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This Month's Focus Value: **HONESTY**

A note from Mrs Harrison:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an action-packed Spring Term it has been at Knaphill School! From an exciting residential trip to a wide range of enriching learning opportunities across all Year Groups, it has been a busy yet incredibly rewarding few months for our school community. We wish to thank everyone who came together to help us to win the 'Green Redeem' competition - our children's Eco Team have already started to plan how best to utilise the money. What an incredible community we have! We also had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Week 2025 with our children embracing their love of reading while exploring the theme of inspirational people. We wrapped up the term with Parents' Evening, where it was truly heartwarming to see so many parents supporting our children and their progress. Our teachers thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the successes and endeavour of all of our pupils, as well as showcasing the children's variety of work. A huge thank you to all our parents and guardians who completed the parent survey; your feedback is invaluable in helping us continue to improve and provide the best possible experiences for our children. Wishing everyone in our school community a fantastic Easter holiday!

We look forward to welcoming you back at school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Value of the month: **Honesty**

Our new value for April

Honesty means we are truthful in what we say and do. It means people can rely on us. Honesty is the basis of a trusting relationship.

What does it look like: Being **honest** means you act in a way that you know is the right thing to do. It includes not hiding the truth (deceiving), not breaking rules to gain an advantage (cheating), and not taking something that isn't yours (stealing).

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TTRS - A Tournament

7th March - 20 March 2025

🏆 4 - Sycamore 717 4 - Birch 442 4 - Cedar 130

7th March - 20 March 2025

🏆 6 - Acer 71 6 - Hazel 44

7th March - 20 March 2025

🏆 5 - Ash 39 5 - Cherry 17

7th March - 20 March 2025

🏆 3 - Oak 903 3 - Maple 703 3 - Elm 370

Our most recent tournament saw classes battling against each other! Our winning classes have earned extra play.

House Points

Congratulations to our termly housepoint winners - **Attenborough** who will be able to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 25th April .

Our weekly winners:

14.03.25 - **Attenborough**

21.03.25- **Attenborough**

28.03.25- **Farah**

04.04.25- **Windsor**

Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to our attendance cup winners this month:

Week ending 14/03

- Maple

Week ending 21/03

- Maple/Cherry

Week ending 28/03

- Oak

This week - Maple

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Our Stars of The Week

We are so proud of our wonderful stars who have been living our values.

21/03/25

Year 3 - Alishba, Oliver and Isobel

Year 4 - Xoraiz, Sara U and Hritvik

Year 5 - Mila and Subhaan

Year 6 - Leo and Josiah

28/03/25

Year 3 - Karter, Layla and
Alejandro

Year 4 - Baxter, Max and Haniya

Year 5 - Mark and Felix

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Year 3 - Issa, Ella and Albie C

Year 4 - Mohammed, Mostafa,
Gerber and Paige

Year 5 - Angelinha and Amelio

Year 6 - Harvey and Zeth

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This term in Art, our Year 4 children have been busy working with clay. They have explored the fascinating world of clay by experimenting with a variety of techniques, such as coiling, impressing, pinching and joining. Drawing inspiration from renowned clay artist Chris Gryder, they designed and crafted their own striking dragon eyes. After carefully shaping and painting their creations, the final pieces were nothing short of spectacular, showcasing the incredible progress they've made throughout the term whilst developing both their skills and knowledge on sculpture. Well done, Year 4!





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Book Swap

A huge thank you to everyone who so generously donated a book to the Book Swap. This has enabled all children to have a new story to read and enjoy over the holidays. Remember, once your child has enjoyed their book, they can return it in time for the next Book Swap.



Classroom Kitchen

Years 3- 5 have loved cooking with their class this week.

This forms part of our Design and Technology curriculum and also provides a platform to talk about balanced diets including healthy food and snacks.

Year 3 made Red Pepper Salsa, Year 4 made Summer-Slaw and Year 5 made Fish Cakes.



CLASSROOM
KITCHEN

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Attendance Policy

We are taking this further opportunity to share our Attendance Policy with you that came in to effect on Monday 19th August 2024. As you will be aware, our Attendance Policy was amended to include the new procedures, as directed by the Department for Education (DfE) and can be found on our school website.

Please note that the main changes are listed below:

If you take your child/ren out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Any leave of absence for absences from Monday 19th August 2024, will follow the new procedures.

In line with the new DfE guidance, we are now obligated to request medical evidence and flight/ holiday confirmation when an illness occurs just prior or after a holiday request.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Public Health
Agency

Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay
o but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay
o but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay
o but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after rst treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay
o but school or nursery should be informed

Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Flu

Until recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay
o but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay
o but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay
o but school or nursery should be informed

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Recommended Reads

Each week, the teachers choose one book to read out to the students in the Tuesday Reading Assembly...

In the last month, we have enjoyed listening to...

Mrs Saunders - Slime

WELCOME TO THE ISLE OF MULCH...

This little island is home to a large number of horrible grown-ups. The school, the local park, the toy shop and even the island's ice-cream van are all run by awful adults who like nothing more than making children miserable. And the island is owned by the most awful one of all – Aunt Greta Greed!

Something needs to be done about them.

But who could be brave enough?

Meet Ned – an extraordinary boy with a special power. SLIMEPOWER!



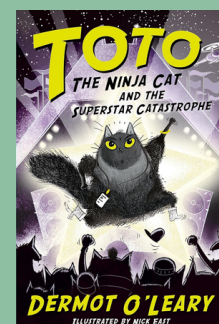
Miss Fini - Toto - The Ninja Cat and the Superstar Catastrophe

Toto is no ordinary cat, and she can't wait for you to join her on her THIRD ninja adventure!

After months of keeping London safe from notorious animal bad guys, Toto the Ninja Cat is going on a well-earned holiday to the world's most famous music festival - Catstonbury!

But a villain has a dastardly plan to hypnotise the crowd when a world-famous band is on stage, turning them into evil minions. How can Toto possibly prevent the catastrophe when everyone thinks the band is the cat's pyjamas?

It will take all Toto's ninja skills - and some help from a friendly otter - to save the day...



Mr Mills - Alice in Wonderland

Originally published in 1865 as Alice's Adventures in Wonderland the beloved Victorian classic novel has captured the hearts and imaginations of readers of all ages for generations. In this enchanting book, the curious and adventurous Alice falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a whimsical and surreal world filled with talking animals, bizarre creatures, and fantastical landscapes.

With its clever wordplay, vivid imagery, and playful storytelling, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland remains timeless classics that continue to inspire and delight readers of all ages. This book is a must-read for anyone who loves original storytelling, endless adventures, and the power of imagination.



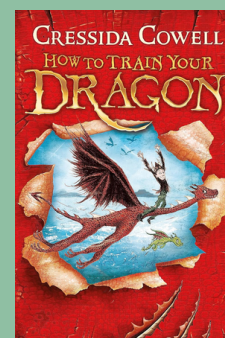
Miss Woodruff - How To Train Your Dragon

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third is a smallish Viking with a longish name. Hiccup's father is chief of the Hairy Hooligan tribe which means Hiccup is the Hope and the Heir to the Hairy Hooligan throne - but most of the time Hiccup feels like a very ordinary boy, finding it hard to be a Hero.

In the first How to Train Your Dragon book Hiccup must lead ten novices in their initiation into the Hairy Hooligan Tribe. They have to train their dragons or be BANISHED from the tribe FOR EVER!

But what if Hiccup's dragon resembles an ickle brown bunny with wings? And has NO TEETH? The Seadragonus Giganticus Maximus is stirring and wants to devour every Viking on the Isle of Berk...

Can Hiccup save the tribe - and become a Hero?





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Easter Funday 2025

Thank you to the fabulous PTA for arranging such a brilliant book themed Easter Egg Hunt! The children were thrilled with their prizes and the appearance of Knaphill's Easter Bunny.





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Stone Farm 2025

What a week we had on our Year six residential to Stone Farm! We were spoilt with the most beautiful sunshine and Devonshire countryside - the perfect backdrop for so many magical memories to be made.

The children enjoyed so many new experiences this week with their infectious energy and positivity: from showing kindness and care to all the Stone Farm animals; breaking rocks and exploring underground mine shafts at Morwellham Quay; experiencing everything the National Marine Aquarium had to offer; and grasping every opportunity to have fun with friends throughout the week.

We are so proud of our children and hope you enjoy reliving their experiences (and photos below!)

with them.



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Sporting news

It has been a very busy few weeks in our sporting calendar. Thank you to everybody who has supported and made these events possible.



Spring Term has been packed with wonderful and varied sporting opportunities for our Knaphill children. From athletics, to a panathlon, orienteering and football, children across Years 3-6 have represented our school brilliantly. Well done to our Knaphill children for continually demonstrating our school values and making us proud to have them represent our school. Thank you to all the adults and families who have supported these events.



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Woking District Rotary

Active 14 minutes ago



Hi! Can you please create a Poster for Woking Jog?

Bet! Details?



The objective is to encourage families to jog around a short course (250m) for local charities

Slay! When & Where?



Goldsworth Primary School
Bridge Barn Lane, Woking, GU21 6NL
On Sunday, 11 May from 10am

How to join?



Entrants must fill in details using the QR code below and pledge a sponsorship of a minimum of £5.

That's reasonable. QR code?



Anything else?



Any questions email me at
rotaryjog@yahoo.com



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Recommended Reads

This month's books have been selected from the Love Reading 4 kids website.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/new-releases>

This website features extracts of all recommended texts, so you can try before you buy!

Year 3 - Bear and Bird-The Cave and Other Stories

By Jarvis



Bear and Bird are best friends! And while they don't always understand each other, they both agree: all they want is to make the other happy. So, when neither of them can remember why they've circled today in red in the calendar, they each think they've missed the other's birthday and scramble to surprise each other with a party! And when Bear accidentally loses the ball while playing Boing Boing, he has to summon up all his courage to go into the Creepy Cave to get it back.

Full of comic mix-ups and misunderstandings, as well as genuine warmth and affection, these four stories are the fifth instalment in this irresistibly charming chapter book series from award-winning creator Jarvis. Bear and Bird are fast becoming a firm favourite and their adventures are perfect to read aloud, or for children who are ready to start reading by themselves.

Year 4

Wildlands- By Brogen Murphy



Twenty-five years into the future, no humans are allowed in the Wildlands - a vast area in Britain where wolves, lynx and bison roam free. The only exception is a high-speed train line between London and Glasgow that crosses right through the heart of the project. Thirteen-year-old Astrid and her little sister, Indie, are onboard when their train slows to a brief, unexpected stop ... and they find themselves accidentally left behind. Stranded in this place of astonishing natural wonders and terrible dangers, they have only a rucksack, a phone without signal - and each other. As every wrong turn takes them deeper into the Wildlands, do they have the ingenuity and determination to survive?

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YEAR 5 - The Green Kingdom

Cornelia Funke



Caspia's summer is transformed when she discovers a bundle of letters containing ten botanical riddles in this enchanting adventure.

Twelve-year-old Caspia hates big cities, especially one as busy as New York. So she isn't thrilled by the news that her parents are taking her to stay in Brooklyn. It's summer-devouring bad luck! But everything changes when Caspia discovers a bundle of letters, hidden in an old chest of drawers. They belonged to two sisters who lived there long ago. Each letter contains a 'green' riddle, with clues leading to a different plant.

Caspia sets out to solve the riddles and, as she does, she meets friends she could never have imagined and discovers that anywhere can feel like home, if you are just brave enough to put down new roots.

YEAR 6 - Grumpfort

By Jamie Hammond



Meet Mo, the worst monster hunter ever, in this hilarious and highly illustrated adventure.

Mo never wanted to be a Warden - protecting the village of Bogfoss from the terrifying monsters in the woods is way too scary. But when he's beaten up by a goblin on his first patrol, he knows he has to prove himself.

So he sets out into the forbidden woods to catch himself a monster and make himself a hero. Instead he stumbles into GRUMPFORT, a secret monster fortress with a very big problem. The fearsome Grumpsatcher is kidnapping the other monsters - and suddenly Mo's on a monster-hunt with a troll, a gnome and a fire-breathing snotwoggle to stop it!

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All dates are kept up-to-date on the school website: kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/

New Dates in RED

| Date | Event | Year Group |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Wednesday 23rd April | Experience Day | Year 5 |
| Wednesday 30th April | Experience Day | Year 5 |
| Friday 2nd May | Experience Day | Year 3 |
| Monday 5th May | May Day Bank Holiday | All |
| 7th -9th May | Residential Visit | Year 4 |
| Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May | Key Stage 2 SATS | Year 6 |
| Friday 16th May | Post SATS Pizza Party & Golf Experience | Year 6 |
| Tuesday 20th May | Class photos | All |
| Monday 26th - Friday 30th May | May Half Term | All |
| Monday 2nd June - Friday 13th | Year 4 Multiplication Check Window | Year 4 |
| Friday 6th June | Year 6 Transition Morning at School | Year 6 |
| Monday 16th June | Engage 'Move Up' Lesson | Year 6 |
| Friday 20th June | Year 6 - Apprentice Year 6 Parents Invited am | Year 6 |
| Thursday 3rd July | Sports Day am - Parents invited to watch | all |
| Friday 4th July | INSET | all |
| Monday 7th July | Year 6 School Production - Dress Rehearsal | Year 6 |
| Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July | Year 6 School Production - evening Details of tickets for year 6 parents to follow | Year 6 |
| Thursday 17th July | Leavers' BBQ - Details TBC | Year 6 |
| Tuesday 22nd July | Leavers' Assembly | Year 6 |
| Tuesday 22nd July | Book Swap Last Day of Summer Term 1:15pm Finish | Year 6 |