

Kneesall Newsletter

'Together we achieve'

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This week, we introduced a new two-sitting lunchtime routine, with Infants and Juniors eating at separate times. Even in these first few days, the impact has been extremely positive. With fewer children in the hall at once, lunchtimes have become calmer, safer and more enjoyable, giving pupils the space and time they need to eat comfortably.

The change has also improved the flow of the lunch break as a whole. Playtime is now much safer and more spacious, with fewer children on the playground at the same time. Staff have noticed a more settled atmosphere, and pupils have commented on how much they appreciate the quieter dining hall and the extra room to play.

It's been encouraging to hear such positive feedback from the children, and we'll continue to monitor and refine the system as it beds in.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Marfleet

Can you help?

Dear Parents

I would like to tell you that you can give Henry and Penny B old blankets or towels to donate to the animal shelter. No old duvets or pillows please. Pet food is also welcome. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Henry B

Attendance

Year to date figure:

Target 97%
Actual 95.7%

The class with the highest attendance this week was:

Kingfishers
96.1%



UPCOMING EVENTS

30th January
Young Voices
@Sheffield Arena

2nd February
Mobile Library

3rd February
SATs Meeting for Y6 Parents
5pm – Eagles Class

10th February
Peek at the Greeks
Kingfishers

10th February
Valentines Disco (Y1-6)

16th – 20th February
Half Term

23rd February
INSET Day

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Kneesall School Vision



Big Birdwatch

We took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, joining thousands across the country in observing and recording local birdlife. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to slow down, notice nature and contribute to an important conservation project.



Social Media

We have found more children are using social media and messaging apps on their mobile devices, so we're encouraging families to help them stay safe online.

At school, we regularly explore online safety through our PSHE and Computing curriculum to help pupils make thoughtful, informed choices. Please talk with your child about protecting personal information, taking breaks from prolonged screen use, and using kind, respectful language—unkind messages can have a real impact.

Working together, we can help children build positive digital habits.

You can find further information on the [NSPCC](#) website.



Values Winners

Robins

Kindness – Essi
 Courage - Oscar
 Faith - Emmett

Doves

Kindness – Austin
 Courage – Lilly
 Faith – Annabel

Kingfishers

Kindness – Elsie
 Courage – Ezra
 Faith – Aaditya

Eagles

Kindness – Freddie L
 Courage – Freddie A
 Faith – Angel

Other Notices

Leave of Absence Requests

Please be reminded that school is not able to authorise absences unless it is an exceptional circumstance. However, if you do need to request an absence this must be done using the form, available at the office, and submitted 4 weeks before the event – thank you.

Planned Drills

Over the next few weeks we will be carrying out our usual fire drill, along with an emergency lockdown drill. This is a routine safety exercise designed to help children and staff practise our procedures in a calm and supportive way. Teachers will prepare students beforehand so they know what to expect, and the drill will be brief and age-appropriate. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school community safe.



Valentine's Disco – Save the Date

Our Friends group are back in action organising our next event – Valentine's Disco for Years 1-6, on Tuesday 10th February. More details to follow.

Worksop College Scholarship 2026

There are two, fully funded, scholarships available for students due to begin secondary school in September 2026. If you would like further information about the application process, please see Mrs Marfleet.