Knowsley News

Friday 4th September 2026



Welcome back!

A very warm welcome and welcome back to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

While the children have been enjoying their holidays, we have been busy working hard to make improvements to our school environment. Our teachers and staff have done a fantastic job refreshing and redecorating their areas of the school, helping to create bright, welcoming and inspiring spaces for our children to learn and grow.

We have also been very fortunate to have one of our former members of staff, Mrs Jonesy, kindly volunteer her time and talents to paint our wonderful new Knowsley Values mural in the main entrance. It is a fantastic addition to our school and a lovely way to celebrate the values that are so important to our school community.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and to welcoming everyone back into school. We hope it will be a happy, successful and memorable year for all!

Mr Bunn

New school values

This year, we are proud to introduce our new school values: **Kindness, Honesty, Respect, Resilience and Responsibility**. These values have grown from our Rights Respecting Charter and will to help guide everything we do. They will be at the heart of school life and lived out every day by our children, staff and wider school community.



Mrs Jonesy and her amazing mural!

The Knowsley Way - our new expectations



New year group meetings for Year 4, 5 and 6 families

This year, we are introducing our new year group meetings for **Year 4, 5 and 6 parents**, which have replaced our previous 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. These will take place on **Tuesday 8th September at 3:30pm** and are a great opportunity for parents and families to find out more about what school life will look like for their child during the year ahead.

During the meetings, we will share some of the changes and developments taking place across school this year, alongside important information specific to your child's year group. You will have the chance to find out more about your child's new classroom, their learning, daily routines and expectations, as well as ways you can support their learning at home.

We hope as many of our parents and families as possible will be able to join us. If you are unable to attend, all the information from the meeting will be available on your child's class page on the school website. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing everything you need to know about the exciting year ahead!

End of Key Stage 2 SATs Results

We are so proud of our incredible End of KS2 SATs results. A huge well done to our Year 6 leavers and school staff.

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: Knowsley	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard: nationally
English reading	96%	75%
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	72%	74%
Mathematics	87%	75%
English writing (teacher assessment)	79%	73%
Science (teacher assessment)	90%	82%
Reading/writing/maths combined	75%	63%

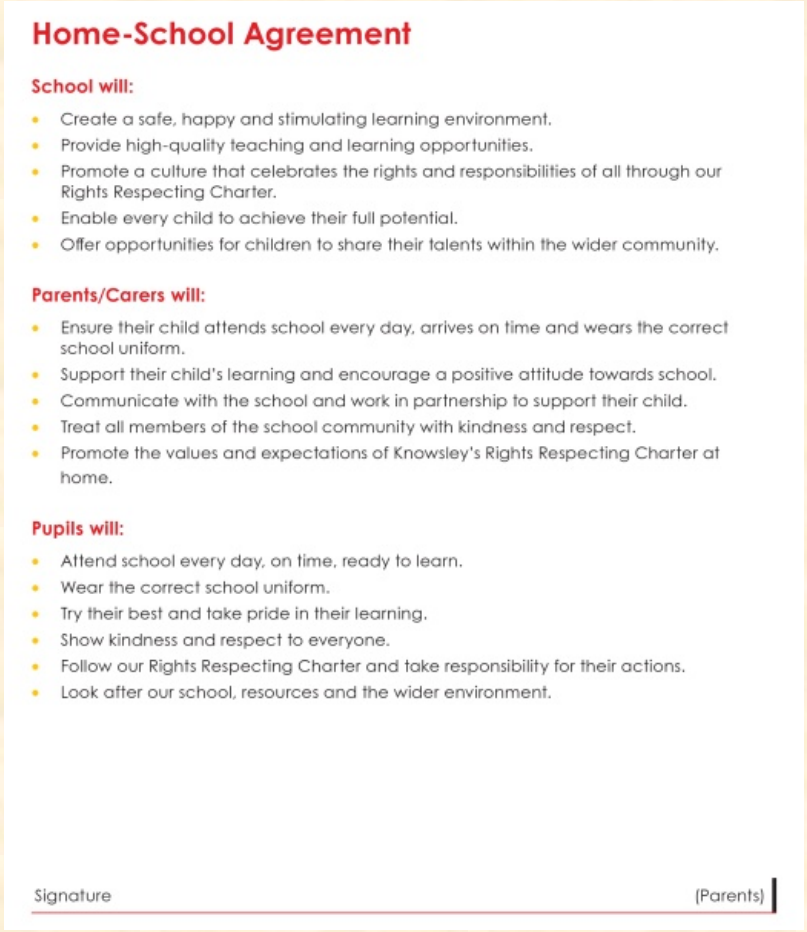
Planners

This year, we are excited to introduce our new school planners. We have designed these to make communication and learning between home and school simpler, more consistent and easier to manage. By bringing reading, home learning, challenges, achievements and useful resources together in one place, we hope the planners will help children to become more organised and independent while making it easier for families to support learning at home.

More information about how to use the planners and the new home learning grids will be shared at next week's new year group meetings.

Planners

Please read and sign our home-school agreement.



Home-School Agreement

School will:

- Create a safe, happy and stimulating learning environment.
- Provide high-quality teaching and learning opportunities.
- Promote a culture that celebrates the rights and responsibilities of all through our Rights Respecting Charter.
- Enable every child to achieve their full potential.
- Offer opportunities for children to share their talents within the wider community.

Parents/Carers will:

- Ensure their child attends school every day, arrives on time and wears the correct school uniform.
- Support their child's learning and encourage a positive attitude towards school.
- Communicate with the school and work in partnership to support their child.
- Treat all members of the school community with kindness and respect.
- Promote the values and expectations of Knowsley's Rights Respecting Charter at home.

Pupils will:

- Attend school every day, on time, ready to learn.
- Wear the correct school uniform.
- Try their best and take pride in their learning.
- Show kindness and respect to everyone.
- Follow our Rights Respecting Charter and take responsibility for their actions.
- Look after our school, resources and the wider environment.

Signature (Parents)

Friday Trophy Assemblies

We are pleased to invite parents and families to join us for our Friday Trophy Assemblies, held every Friday at 9:05am.

If your child has been chosen to receive their class trophy, we will send you a text message by Wednesday evening to invite you to attend and celebrate their achievement. Parents and families of children who are sharing home awards are also very welcome to join us.

Extracurricular Activities

Over the coming weeks, we're excited to launch a fantastic lineup of extracurricular clubs - from sports and chess to arts and crafts!

Keep an eye out for activities your child will love. Places are limited, so we recommend signing up quickly to secure a spot.

To keep these opportunities accessible to everyone, we aim to offer as many free clubs as possible. In return, we kindly ask that children commit to attending every session so they get the full experience and no spaces go to waste.

School Uniform

We encourage all our children to take pride in themselves, their appearance and being part of our school community by wearing their uniform smartly each day.

Our school uniform colours are **red, white, grey and black**. Children should wear the correct school uniform (including PE kit and hair ties/headbands), with **plain black** footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather.

Please remember that jewellery is not permitted, apart from watches and small, simple stud earrings. Smartwatches are not allowed, and **earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons, without exception.**

Please also ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled to help prevent your child's belongings from ending up in lost property.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children look smart, feel comfortable and be safe at school.

New to You Uniform Shop



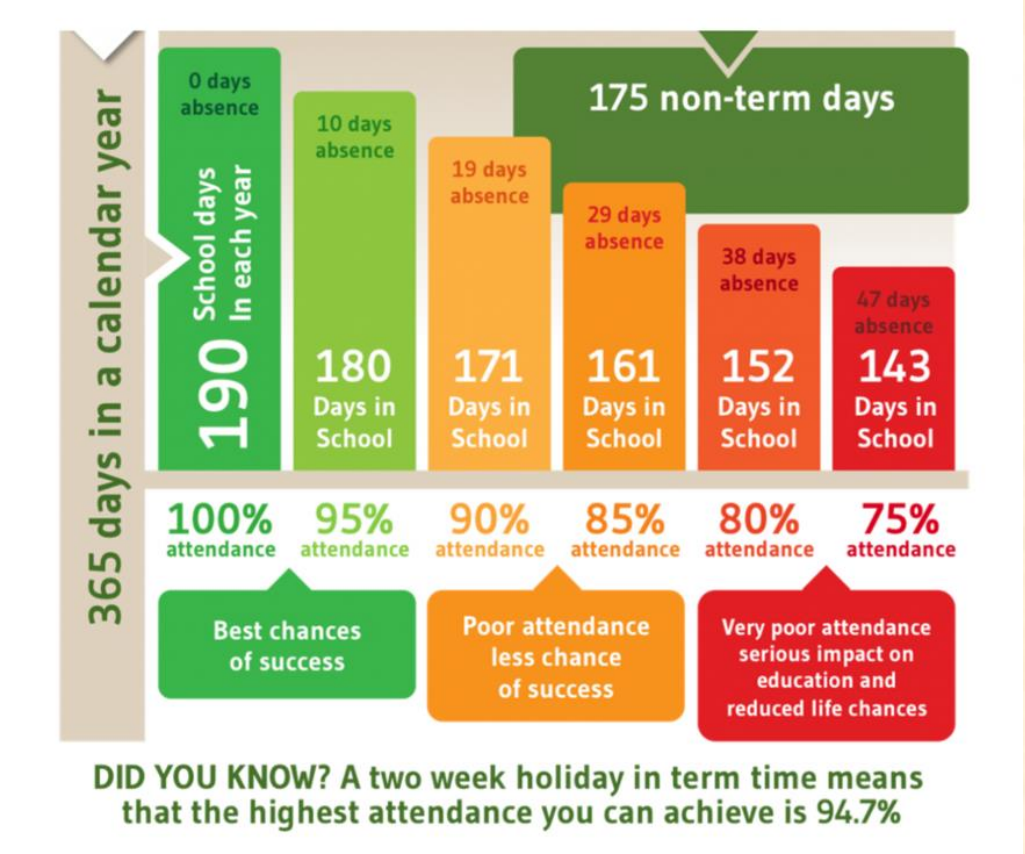
We are a very eco-minded school and are committed to reducing waste and reusing resources wherever possible.

We always welcome donations of good condition, clean, unwanted uniform, particularly larger sizes. Our New to You Uniform Shop opens at numerous events throughout the year, offering excellent-quality second-hand uniform at **very reduced prices**.

Please ask at the school office if you would like to purchase items during term time.

Attendance

Good attendance is essential in helping children to achieve their very best at school, both academically and socially. Our school attendance target is 97%, and we would greatly appreciate the continued support of parents and carers in helping us to achieve this. By ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive on time each day, we can work together to give every child the best possible chance to succeed and thrive.



Punctuality

We would like to remind all families of the importance of punctuality. A calm and positive start to the day helps children to settle quickly and be ready to learn. Please ensure that children are lined up and ready for school by **8:55am** each morning. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children to arrive on time and be prepared for a successful day of learning.

Remember - in line for five to nine!

Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 8th September: Welcome to the New School Year meetings for Year 4, 5 and 6 families (3:30 – 4:00pm)
- Monday 28th September: Y6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
- Thursday 1st October: 4B trip to Castleshaw Centre
- Friday 2nd October: 4AH trip to Castleshaw Centre
- Thursday 15th October: Oldham Athletic Community Trust - Penalty Shootout Day
- Thursday 22nd October: 3:25pm, school closes for half term
- *More events to be added*