



Kneesall C. of E. Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

An action-packed week in school has passed us by. From bikeability to Film Night we've had a busy week full of fun, and, thanks to the persistent sunshine, time well-spent playing on the school field. As such, please enjoy reading about all the activities, events and fun that your children have been getting involved with throughout this week at school.

Bikeability

Time makes fools of us all, so I've heard on many occasions. Where has that time gone? The year six children in Eagles have been given the responsibility and privilege of using the roads around school on their bicycles. I am sure parents of year six children will agree that it seems only moments ago they were taking their first steps into school.

I am reliably informed by the leaders of bikeability that your children behaved admirably and represented our school fantastically. This is music to my ears and makes me feel incredibly proud; it is the dream of any headteacher to hear such positive feedback about our children from people outside of our school community.

In our celebration worship this Friday morning, their achievements were duly celebrated. I felt it important to attach a photograph of them after hearing the news they had passed. Certificates should have made their way home to you this evening in children's bags ready to be dutifully stuck to fridge doors and eyed at enviously by younger siblings.



Jingle Bells

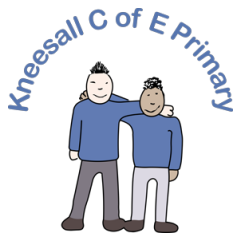
Is it that time already? Pull the reins on Rudolph and don't quite check your list twice. I have been asked to forward a message on from the PTA relating to the Christmas Cards that have been sent home this evening. As you are aware, the PTA recently came into school to help organise the Christmas Cards that children made in classrooms.

If it is at all possible, could you please return and/or place your orders by the **16th of October**. I am informed that the school stand to be given a larger percentage of funds from orders placed **before** this date than those placed after. Please do check your children's bags as these cards can often lurk in the dark depths in between the old crisp packets and Haribo packs from birthday celebrations long ago...

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Website

After spending some time with our school's web developer this week, I've taken a few steps to make it a more up-to-date resource that you will be able to use and benefit from. Most notably, the following sections have been updated which may be of interest to you:

- The **headteacher's welcome** now reflects my own welcoming message to school.
- The **newsletter** section should now contain the most recent newsletters for you to refer to.
- The **upcoming events** section has now been updated to contain all the dates published below from the 'dates for your diary' area in the newsletter. I have been told that, through the magic of technology, you should be able to sync our school calendar from the website to your phone or device of choice. Please go to the school's homepage, then to parents, then to calendar and finally click 'subscribe'.
- The **quick links** section should now direct you to the appropriate websites in a new tab.
- Meet the team - the staff section has been updated to reflect the staffing changes over the summer period.
- Under the 'Community' → St. Bartholomew's Church section, we are delighted to host a photograph of the church taken by a parent within the community which, I believe, captures the beauty of our local environment.

As the weeks progress, I intend to update more sections of the website and will alert you to any changes that will be beneficial for you to know about.

Bees and Wasps

As you may have seen, there are currently lots of wasps and bees buzzing around the hedges on School Lane. We have already had an inspection performed to see if there is a nest within the hedge but there doesn't appear to be. As such, please can I implore parents, carers and children alike to be careful when walking along the pavement to avoid any unwanted stings.

PTA Film Night

Please may I extend my thanks to the members of the PTA who gave their time so graciously to cook innumerable hot dogs and distribute tasty, sweet treats all to the backdrop of the wonderful Toy Story 5.

The children enjoyed watching this latest box-office hit and I might have even been able to swipe a delicious hotdog myself...



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Celebration Worship

Please see the information below to find out which children have been selected for our Celebration Worship this week. All the staff at Kneesall send out our congratulations to them on their hard work and deserved praise; well done to each and every one of you!



Robins

Lily



Doves

Henry



Kingfishers

Iris



Eagles

Willow

SNMAT Consultation

I have been informed by the Southwell & Nottinghamshire Multi-Academy Trust (SNMAT) that from Monday 5th October 2026 until Monday 30th November 2026 our school is consulting on proposed changes to our 28/29 admission arrangements. To find out further information, please be advised to explore the options listed below:

- For additional information, please refer to the flyer attached at the bottom of the newsletter.
- On our website in the 'Key Information' → 'Policies section', you can find the following documents:
 - A copy of the proposed 28-29 arrangements.
 - A covering letter explaining the changes.
 - A copy of the proposed 28-29 SIF (Supplementary Information) form.

Please also be advised that there will be a popup on the school website during the above dates to draw attention to this information.

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Victorian Day in Doves

What a treat it was for the children in Doves to travel back in time to experience life as the Victorians did. Sitting in rows; needlework; having a go at Victorian jobs, such as sorting buttons; and handwriting on slates were on the itinerary for, what was undoubtedly, an enjoyable afternoon. The children even had the chance to get dressed up in Victorian costumes and sport the delightful 'dunce' hat!



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Dates for your diary

As ever, please remember that if there are any changes to dates or, to replace a placeholder, updated dates will be issued with a **red colour**. The most current newsletter will always be the most up to date with regards to events taking place in school.

Upcoming Events		
If a date is in red this means it has been updated/changed from a previous newsletter.		
Date	Event	Further Information
7th October	Flu Vaccinations	On Wednesday 7 th October children throughout school (from Reception to Year 6) will be having the flu nasal vaccination in school if consent has been given by parents. A text message should be sent to you from the NHS which will request your consent. This is an opt in and out service and is open now up until three days before the 7 th . This isn't a service ran by school and should you have any queries or questions, please get in touch with: immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk
12 th – 16 th October	Travelling Book Fair Week	Throughout the week we will be hosting the Travelling Book Fair. The mobile bookcases are jam-packed with over two hundred of the newest and best books from over 60 publishers! What a chance to get your bookshelves topped up with some of the latest books you can get your hands on. Please note, payments are made using card only.
13 th October	Parents' Evening	A chance for you to come into school and discuss how your child has settled into the new academic year. A letter will be issued in due course to provide you with specific details on how to book a slot.
15 th October	Parents' Evening	
16th October	Harvest Festival Worship at Church	Please can you begin to save cans, tins and other non-perishables ready for our service. Children will be encouraged to bring in these items to school where we will take them to church for our service. Afterwards, they will be taken to a local foodbank, the Lifespring Centre. https://lifespringchurchandcentre.co.uk/
October Half Term: 19 th October – 30 th October		
Date	Event	Further Information
2 nd November	Children return to school	Children return to school for the first day of the Autumn 2 half term.
5th November	Bonfire Night Lunch Menu Option	A different school dinner will be on offer today due to Bonfire Night. A poster will follow in future newsletters which gives greater detail on the food that will be served.

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11 th November	Remembrance Day	Parents and carers are invited into school to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We plan to welcome you at 10:30am for a 10:45 start on the playground.
16 th November	Odd Socks Day	Children are invited to wear their own odd socks to school today as we are led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance alongside children's TV presenter Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks.
20 th November	Children in Need	Children In Need will be supported in school this year. Children will take part in lots of themed activities throughout the day and with a BBC 1 Broadcast starting at 7:00 PM this evening, the message will surely hit home. School Uniform is to be worn but Children in Need accessories are certainly welcomed.
26 th November	Christmas Craft Day	All children will spend 30 minutes in their year group with members of the PTA to make a Christmas Craft item which will be taken home on the same day unless it's a little wet and needs to dry! Each year group will produce a unique piece of craft.
2 nd December	Secret Shopper	Taking place between 1:00pm and 3:30pm it is £2 per gift or 3 for a £5. The PTA have kindly said they will set up a range of little stalls. I'm sure it will be a delightful afternoon for the children to take part in.
11 th December	Rock Steady Winter Music Performance	An end of term performance by those children who participated in Rock Steady Music tuition. All families of the children performing are welcome to attend and celebrate their children's success. Performers are welcome to come in non-uniform for their concert. Please arrive for a 10am start as the children will be doing last minute preparations up until this time.
7 th December	Foundation Singalong	Foundation parents are warmly invited to come into school to see their child's performance at 2:45pm . Please be advised that there will be only 2 tickets made available per child in Foundation. Children will be collected from classrooms afterwards.
8 th & 10 th December	KS1 Nativity	Year 1 & 2 parents are warmly invited to come into school to see their child's performance at 2pm . Please be advised that there will be only 2 tickets made available per child in Doves. Children will be collected from classrooms afterwards.
10 th December	Christmas Day Extravaganza! Christmas Dinner, Jumper and Party Day.	An extravaganza of a day! Please can all children come in their Christmas jumpers (if they chose to). Christmas activities galore will take place throughout the morning, followed up by a Christmas Dinner for lunch and in the afternoon Christmas parties. What a fun day!
18 th December	Christmas Service & Christmas Coffee Afternoon	Year 1 – 6 parents are invited to Church to join us for our Christmas Service. Children will sing carols and read aloud poems. We aim to start for 1:15pm. Service will finish for 2pm. Please collect your children from their classrooms not from church.
Christmas Holidays: 21st December – 1st January		

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I hope that whatever you do this weekend, may it be relaxing and restorative, so that you are ready to begin another week at our wonderful school. With so many enjoyable events on the horizon I'm certain our final two weeks are set to be full of fun, laughter and memorable moments.

With my best wishes,

Chris Litchfield
Headteacher

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Admissions Consultation

on The Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham
Multi Academy Trust's proposed school admission
arrangements for the 28/29 school year.

Monday 5th October 2026 — Monday 30th November 2026

Worksop Priory CofE Academy and Kneesall CofE Primary School are academies in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham Multi Academy Trust. From **Monday 5th October 2026 until Monday 30th November 2026** the academies are consulting on proposed changes to their 28/29 admission arrangements.

Who do we consult with?

Parents of children between the ages of two and eighteen.

Other people in the area who may have an interest in the proposed admissions arrangements.

All other admissions authorities within the relevant area.

Nottinghamshire County Council.

Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham.

Neighbouring Local Authorities

This consultation invites you to give your views about **Worksop Priory CofE Academy and Kneesall CofE Primary Schools** proposed admission arrangements for 28/29. Details of the consultation, the full proposed admission arrangements and a consultation response form can be found on the academy's websites:

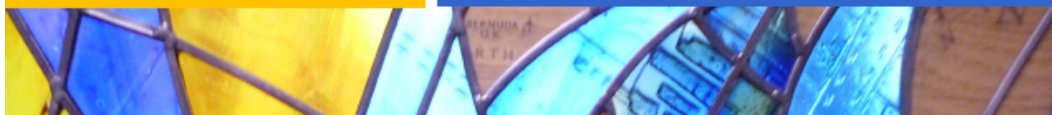
[Worksop Priory Church of England Primary Academy - Home](#)

[Kneesall CofE Primary School - Home](#)

All consultation information is available (upon request) from the academy.

You can respond to this consultation before the closing date on Monday 30th November 2026 in one of the following ways:-

- Download the response form and return the completed form to the academy's office.
- email: info@snmat.org.uk
- Write to:
The Estates Manager
SNMAT
c/o Jubilee House
Westgate, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0JH



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