome a visiting author into school. She spoke to the children about what it is like to be an author and how she brings her ideas to life through storytelling. It was an inspiring experience for all.

Our Ukulele Club also started this week, and it was wonderful to walk past Year 2 and hear the early sounds of what will no doubt become a masterpiece!

Last week, our Year 4 children completed their Multiplication Check. Once again, I would like to say a big well done to the children and thank the staff for all of their hard work in preparing them. Finally, I would like to raise a concern regarding whole school attendance. Our attendance this week is the lowest it has been all year. It is vitally important that we see all of our children in school every day. Even one day of absence can have an impact on a child's education. The children who make the strongest progress and achieve the best outcomes are those with the highest attendance.

Please remember that we remain in school until Friday 19th July, and I very much hope to see our attendance improve over the coming weeks.

Mr. England, Head of School



Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 85.1%

Best performing class: Reception: 95.37%

Minutes late across whole school: 1210 learning minutes lost *We really need to improve this figure next week. This is a lot of learning 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

- 16 June** Year 2 Assembly
- 18 June** Year 1 Assembly
- 22 June** Year 4 Assembly
- 22 June** Rec-Y6 Book Look
- 23 June** School Photographer
- 24 June** Y2 Book Look
- 25 June** Nursery Assembly
- 30 June** Sports Day
- 9 July** Reception Assembly



Goodbye and good luck to Miss Shea & Mr Delbart

Today we say goodbye to Miss Shea and Mr Delbart, who have both been part of the Knotty Ash team since the Autumn term. I would like to sincerely thank them for the hard work, energy, and care they have shown to the pupils during their time here. Their dedication has made a real difference, and they will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils alike. We wish them all the very best as they move on to the next steps in their careers.

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Focus on District Athletics

Overview by Mr England

It has been an incredible week for our Knotty Ash athletics team! On Monday, our pupils travelled to Wavertree to compete in their district event. Unfortunately, due to poor weather conditions, the event was cut short after just 20 minutes. Despite this disappointment, our athletes showed resilience and returned to the track today — and what a return it was!

Our squad of approximately 30 children set off early this morning, ready to compete in a range of events including the 60m sprint, 150m sprint, 800m, hurdles, long jump, and high jump. We had high hopes for all of our athletes, having seen the fantastic progress they have made during training sessions in school.

I am absolutely delighted to share that both our girls' and boys' teams have been crowned district champions! They have proudly brought two beautiful trophies back to school, which will take pride of place in our trophy cabinet.

A huge well done to every child who took part today — Knotty Ash is incredibly proud of you all. Your hard work, determination, and teamwork have truly paid off.

Thank you also to all the staff who have supported and prepared the children so well, enabling them to compete with such confidence and skill.

For some of our athletes, the journey continues with the upcoming city championships. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve next and wish them the very best of luck!



School Charity Day - Cure EB

As previously communicated last week, on Thursday 9th July we will be holding a school charity day to raise money for Cure EB. On this day, the children will take part in a range of exciting activities, all in support of this fantastic cause.

Thank you to the families who have already been in touch to offer their help and support—it is greatly appreciated. If anyone else is able to contribute in any way, please let us know at school, as we hope to make this a truly special day for our children while raising as much money as possible for Cure EB.

If you would like to find out more about the charity, please visit:

<https://cure-eb.org/>



A Special Mention

The Burrow - Carter

Carter has had an amazing week in school this week. He has been working hard to transition calmly from one activity to the next and the staff have been so impressed with his kindness and calmness each day. We are so proud of the progress Carter has made recently - a big well done to him!



Year 1 - Published!

Our Year 1 children have had some of their artwork published, and we are thrilled to celebrate this fantastic achievement with them. The book, *Monster Mayhem*, features a wonderful collection of child-designed monsters, each full of creativity and imagination. Our Year 1 children worked incredibly hard to create their very best monsters, giving them all unique and original names! We celebrated this special moment with them this morning, and they were all extremely proud of their work. A huge well done to our Year 1 children—what a fantastic accomplishment! 🌞

