

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026

Head of School's Weekly Roundup

This week's newsletter is jam-packed with all the lovely things that have been happening at Knotty Ash!

We have been treated to two fantastic class assemblies. The week began with Year 4 performing in front of their parents. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed their whistle-stop tour of the year so far. It was wonderful to see just how much this class's confidence has grown, with every child taking part and performing in their own way—a real pleasure to watch.

On Thursday, it was our Nursery class's turn to take to the stage in front of their parents and loved ones. There truly was not a dry eye in the hall! The children wowed us with their learning on Jack and the Beanstalk and The Hungry Caterpillar, as well as their knowledge of how flowers grow. This was all topped off with some beautiful songs and dances—what a special performance!

I would also like to thank all of the parents who attended our Book Look events this week. It was lovely to welcome you into school and celebrate your children's learning together. I hope you were impressed by the work in their books and the fantastic progress they have made since September.

A quick reminder that next week is our School Sports Day on Tuesday. Please make sure you attend at the correct time so you don't miss your child's events.

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine! ☀️

Mr. England, Head of School



Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 90.20%

Best performing class: Year 4: 92.71%

Minutes late across whole school: 759 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.



Water Safety information



Calendar Dates

- 30 June** Sports Day
- 3 July** Own clothes 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



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Focus on: Trips to JMU & Philharmonic

Overview by Mr England

On Tuesday, Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic, where they watched a live classical music performance. The show was brilliant and perfectly pitched for our children, making classical music exciting, engaging and accessible.

The children particularly loved the lively Gingerbread Woman presenter, as well as seeing a range of instruments up close, including the beautiful golden harp, violins, cellos and a variety of percussion instruments arranged across the stage. The quality of the sound was incredible and created a truly memorable experience for everyone.

All of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and represented the school brilliantly. A huge thank you must go to Resonate Music Education Company, who very kindly provided free tickets for all of our pupils—this generosity made the trip possible and greatly appreciated.

On Monday, Year 6 visited Liverpool John Moores University to take part in an exciting entrepreneurship workshop.

During the session, the children worked in small business teams to explore how companies operate. They learned about the different roles within a business, the importance of teamwork, and how different personality types contribute to running a successful organisation. They also discussed the basics of budgeting and financial decision-making.

Their challenge was to design and plan their own start-up business within a set budget and time frame. The pupils showed fantastic creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills as they developed their ideas. At the end of the workshop, each group confidently presented their business plans to the rest of the group. It was a fantastic and engaging morning, and all of the children gained valuable knowledge and skills that will support them in their future learning and careers.



Raffle Prizes - Cure EB

An update on the raffle prizes that are on offer for our Summer Raffle, which will be drawn on Thursday 9th July:

Safari Park tickets, Royal Court tickets, meal at Fredericks, boxing gym classes, Gulliver's World tickets, cinema tickets, wide variety of toys, games and sports equipment and bottle/sweet treat hampers.

Please buy your tickets from the school office priced at £1.00 per strip.

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

Year 4 - Gracie

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Gracie, who has been awarded a Distinction in her recent Musical Theatre exam at LIPA. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of her dedication, talent and hard work. Gracie has shown great commitment recently, putting all of her energy into every opportunity that comes her way. Her determination and positive attitude have really stood out, and it is wonderful to see her efforts being rewarded.



Visiting Artist

Reception had a wonderful visitor on Friday morning – Shaun, Summer's dad! Shaun, a talented local artist, spoke to the children about his recent Toy Story artwork and shared how he uses simple shapes to create his paintings. The children loved learning from Shaun and were fully engaged as he demonstrated his techniques. They then had the opportunity to sketch and paint their own artwork, supported by Shaun, and produced some fantastic pieces. It was a lovely, creative experience for the children and we are very grateful to Shaun for giving his time and sharing his skills with us. You can see more of his artwork on Instagram: @artist_hornby