Knowsley News

Friday 25th September 2026



Macmillan Afternoon

We had a wonderful time at our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon! It was fantastic to see so many of our families coming together, enjoying delicious cakes and a drink, all while supporting such a worthwhile cause. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, baked, helped out or simply came along to join us. Your generosity and support made the event a great success and showed what a wonderful difference we can make when our community comes together.



New Roles and Responsibilities at School

We are excited to be introducing a range of new roles and responsibilities for our pupils to take on throughout school this academic year.

This week, we are inviting pupils who would like to become a member of our Eco Squad to write a letter of application and hand it to their class teacher by the end of next week. In their letter, pupils should explain why they would like the role and what qualities, ideas and skills they could bring to the team.

Our Eco Squad has an exciting year ahead! They will be helping us to develop and care for our outdoor spaces, including planting trees and maintaining our gardens, as well as thinking of ways we can make our school even more environmentally friendly. They will also have the opportunity to represent our school by taking part in the LSG Litter Heroes event. We can't wait to receive the applications and see our pupils taking an active role in making a positive difference to our school and wider community!

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.

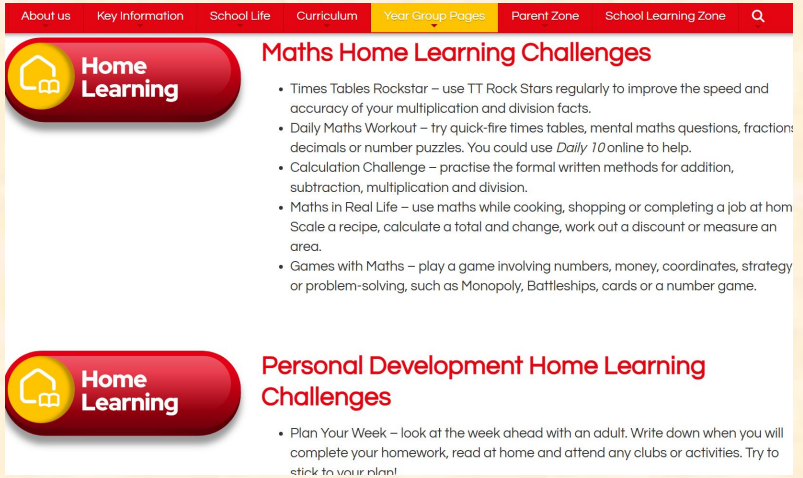
Thank you to those parents and carers who have already responded to our careers form. We are lucky to have so many talented people in our school community.

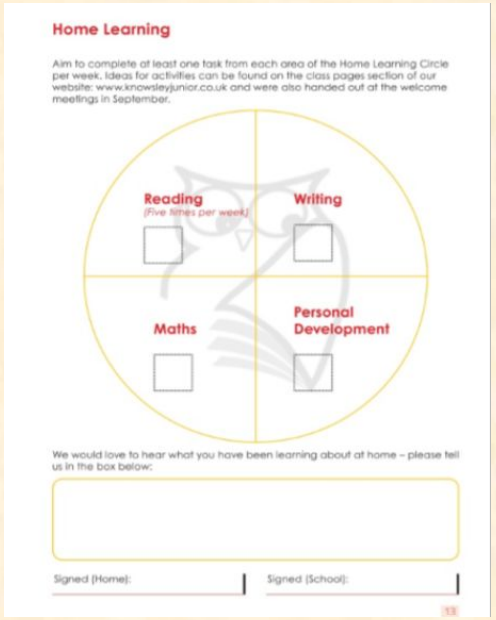
Home Learning Help

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

1) On the school website, click on your child's **year group** page.
2) Scroll down to '**Home Learning Challenges**'.
3) Choose which challenges your child will 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 life 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 Winners

- Maisie (3JO)
- Jax (3M)
- Frankie (4BS)
- Nayel (4AH)
- Edward (5GL)
- Hamzah (5P)
- Isla (5P)
- Honey (6A)
- Ibrahim (6S)

Awards

Attendance Trophy

6S, 4BS and 3JO! All 100%!

Tidiest Classroom

4BS

House Points

Derby

VIP Table

Maisie (Y3)

Esme (Y4)

Bobby (Y5)

Mia (Y6)

Extracurricular Activities

Autumn 1

Times Tables Rockstars with Mrs Murfitt - Monday

Soccer Stars - Wednesday

Year 5 and 6 football with Mr Bunn - Friday

Our Knowsley Behaviours



New to You Uniform Shop

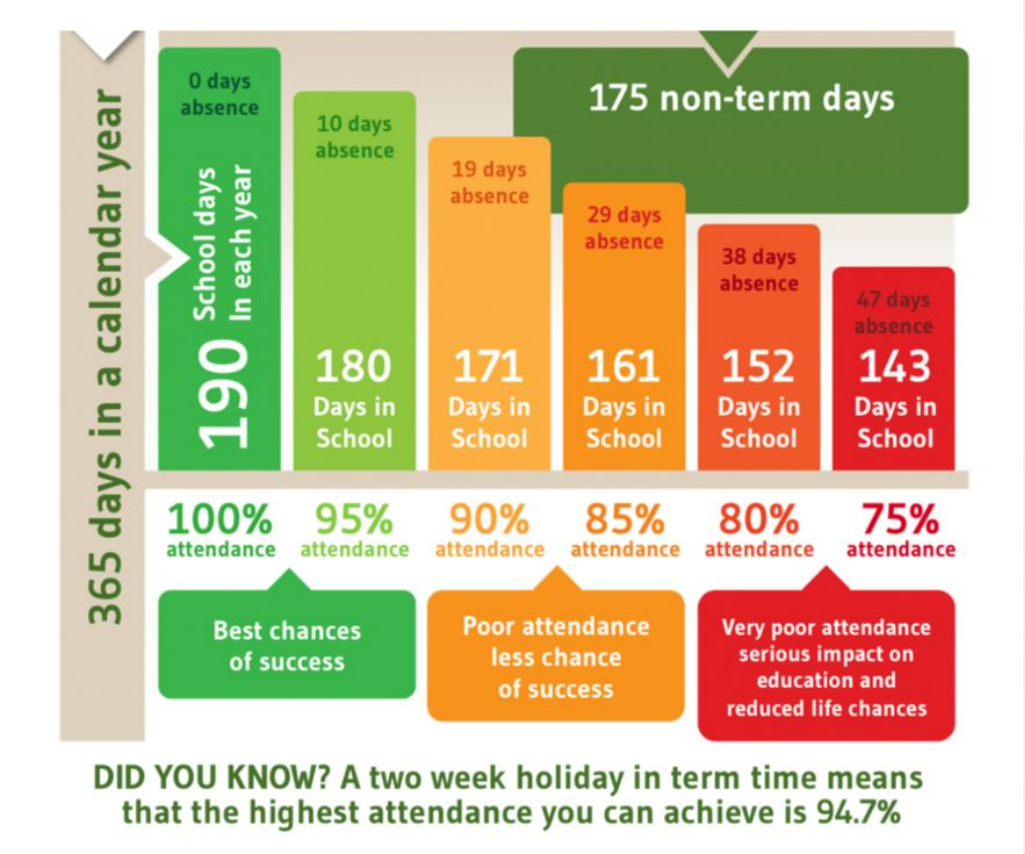
We are a very eco-minded school and are committed to reducing waste and reusing resources wherever possible.

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: 4Bs 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
- Monday 2nd November: 8:55am, school re-opens
- Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th November: Parents' Evenings
- Tuesday 8th December: Year 5 Christmas Production
- Thursday 10th December: Year 4 Christmas Production
- Tuesday 15th December: Year 3 Christmas Production
- Wednesday 16th December: Year 6 Carol Concert
- Thursday 17th December: Pantomime Trip (all year groups)
- Friday 18th December: 3:25pm, school closes for the Christmas break