

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026

Head of School's Weekly Roundup

It has been another learning-filled week at Knotty Ash Primary School.

My highlights this week have been the fantastic Year 1 and Year 2 class assemblies. It was wonderful to see both classes share a summary of their year and to celebrate just how much progress they have made. I spoke during the Year 1 assembly about how important these milestones are in our children's lives and how much they have already achieved on their journey here at Knotty Ash. We are very proud of them and we know you all are too.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils visited Childwall Secondary School today to take part in a culture and heritage event. They worked with renowned Liverpoolian poet Amina Atiq, exploring themes of belonging, culture, and identity. The children returned to school full of enthusiasm, clearly inspired by what they had experienced. We hope to use the learning from this workshop to introduce these topics to all of the children at Knotty Ash in the coming weeks.

Finally, I am delighted to share some exciting news. We have recently received a generous gift of eight brand-new VR headsets from Avantis Education. Staff took part in an excellent training session this week to explore how we can use this technology to enhance learning across the curriculum. The headsets will be introduced to pupils soon, and we are very much looking forward to the impact this will have on enriching their learning experiences.

Mr. England, Head of School



Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 94.1%

Best performing class: Year 4: 95.86%

Minutes late across whole school: 601 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

- 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 Stay & Play
- 9 July** Charity Day for Cure EB
- 14 July** Y6 Leavers Assembly
- 17 July** Summer Term ends - 1.30pm

Uniform Reminder

We recognise that the recent warm weather means children may feel more comfortable without jumpers or cardigans; however, we would like to remind you of our expectations regarding school uniform. We have noticed an increasing number of children attending school in incorrect or non-uniform clothing. Please note also, that PE kits should only be worn on designated PE days. On all other days, children are expected to be in full school uniform.

For warmer weather, appropriate uniform includes: smart shorts with a red polo shirt, or a summer dress. Black shoes or trainers should be worn.

In addition, we have seen a rise in children coming to school with false or excessively long nails. These can make writing and completing work more difficult and pose a safety risk during play, as they can easily catch or cause scratches.

For this reason, we ask that children do not come to school with false or long nails. Thank you for working with us on this issue.

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Focus on: Reception farm visit

Overview by Mrs England

On Wednesday, our Reception Class enjoyed a fun-filled visit to Croxteth Farm. The excitement began early in the day, with the children eager to board the bus and start their adventure.

On arrival, the children were given food to feed the animals and were guided around the farm by a farmer. They listened beautifully as she explained all about the animals and how they are cared for. A particularly memorable moment came when the farmer had to temporarily lock us inside a gate after two goats made a cheeky escape! Thankfully, they were quickly rounded up and safely returned, allowing our tour to continue.

As with any trip, the children began asking for their lunch from around 10am, so when the time finally came to enjoy their packed lunches, they were absolutely delighted!

In the afternoon, we continued exploring more of the farm before taking a short walk through the park. Mr England treated everyone to a refreshing lolly ice, and we all enjoyed relaxing together in the shade before heading back to school.

It was a fantastic day, and the children were a credit to the school, behaving beautifully throughout.



A Special Mention

Year 1 - Delilah (Matilda)

I was blown away by the talent of this little girl today in her class assembly. Delilah had the confidence and talent to sing the solo of a well-known song from the musical Matilda in front of all of her friends, teachers and all of the parents. It was very much a 'WOW' moment and I wanted to celebrate this moment and also let her know how proud we are of her. Well done Delilah!



Book Look!

This is a reminder to join us next week for our Book Look event. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to come into school, look through the excellent work your children have produced throughout the year, and celebrate their successes with them.

Your child's class teacher will also be available to answer any questions you may have about their work.

Book Look dates:

- Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6: Monday 22nd June, 3:30-4:30pm
- Year 2: Wednesday 24th June, 3:30-4:30pm

We hope you are able to join us and look forward to welcoming you.

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/>

