

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2026

Head of School's Weekly Roundup

As the end of the school year draws ever closer, the pace of life at school seems only to be accelerating. Once again, this week has been absolutely jam-packed, and I can only highlight a fraction of the many activities that have taken place across Knotty Ash School.

As I mentioned last week, all of our children have taken part in a Culture and Heritage Project in their classrooms this week. Their learning and hard work were celebrated during this afternoon's assembly, and I was incredibly proud of the high quality of work on display. The children have learned so much about their own cultures and backgrounds, as well as developing a greater understanding and appreciation of the cultures of others. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement throughout the project. On Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils visited their new secondary schools for their transition day. This is always an important milestone and provided a valuable opportunity for them to begin building confidence and familiarity with their next stage of education. While Year 6 were away, all of our other children had the chance to spend time in their new classes and meet the teachers and support staff they will be working with next year. It was an exciting day for everyone and helped to build anticipation for September. Some of our Key Stage 2 children also attended the Wavertree Sports Centre this week to take part in the 'Big Birthday Bash'. It was a fun-filled day where the children were able to try a range of new sports and activities. The event was enjoyed by all, and it was fantastic to see the children demonstrating such enthusiasm, teamwork and determination. I am delighted to report that both the children and staff had a wonderful time. Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who supported today's own clothes day by sending in a donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. These donations will now be used to create hampers for our upcoming raffle, and your continued support helps make events such as these possible. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. England, Head of School

Attendance Snapshot

Whole school attendance this week: 92.91%

Best performing class: Year 6: 96.43%

Minutes late across whole school: 530 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

- 6 July** Houses Week
- 8 July** Circus 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

DRB Curling Event

On Wednesday, Junior DRB attended the North West Deaf New Age Kurling Championships. We entered two teams and competed against fifteen other teams. We are thrilled to share that one of our teams brought home a silver medal – what an incredible achievement! A huge congratulations to Enes, Vinny, Ryan and Louis for their outstanding performance, and well done to all involved.



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Focus on: Sports Day 2026!

Overview by Mr England

This week, we had the pleasure of celebrating our children's sporting abilities at our annual Sports Day. We were incredibly fortunate with the weather and managed to enjoy a relatively dry day for all of the events, which helped create a fantastic celebration of sport and participation for everyone involved.

Once again, we chose to organise the day as a non-competitive carousel of activities, allowing every child the opportunity to demonstrate their skills across all events. This approach ensured that the focus remained on participation, enjoyment and personal achievement, and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and determination shown by all of the children.

I would like to give a special mention to our EYFS children, many of whom were taking part in a Sports Day for the very first time. As you can imagine, performing in front of a large audience can be overwhelming for some, but they all rose to the challenge superbly, taking part with confidence and huge smiles on their faces.

I was fortunate enough to attend all of the events throughout the day (I apologise for the bad jokes and the 80s and 90s rock music!), which gave me the opportunity to see the progression of skills from Nursery right through to Year 6. It was fantastic to witness how our children develop their confidence, coordination and teamwork as they move through the school.

A huge well done to every child who took part and gave their best effort. I would also like to thank all of our staff, whose hard work and organisation helped make the day such a success.

Finally, thank you to all of our families for your fantastic support throughout the day—and, of course, for taking part in the parents' race! We look forward to doing it all again next year.



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, M&S vouchers, LFC Merchandise, 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

Mrs Ashcroft Retirement



It is with great sadness that I share the news that our much-loved Mrs Ashcroft, who has been a cornerstone of the school office for an incredible 32 years, will be retiring on 17th July at the end of this term.

Mrs Ashcroft's journey at Knotty Ash began as a parent helper, and over the years she has become an integral part of the school's heart and soul. Her kindness, dedication and unwavering commitment to our school community have touched the lives of countless children and families.

Throughout her time at Knotty Ash, Mrs Ashcroft has been so much more than a member of the office team. She has been a reassuring presence, a helping hand and a familiar face for pupils, parents and staff alike. Her contribution to the life of our school has been immeasurable, and her legacy will undoubtedly remain for many years to come.

While Mrs Ashcroft will be greatly missed by each and every one of us, we are delighted that she is embarking on a well-deserved retirement. On behalf of the Knotty Ash community, I would like to thank her for everything she has given to her role here. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a fond farewell when her retirement arrives at the end of this term.

LSSP Summer Camp

Places still available for Summer camp, please use the QR code below to book:



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