Knowsley News

Friday 11th September 2026



Headline News

It has been wonderful to see how quickly our children have settled into their new classes and routines this week. The atmosphere around school has been incredibly positive, behaviour has been excellent, and I have been delighted to see so much fantastic learning already taking place. A huge thank you to our staff for making the start of the year such a success, and to our families for your continued support. It was also lovely to welcome so many of you to our 'Meet the New Year Group' meetings – we hope that you found these useful and that they gave you a good insight into what your children can look forward to this year. We have lots of exciting things ahead and I'm really looking forward to another fantastic year together!

Mr Bunn

Could you inspire our children?

We would love to invite parents, carers and family members into school to talk to our children about the world of work. Whatever your job or career journey, we would love to hear from you!

As part of our Personal Development programme, we want our children to learn about the huge variety of careers and opportunities available to them, raise their aspirations and help them to begin to think about what their own future might look like. Hearing first-hand from people in our own school community is a fantastic way to bring this to life.

You don't need to prepare anything complicated – just come along, tell the children a little about what you do, how you got there and answer some of their questions.

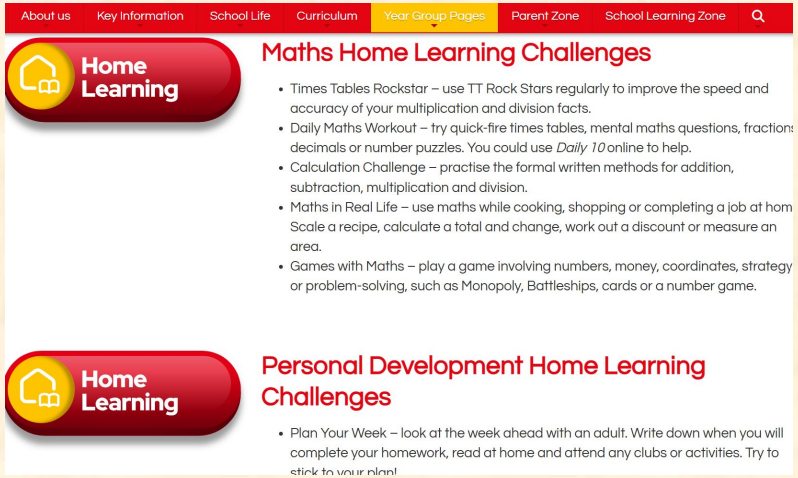
If you would be happy to come into school and inspire our children by sharing your career or experience, please complete the Knowsley Careers Google Form. Mrs Bunn will then contact you to arrange a date. We look forward to hearing from you.

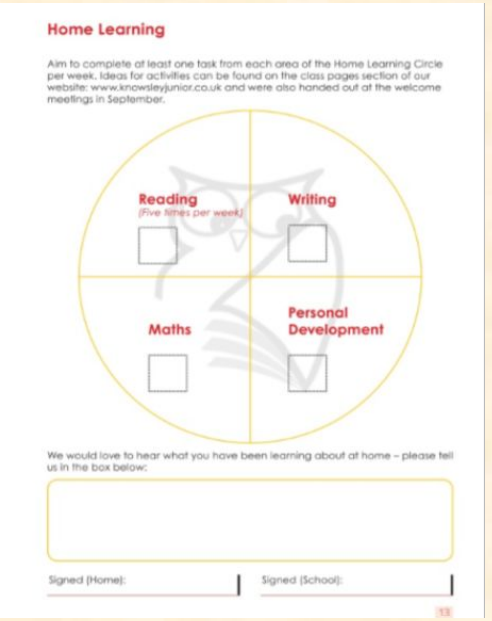
Home Learning Help

As our home learning is new this year, I wanted to share with you how to access the home learning challenges.

1) On the school website, click on the Year Group page of your child.
2) Scroll down to 'Home Learning Challenges'.
3) Choose which challenges your child is going to complete.
4) Record what your child has done in their planner on the home learning quadrant and comment box.







Home Learning Grids

At Knowsley Junior School, we know that children achieve their best when home and school work together. This year, we have developed our approach to home learning, informed by research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).

Our home learning activities are designed to be purposeful, manageable and enjoyable, reinforcing classroom learning, encouraging regular reading and helping children to practise key skills. We encourage children to complete activities little and often, developing their confidence, independence and positive learning habits.

Please encourage your child to take part and use their school planner to record, share and celebrate their learning at home.

Learning happens everywhere. By working together, we can help our children to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive.

Trophy Assembly

We were delighted to welcome parents to our first trophy assembly of the year, making the occasion even more special for our pupils. It was wonderful to come together as a school community to celebrate the children's achievements and hard work. Seeing so many proud faces, both pupils' and parents', created a lovely atmosphere, and we look forward to sharing many more celebrations together throughout the year.

Trophy Winners

- Isaac (3JO)
- Freddie (3M)
- Dua (4BS)
- Ronnie (4AH)
- Harry (5LG)
- Ava (5P)
- Theo (6A)
- Elsie (6S)
- Amelia (6S)

Awards

Attendance Trophy

3JO - 100%

House Points

Derby

VIP Table

Daphne (Y3)

Frankie (Y4)

Loganne (Y5)

Amaan (Y6)

Extracurricular Activities

Autumn 1

Times Tables Rockstars with Mrs Murfitt - Monday

Netball with Sarah - Monday

Soccer Stars - Wednesday

Year 5 and 6 football with Mr Bunn (full) - Friday

Our Knowsley Behaviours



New to You Uniform Shop

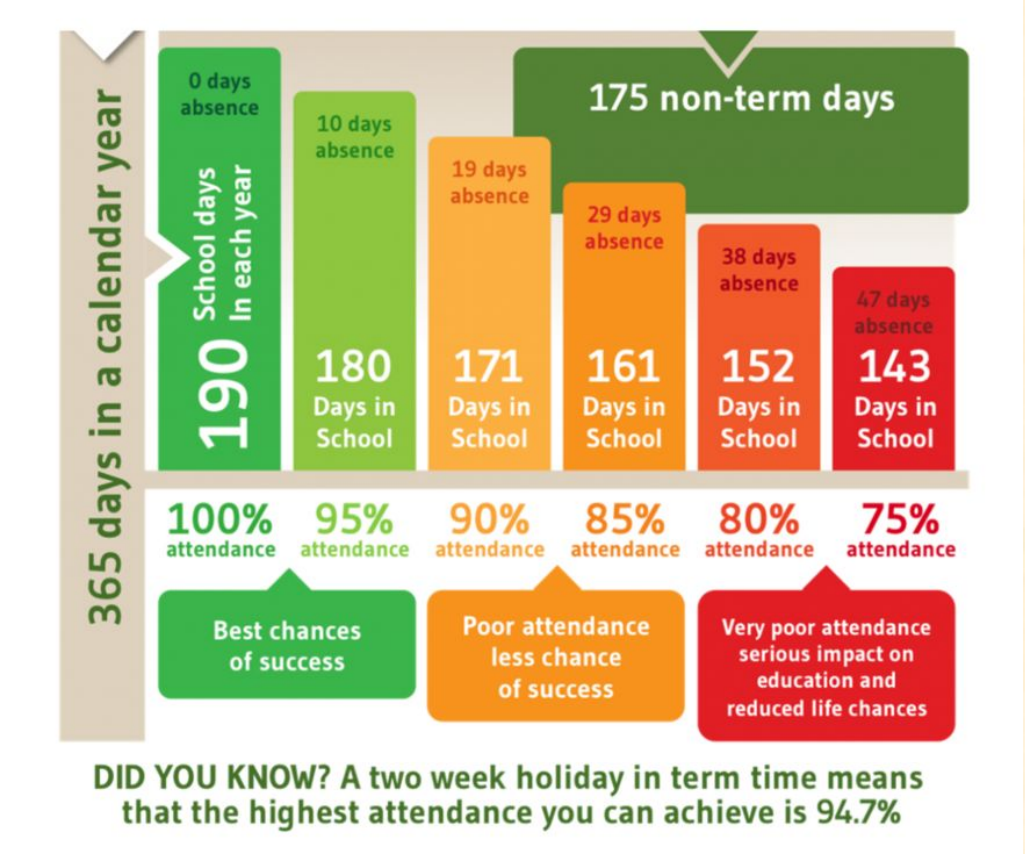
We are a very eco-minded school and are committed to reducing waste and reusing resources wherever possible.

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

- 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*