



Knaphill Schools'

Monthly Update - 26.09.25

To empower all children to have a bright future.

This Month's Focus Value: KINDNESS

A note from Mrs Harrison:

Welcome back! It's been a joy to see our schools come alive again with the energy, excitement and smiles of our children. September always brings a sense of new beginnings, and this year is no exception. We've had a wonderfully positive start to the academic year, filled with opportunities to build new relationships and strengthen existing ones, something we value deeply across both of our schools.

We are especially proud to be working closely together as a school community, fostering collaboration, kindness and shared purpose. A highlight of this term so far has been the opening of our Lower School Sensory Room which is an addition to our Sensory Room at the Junior School which opened last year, a calming and inclusive space designed to support the wellbeing of our children. It's already proving to be a valuable addition to our learning environment.

This morning's Macmillan Coffee Morning was a heartwarming event, so well attended by our families and staff. It was a beautiful example of our community coming together to show compassion, kindness and support for those affected by cancer. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and a special mention to our Year 5 and 6 pupils, who were outstanding ambassadors for the school: helpful, respectful and full of pride.

We also extend a very warm welcome to our Little Leopards and Reception classes. The children have settled in beautifully and are an absolute credit to their parents. It's been a pleasure getting to know them and watching them begin their school journey with such confidence and joy.

Thank you all for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you on the gate next week.

Value of the Month:

KINDNESS

means living a life that strives to always do what is right. It is understanding the impact our words and actions have on others.

What does it look like:

it is a constant goal. It is apologising when we fail and it is committing to do better. Kindness is understanding that we are all human, and so kindness is also forgiving others when they fail at being kind, but also being clear that forgiveness comes with an expectation to do better next time.

Lower School Book Raffle Winners

Reading 5 times a week to be entered into the draw.....

Well Done to:

Caleb M - Year 1

Daniella - Year 2



Congratulations
& keep reading!

Attendance Award

Congratulations to our attendance winners this month:

w/e 12.09 - Maple 99.3% & Polar Bear 100%

w/e 19.09 - Ash 98.8% & Panda 100%

w/e 26.09 - Maple 100% & Elephants 98%



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Our Stars of the Week

Reception

You are ALL stars -
for settling in so
well!

Year 1

Gorilla - Sofia & Jay
Polar Bear - Logan & Olivia M

Year 2

Elephants - Flynn & Layla
Rhino - Jax & Aarin

Year 3

Elm - Sienna & Emily
Maple - Finley & Seif

Year 4

Sycamore - Victoria & Kush
Birch - Beth & Elsie
Hazel - Owen & Reilly

Year 5

Ash - Jacob & TJ
Cherry - Valentina & Nene

Year 6

Bonsai - Scarlett
Acer - Archie

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT KNAPHILL SCHOOLS



A Fantastic new addition to Knaphill Lower School - our new sensory room was opened last week & our children loved exploring the new environment.



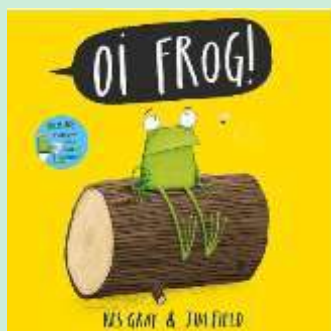
Recommended Reads - Lower School

Here is this months selection of recommended reading books..
as selected by Mrs Everitt.....

Nursery

Oi Frog!

Author
Kes Gray
Illustrator
Jim Field



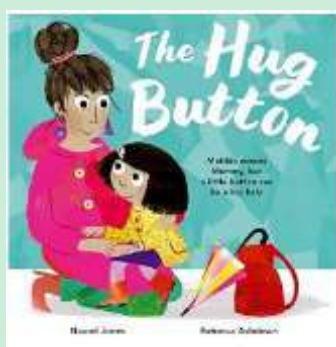
Filled with animals and fun. This rhyming story will have the youngest of readers in fits of laughter.

Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools and gophers sit on sofas. But Frog does not want to sit on a log. Jam-packed with animals and silliness, this original rhyming story is guaranteed to get children giggling

Reception

The Hug Button

Author
Naomi Jones
Illustrator
Rebecca Ashdown
Year One



A lovely book about the transition to school. This is the perfect book for discussing the feelings that parents and children might feel and provides strategies for how to manage these feelings.

Year 1t

The Bumblebear

Nadia
Shareen

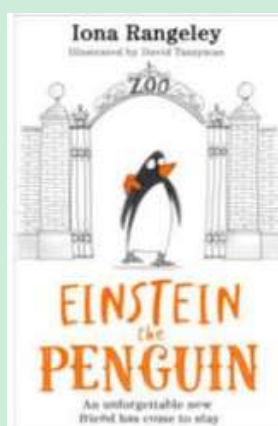


This story is about a bear called Norman, who concocts a plot to get more honey by dressing up as a bee and attending bee school. Children will love Norman's hilarious attempts to convince his teacher and classmates that he's a real bee. This is a really funny book with hilarious twists and turns, and ultimately a happy resolution about acceptance and being true to oneself.

Year Two

Einstein The Penguin

Author
Iona Rangeley
Illustrator
David Tazzyman



When Mrs Stewart invites a small penguin to visit on a spontaneous visit to London Zoo, no one could have imagined that later that day they would find him on their doorstep, rucksack on his back and an adventure about to begin...

A lovely mix of whodunnit with a slightly preposterous story of a penguin who comes to live with our two heroes, Imogen (age 9) and Arthur (age 6), causing them to put aside their sibling squabbles and come to his rescue.

Recommended Reads - Junior School

Here are the September & October selection of recommended reading books as selected by Mrs Bowry.....

Year 3 - Rory Sparkes

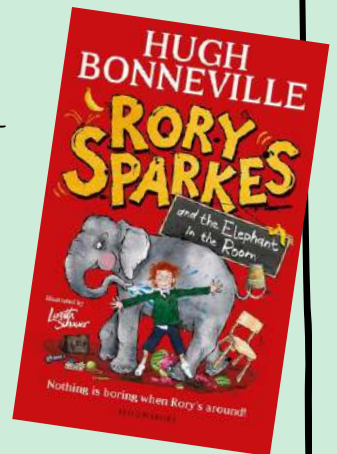
Hugh Bonneville (author)

Buckle up for the adventure of a lifetime in the hilarious first children's book from Paddington star, Hugh Bonneville

Rory Sparkes is a boy with a head full of dreams. He might become a strongman and travel the world with the circus. Or he might try to make it as a cowboy - that would be a fan-tastic second best. Although at the moment he'd settle for missing his maths lesson and making his torch work properly.

As he plots to help his best friend, Guy, earn enough money to buy the latest top-of-the-line model boat (so they can set sail for South America), the circus rolls into town and everything spirals out of control. With Guy needing help doing odd jobs for the terrifying Madame Lowe, and with Clare, Rory's annoying older sister, planning a dastardly prank, will Rory's plans ever work out? Let's see .

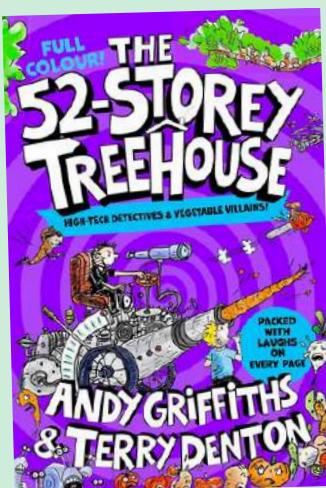
Filled with brilliantly funny illustrations from Lorretta Schauer.



Year 4

The 52-Storey Treehouse

Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton (author)



The 52-Storey Treehouse - in colour! The fourth bestselling book in Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton's wacky treehouse adventures, packed full of comic book style illustrations! Perfect for fans of Dog Man and Bunny vs. Monkey.

'The kind of book I would have loved as a kid' - Tom Fletcher, author of The Creakers.

Andy and Terry's incredible, ever-expanding treehouse has thirteen new storeys! It used to be 13, then 26, then 39, but they keep expanding!

This time, there's a new watermelon-smashing level, a wave machine, a life-size snakes and ladders game (with real ladders and real snakes!), a rocket-powered carrot launcher, a Ninja Snail Training Academy and a high-tech detective agency with all the latest high-tech detective technology. Which is lucky, because they have a BIG mystery to solve: where is Mr Big Nose?!

Recommended Reads continued - Junior School

Year 5- Inkbound Meticulous Jones and the Skull Tattoo

Philippa Leathley (author)



Enter an extraordinary magical adventure about family, fate and finding the courage to be truly yourself – perfect for fans of Nevermoor, Lemony Snicket and The Swifts.

On her tenth birthday, Meticulous ‘Metty’ Jones receives her fate, as all children do, in the form of a magical tattoo on her hand. She hopes that her tattoo will reveal an exciting destiny: travel, discovery or adventure. What appears is a skull in the palm of a violet glove – Metty’s fate is to be a murderer.

When Metty’s father disappears in mysterious circumstances, Aunt Magnificent takes her to the glittering city of New London, filled with magic, wonder and enchantment. But when Metty hears rumours of a shadowy organisation known as the Black Moths, she begins to suspect they are connected to her own dark fate ...

Year 6 - Midnight Treasure

Piers Torbay (author)



A breathtaking new fantasy world from the award-winning author of The Last Wild.

In an empire of vampires and werewolves, Tibor and Roza are hunting a treasure more valuable than gold ... For readers who loved Katherine Rundell’s Impossible Creatures or S.F. Said’s Tyger.

Tibor is a child of the night, a werewolf, adopted by his guardian, a powerful vampire. He and his friend Roza are on the deadliest of quests, and one that will test their very immortality. And they’re not the only ones hunting for the Midnight Treasure. Battling with bears, wrestling with vampires and racing against the clock, Tibor and Roza must decide who to trust. And whether they will dare reveal the secrets ... of the Midnight Treasure.

From the award-winning Piers Torbay comes this spectacular, irresistible treasure hunt: there will be clues, spells, imprisonments and escapes, fights, betrayals ... but above all there will be courage and hope.

Little Leopards Nursery

Knaphill Lower School



Open Day
Sat 4th October.
9 - 10.30am



Book your place:
klsadmissions@kfos.co.uk



Knaphill School

Open Days/School Tours

Year 3 September 2026 start

Come and see us in action and chat to our children



Wednesday 15th October

9:00am

Tuesday 11th November

1:30pm

Tours typically last for 30 minutes

To book your tour please
complete the link below
<https://forms.gle/gBpLgzNMmzbppCSF9> or email
ksadmissions@kfoss.co.uk





Knaphill Lower School



Saturday 29th November 9.30am - 11am

forest School Stay & Play

All prospective Reception 2026 families welcome

Join us for festive fun both outside in our
woodland enclave & in the classroom.

Enjoy storytime around the camp fire toasting
marshmallows & enjoying hot chocolate.



**Book now - click on QR Code or
klsadmissions@kfoss.co.uk or call 01483 473282.**

Year 2 - Florence Nightingale Workshop



In our Year 4 English lesson, we were immersed in an enquiry experience that hooked us into our new key text by exploring a rainforest under threat from human activity. Using a range of clues such as images, sounds, and written evidence, we acted as investigators to make inferences about the impact humans are having on this precious environment. Deep-thinking questions helped the children to explore the clues closely, sparking their curiosity and encouraging them to think beyond the obvious. This engaging start to our new text allowed us to build background knowledge, make connections, and get excited about the story ahead.



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.

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Knaphill Lower School Diary Dates - Autumn 1

Knaphill Lower School Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2025-26

Date	Event	What is this?
Thurs 2 nd Oct	Special Harvest Festival Lunch Menu	Children will have a special meal to try
Sat 4 th Oct	Little Leopards Nursery Open Morning @ 9.30am-10am	Come and meet the team for prospective nursery children
Mon 6 th Oct	Flu Vaccine R-Y2	Consent via email sent from office
W/C 13 th Oct	Nurse visit	Year 2 nurse visit to support history learning
W/C 13 th Oct	SEND Parent meetings (teachers/ SENDCo) – ISPs	1:1 meetings with teacher and SENDCo for children with ISPs
Tues 14 th Oct	School Tour – Reception Intake Sept 2026 – 1pm	Tour of the school for prospective families
Fri 17 th Oct	School Tour – Reception Intake Sept 2026 – 9am	Tour of the school for prospective families
Fri 17 th Oct	PTA Parents Event in the evening	Details to follow
Mon 20 th – Thurs 23 rd Oct	Scholastic Book Fair being delivered	Come and buy some books!
Mon 20 th Oct	Diwali – Teacher Play	Pupils to watch during assembly
Tues 21 st Oct	Parents' Evening	1:1 meeting with class teacher – focus on settling into new class
Wed 22 nd Oct	Parents' Evening	
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Harvest Festival + welly walk + Reception F/S (doors @ 1:30)	All parents invited to Harvest Festival and family welly walk on the field. Reception – pumpkin soup and forest school story with parents. Year 1 & 2 – story sessions in classrooms with parents
Thurs 23 rd Oct	PTA Spooky Magic Show	Details to follow
Fri 24 th Oct	Inset Day	Staff training – children not in school
Mon 27 th Oct - Fri 31 st Oct	Half term	School is closed
Mon 3 rd Nov	Inset Day	Staff training – children not in school.
Tues 4 th Nov	Back to School	

Knaphill School Diary Dates - Autumn 1

Knaphill School Diary Dates – 2025 - 26

Date	Event
Wednesday 1 st October	Flu Vaccines
Friday 3 rd October	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Monday 6 th October to Friday 10 th October	Bikeability - Year 6
Monday 13 th October	SEND Parents Evenings
Wednesday 15 th October	9am - Open Morning for prospective Year 3 parents
Monday 20 th October	Diwali
Tuesday 21 st and Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents Evenings 4- 6:30pm
Thursday 23 rd October	Harvest Festival – 9am – year 4 and 6 2:40pm – Year 3 and 5
Friday 24 th October	INSET DAY
Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th November	Back to School