



Kneesall C. of E. Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

How can it be that a half term passes by so quickly? One moment it's goodbyes on the playground, the first day back after a blissful summer of ice-creams and holidays; the next, we're waving fond farewells for a well-earned two-week break. With the first autumn term behind us, I felt it would be a good time to do a spot of housekeeping and fill you in on some of the events that have taken place and those that are waiting to welcome you back in November.

Harvest Festival

How could I start anywhere else other than our Harvest Festival? I can only echo the words I said in church earlier on this afternoon: thank you for your kindness and generosity in giving to such a worthy cause.

The two ladies at the foodbank were thrilled with your donations and kindly stood for a photograph before unloading all the items into their reserves.

They took me for a tour around the centre and explained how the donations you have made will be so helpful over the coming months. As I am sure you are all aware, the cost of living is an ever-creeping problem and they were delighted at your charity. It would be remiss of me not to share with you my final thoughts after leaving church today: the children did you proud, sung wonderfully and presented their work – poems, art or song – confidently. They do you (and, by extension, our school) great credit.



Mobile Library Visit

I have been in touch with our school's mobile library service this week and have been given several messages to pass on to both children and adults alike. As such, please read the below to gain a better understanding of how this service works – especially if you are a parent or carer of someone who has just started in Year 1 (Doves) as this will, potentially, be the first time you have been made aware of this.

The library bus will visit our school about once per month to allow children to take and swap books from their shelves. Please refer to the Newsletter 'dates for your diary' section to find out specifically when. There are a wide range of books on the bus, catering for children in Year 1 to Year 6 and each class will have a period of time during the visit to peruse the books and to select one, ready to return when the bus next visits.

Having spoke with the service, we've undertaken a bit of administrative housekeeping to find out what the service needs from us as a school to operate smoothly. As such:

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- If your child **does not** bring home a letter in their bag today, they are already signed up for the service – you don't need to do a thing.
- If they **do** bring a letter home in their bag, they are not signed up for the service and you now have a short amount of form filling to undertake, should you wish for your child to use the service. Please ignore the 'card number' section on the form as the library service will fill this in for you.

Please can you ensure that, if your child does want to join in, you please complete the form and return it to your child(rens) class teacher. We will keep it safe until the next visit and then deliver it to the library service when they next visit.

Finally, just in case, I have attached a copy of the form to this newsletter (on the final pages) should you find a crumpled up, wet or otherwise dishevelled looking piece of paper at the bottom of your child's bag and wish to print off and return a fresher copy.

Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Every year, schools take part in the National Child Measurement Programme, where trained healthcare staff gently check the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6. These quick checks are done privately and confidentially, and children remain fully clothed (only removing coats and shoes).

The measurements help the NHS plan local health services, and you will receive a private letter with your child's results. For our school, this will take place in the first week back after the half term holiday. Please see the 'dates for your diary' section to see when specifically. In addition to this, I have placed at the bottom of this newsletter several letters and information leaflets for you to read to gain a better understanding of what will take place.

Autumn 2 Extra-Curricular Clubs

I have been assured that an e-mail will be sent out this evening with the different extra-curricular clubs that staff will be providing next half term. Please be aware that places for these clubs will be given on a first-come first-served basis.

If your child would like to attend one of these clubs, please e-mail the office to request a place and a subsequent e-mail will follow during the first week back to confirm your place.

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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

Sebastian



Doves

Emmett



Kingfishers

Toby



Eagles

Isla

Christmas Dinners

Our school meal provider has asked for me to share with you our offering for Christmas Dinner this year. It is set to be a scrumptious one – I look forward to joining the children demolishing some Yorkshire puddings and roast potatoes! Please refer to the end of the newsletter to see our menu.

Thank you

On a more personal note, I would like to thank the whole Kneesall community; you have been so generous with your kind words and understanding, welcoming me in and taking the time to speak and get to know me. It has been a real pleasure to forge relationships with so many new children and their families over the past half term and I cannot wait for the return to school and run up to Christmas. It is set to be an exciting one full of joy and happiness – I know we'll all have so much fun.

For now, have a wonderful half term holiday. I sincerely hope that whatever you do, you get the chance to recharge, reset and spend some precious time together.

With my best wishes,

Chris Litchfield

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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
2 nd November	Children return to school	Children return to school for the first day of the Autumn 2 half term.
3rd November	NHS Staff in school for the Height & Weight Check	Please see the bottom of the newsletter (16th October) for further information from the NHS team with regards to this.
5th November	Bonfire Night Lunch Menu Option	A different school dinner will be on offer today due to Bonfire Night. Please see the newsletter from the 9th of October to see the menu choices. The poster is at the bottom of the newsletter.
9th November	Inspire Educational Library Service Bus in school	Please ensure that you have brought back any books and library cards for today so that you are able to exchange and take out a new library book when the bus visits school. The bus comes to school roughly each month, so don't worry if you've forgotten to bring your book this time.
10th November	NHS Staff in school for the Height & Weight Check (If your child was ill on the 3rd November)	Please see the bottom of the newsletter (16th October) for further information from the NHS team with regards to this.
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.

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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.
7 th December	Inspire Educational Library Service Bus in school	Please ensure that you have brought back any books and library cards for today so that you are able to exchange and take out a new library book when the bus visits school. The bus comes to school roughly each month, so don't worry if you've forgotten to bring your book this time.
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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Welcome to your Inspire Library!

We hope you enjoy being a member of your library - a great opportunity to read, learn and enjoy culture!

As an Inspire Library member you may:

- Borrow up to 24 items at a time.
- Keep items for up to 3 weeks (unless otherwise stated).
- Borrow DVDs for 1 week.
- Renew items up to 4 times (as long as not requested by another customer) in a library, by phone on **01623 677 200** or on our website at **www.inspireculture.org.uk/renew**. Charges may be incurred if returned or renewed late*.
- Reserve items for a small, non-refundable fee*.
- Use PCs for free**.
- Use printers** and photocopiers in all our libraries. Charges apply*.
- Access eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers for free from individual suppliers sites or through their apps**.
- Access reference and research services for free on PCs in our libraries**.

*Visit **www.inspireculture.org.uk/fees**

**Library membership card/details required to access this service.

Inspire Library Terms and Conditions

Our libraries are an important part of local communities. We ask our members to respect the facilities, other customers and our staff, so we can provide welcoming, safe and enjoyable places to visit.

By signing this membership form, either for myself or for my child/ward, I agree to abide by the following:

- I will take responsibility for all items borrowed.
- I will return all items borrowed.
- I will pay any charges for items returned late (unless an exemption applies) or for any damage caused to said items.
- I will notify the library of any changes to my personal details.
- I will use all library equipment (including public access computers) with due care and will not use them to commit an illegal act.
- I accept responsibility for children in my care when we visit the library.
- I shall not behave in a disorderly manner in the library, use violent, abusive or obscene language or physically harm library staff or other library users.
- I will not smoke, bring or consume alcohol or illegal substances onto library premises.
- I will abide by the library byelaws made under Section 19 of the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 by Nottinghamshire County Council. These are available in our libraries or visit **www.inspireculture.org.uk/byelaws**.

Card Number

Please complete your details or those of the child under 15 years of age you are joining

Surname

Forenames

Title

Gender

Date of Birth

Address

Postcode

Tel

Mobile

Email

To be completed by parent/guardian for children under 15 years of age only.

Parent/Guardian name

Address (if different from above)

Postcode

I give permission for my child/ward to use the internet on library computers. (Please note, the computers are filtered but we can take no responsibility for the content your child finds). ☐

Join Inspire!

By also becoming a member of Inspire, you will be able to have a say on how the society works and develops.

Would you like to join Inspire? Yes ☐

Inspire members-only news Yes ☐

Your contact preferences

We will contact you with the following information via email unless otherwise stated:

Notification	email	text	phone
Pre-overdue (3 days prior)	✓	X	X
Item overdue (from 7 days overdue)	✓	✓	X
Requested item ready	✓	✓	✓
Please choose one notification method (email/text/phone)			

Would you like to receive:

Inspire event news and information Yes ☐

We won't bombard you with lots of emails, or share your data and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Declaration

I agree to abide by Library Terms and Conditions.

I agree to data being shared for administrative purposes only within the EMLIB Consortium**.

I agree to be contacted via email for the purposes stated above.

Signature

Date

Staff initials ID seen

User profile

About us

Inspire: Culture, Learning, and Libraries is dedicated to inspiring people to read, learn and enjoy culture. Inspire delivers the following services on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council:

- Libraries
- Archives
- Arts and Inspire Youth Arts
- Inspire Learning
- Inspire Music and Nottinghamshire Music Hub
- Education Library Service

About your data

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**We store your details on a shared system with other libraries in the East Midlands for administrative purposes only. Ask a member of the library team or visit www.inspireculture.org.uk/emlib for more details.

If you have any queries about your library or Inspire membership or if you wish to update your personal details, please email ask@inspireculture.org.uk.

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The Healthy Child Programme

Supporting the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
2026-2027

Dear Family/Carer

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust work closely with health, social and educational settings to maximise the health of our local children. Every year all children attending reception classes or in a Year 6 class in schools will be offered to have their height and weight taken (NCMP).



The measurements are carried out by members of the Healthy Family Team. Photos of the team are available in school. Children are measured with their clothes on, except for their outdoor coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. The results are not shown or shared with the children or school.



You will receive a letter if your child is identified outside of the expected weight range for their age, sex and height. You will be offered FREE resources and services that may help your child be the healthiest version of themselves.



If you do not want your child to take part, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight, please write in confidence to the school marking the envelope – for the attention of the Healthy Family Team and NCMP within 10 days of receiving this letter. You will need to include your child's name, date of birth, class, school and reasons for opting out.



If you have any concerns with your child's growth, **the Healthy Family Team is there for help and advice.**
TELEPHONE: 03001235436
TEXT: 07520619919



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Information about how personal information and data is collected and stored. You can read more about how the Department of Health and Social Care collects, stores and uses your child's information and data in the [National Child Measurement Programme privacy notice](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-privacy-notice).
www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-privacy-notice



You can read more about how NHS England collects, stores and uses your child's information and data at [National Child Measurement Programme \(NCMP\): GDPR information](https://www.nhs.uk/england/national-child-measurement-programme-privacy-notice).
At the [NHS England National Child Measurement Programme webpage](https://www.nhs.uk/england/national-child-measurement-programme-privacy-notice) you can read more about:

- taking part in the programme
- how your data is collected
- how your data is used

www.digital.nhs.uk/services/national-child-measurement-programme



You can read more about how Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust collects, stores and uses your child's information and/or NCMP provider privacy notice here:
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Every year children in reception and year 6 will be offered the opportunity to have their height and weight taken. This quick and easy process takes place in school and is confidential. If your child appears outside the expected range of height or weight, you will be offered the opportunity to discuss this with your local Healthy Family Team, who can signpost local services if appropriate, to support your child's health and wellbeing journey.

Working together, supporting the health and wellbeing of your family.

The NCMP Process



Parents/carers receive a letter from school about the NCMP process coming into school.



Measurements are carried out in school. They are confidential. Coats and shoes will be taken off for a more accurate measurement.



You will receive a letter if your child appears **outside** the expected range of measurement.



Parents/carers can talk to the Healthy Family Team for guidance and support.



If you have any concerns with your child's growth, the Healthy Family Team is there for help and advice.

TELEPHONE: 0300 123 5436

TEXT: 07520 619919



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For Year 6 Students

NHS
Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Every year, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured at school. This is part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

This is what happens:



Your family is notified by school that it is going to happen. Your family may give permission for this to happen.



Measurements are carried out by trained staff. You will be asked to take off your coat and shoes. Nobody can see your measurements. They go automatically into a machine. It all takes about 20 seconds. You can then return to class. If you have any worries you can talk to your teacher or the staff taking the measurements.



Your family may be invited to a healthy review at a later date.

It is important to look after ourselves.



Eat healthily.

Plenty of fruit and vegetables.

Exercise regularly.



Walking, running, sports and other forms of exercise (dance, skipping etc).



Drink 6-8 glasses of water a day.

Clean our teeth for 2 minutes twice a day - specially at night!



WATCH VIDEO

SCAN ME



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9W3RH3L6IE>

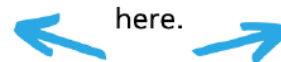
WATCH NOW

SCAN ME



<https://app.animaker.com/animo/EeVf16D8yggRuYdD/>

You can watch a video or animation about our NCMP visit here.



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September 2026 - July 2027

Dear Parent /Carer

Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). The measurement programme provides information to help build an understanding of national and local trends in child weight. It is important to have a good understanding of how children are growing, so that the best possible advice and support can be provided for them and their families.

This year, your child's class will participate in the programme. However, due to the type of equipment used to measure children, only those who are able to stand unaided can be measured. From what the school has told us, we understand that your child may not be able to take part. We would therefore like to offer you an alternative arrangement. If you would like your child's height and weight to be measured, please contact your Healthy Families Team via school to arrange an appointment at your convenience.

If you would like more information on healthy lifestyles for families and tips on healthy eating and being active visit:
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/your-childs-weight/home>



Yours faithfully,

Vivienne Robbins

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