



Knaphill Schools'

Monthly Update - 23.10.25

To empower all children to have a bright future.

This Month's Focus Value: Equality

A note from Mrs Harrison:

As we reach the end of this first half term, it's been a joy to see how well the children have settled into their new school year. Daily routines have been practised and embedded, helping our pupils feel secure and confident in what each day brings. This consistency fosters a strong sense of belonging, which is so important in helping children thrive.

The Knaphill Schools' community never ceases to amaze me with its energy, generosity, and commitment and October has been no exception. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the PTA AGM earlier this month. Your support means so much. Special thanks also go to our fantastic PTA for organising the Bingo evening last Friday. The event was filled with laughter and fun, creating a real buzz throughout the school and raising over £600 for our schools!

Another highlight this month was the transformation of the woodland Enclave at the infant school. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our school community, the area has been beautifully cultivated. We received generous donations including 30 logs to create a story and fire circle, and a new liner for one of the enclave ponds. Trees, hedges, and pathways were cleared, and it's been wonderful to see the children already enjoying their visits to this revitalised space.

Today's Harvest Festival events that went ahead were a true celebration of community and gratitude. The children were an absolute credit to their families, and it was lovely to see so many of you in attendance. We hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we did.

Wishing you all a restful and safe half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 4th November**. See you at the gate!

Value of the Month:

EQUALITY

Equality means everyone is treated fairly and with kindness, no matter who they are.

What does it look like:

Everyone gets a turn to play. Everyone's voice matters. No one is left out because of their skin colour, if they're a boy or girl, where they're from, or if they have a disability. Imagine a big box of crayons. Some are red, some are blue, some are sparkly! Equality means every crayon is special and gets used to make a beautiful picture.

Our Stars of the Week

Reception

You are ALL stars for
being amazing in your
first term at school and
coming in with a big
smile every day!

Year 2

Elephant

Week 1 - Daniella
Week 2 - Otis
Week 3 - Nimisha

Rhino

Week 1 - Deen
Week 2 - Adam
Week 3 - Joshua

Year 1

Polar Bear

Week 1 - Frank
Week 2 - Alex D-R
Week 3 - Mihal

Gorilla

Week 1 - Qurat ul ain
Week 2 - Violet
Week 3 - Harley

Year 3

Elm

Week 1 - Archie B
Week 2 - Kit
Week 3 - Zohair

Maple

Week 1 - Dexter
Week 2 - Elsie
Week 3 - Mason

Year 4

Birch

Week 1 - Orla
Week 2 - Aris
Week 3 - Harper-Lily

Sycamore

Week 1 - Oscar
Week 2 - Finley
Week 3 - Kobi

Hazel

Week 1 - Noah
Week 2 - Isabella
Week 3 - Harper R

Year 5

Ash

Week 1 - Sophie
Week 2 - Husna
Week 3 - Samyra

Cherry

Week 1 - Harley
Week 2 - Harrison
Week 3 - Mustafa

Year 6

Acer

Week 1 - Leo
Week 2 - Ashleigh
Week 3 - Myla

Bonzai

Week 1 - Jenson
Week 2 - Fletcher
Week 3 - Gabe

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to our attendance winners this month:

w/e 03.10 - Gorillas 99% & Birch 99.2%

w/e 10.10 - Polar Bear 99.5% & Birch 99.6%

w/e 17.10 - Elephants 98.7% & Birch 98.8%



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Junior School House Point Winners

w/e 03.10 - Attenborough

w/e 10.10 - Rowling

w/e 17.10 - Windsor

Lower School Book Raffle Winners

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

Well Done to everyone that has
won this term, choosing books
such as 'Stinky Wonky Donkey' &
'Excuse me, are you a T-Rex'.



Congratulations
& keep reading!

CONGRATS!

Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill Schools promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.



PASTORAL SUPPORT

- Teachers and teaching assistants in each year group are always ready to listen and support your child.
- Mrs. Philips & Miss Frost, our Home School Link Workers (HSLW), are available to work with children and families.
- Mrs. Hayward & Miss George are our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) and work with children who have been identified as needing additional emotional support.
- Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) – Mrs Harrison, Mrs Wood, Mrs Bowry and Mrs Purulak are also part of the Pastoral Team.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT THE
KNAPHILL SCHOOLS

A Book-Filled Bonanza at the Lower School!



The last week of term was bursting with excitement as the Lower School hosted a fantastic Scholastic Book Fair — and what a success it was! From the moment the doors opened, our young readers were buzzing with enthusiasm, diving into a treasure trove of stories, adventures, and magical worlds.

But the best part? Every single book purchased directly benefits our school and your children. Thanks to your support, we will be able to add even more wonderful books to our library and classrooms, helping to nurture a lifelong love of reading in every child.



happy harvest



*Thank you to our community for
all your donations,
they will be greatly appreciated.*



Our Woodland Enclave

Before.....



**Teamwork works wonders!
After a lot of hard work from
staff and our community of
family helpers, the
transformation at the Lower
School was amazing & the
children will love exploring
their renovated outside area**



After.....

**A massive 'thank you'
to everyone that gave
up their Saturday
morning to help us,
we really appreciate
it!**



YEAR 3 STONE AGE TO IRON AGE DAY

Becoming archaeologists to deduce what the artefacts show us!



Acting out Stone Age survival skills



Making Bronze Age jewelry



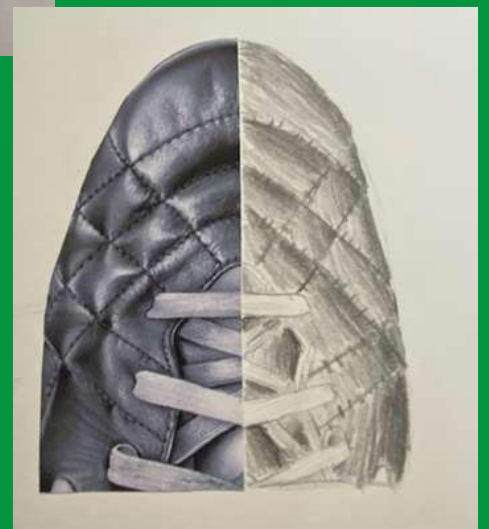
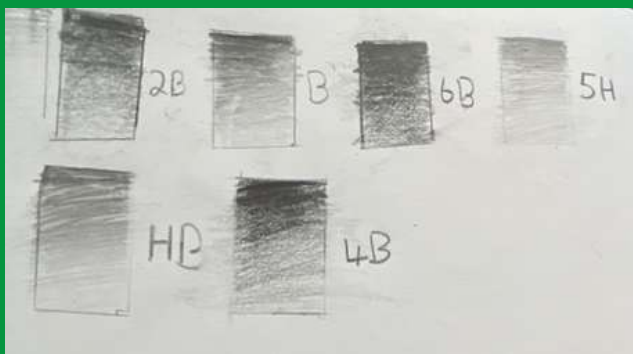
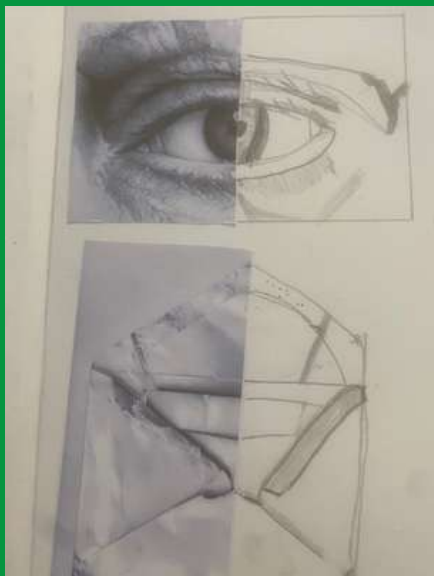
Cave paintings using natural resources



Year 5 Art Focus: Still Life Sketching

This term, Year 5 have been developing their observational drawing skills through still life sketching. Pupils explored a range of sketching techniques and experimented with different pencil grades to create depth and tone in their work. Inspired by the hyper-realistic style of artist Cath Riley, they focused on capturing fine detail and texture in their drawings.

Here are some wonderful extracts from our sketchbooks—showcasing both creativity and technical skill!



Year 6 - Bikeability

This half term, Year 6 excelled at Bikeability. They were taught how to keep their bikes roadworthy and how to be safe cycling on the road. This was a fun and useful experience for all involved.



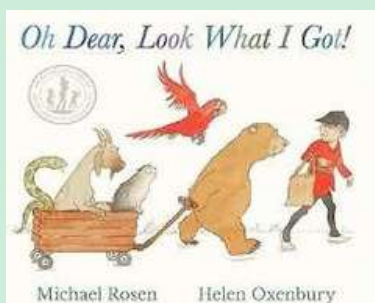
Recommended Reads - Lower School



Here is this month's selection of recommended reading books as selected by Mrs Everitt...

Nursery

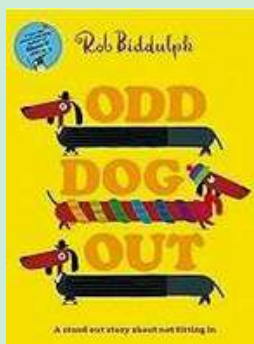
Oh Dear,
Look What I
Got! by
Michael
Rosen



A brilliant new picture book, from the creators of the classic "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" that will delight a new generation of children. Each visit to the shop brings an animal surprise in this playful read-aloud, with a final twist and a joyful ending. Young readers will love joining in the rhyming text and guessing what comes next in this hilarious picture book, sure to become a timeless classic.

Reception

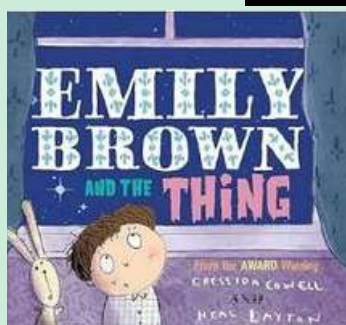
Odd Dog Out
by Rob
Biddulph



It's a dog's life in the big city... Come join one busy dog on her journey to find her place in the world, from Rob Biddulph. One dog doesn't quite fit in. It's lonely being the odd dog out. She's willing to go to the other side of the world to look for her place in it... but it might take a different kind of journey for her to realise that maybe where she's meant to be is right back where she started...

Year One

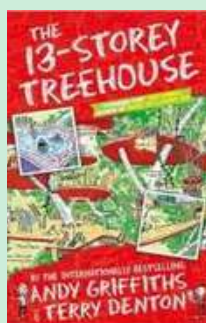
Emily Brown
and the
Thing by
Cressida
Cowell



In this warm-hearted and witty take on a classic theme - being scared of the dark - Emily and Stanley find a 'Thing' crying outside their window. They embark on a series of adventures to find everything he needs for a good night's sleep... but nothing seems to work. What is troubling the Thing, and why can't he get to sleep?

Year Two

The 13-
Storey
Treehouse by
Andy
Griffiths &
Terry Denton



Andy and Terry live in the WORLD'S BEST treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch out for the sea monkeys, and the monkeys pretending to be sea monkeys, and the giant mutant mermaid sea monster... Oh, and, whatever you do, don't get trapped in a burp-gas-filled bubble...! This is the first in the series and takes you on a hilarious fun-filled adventure.



Junior School Recommended Reads



This month we have curated a selection of fabulous non-fiction books for you to enjoy..

Year 3 - A Wild Child's Book of Nature at Night

Dara McAnulty (author)

Join the brilliant Dara McAnulty, winner of the Wainwright Prize for Diary of a Young Naturalist, as he shows you how to explore nature at night. This beautiful, informative gift book is illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls.

Prepare to embark on a night-time adventure, learning how to use all your senses to experience the wonders that unfold at night. Journey through five different habitats in Britain and Ireland - meet hedgehogs and moths in the garden; bats, owls, foxes and badgers in the woodland; corncrakes and dormice in the countryside; pine martens, glow-worms and mountain hares in the heathlands; and the animals that live as constellations in our sky.



Year 4

The Roots we Share: 100 Words That Bring us Together

Susie Dent (author)

Susie Dent, bestselling author, broadcaster and word expert, is on a mission to find 100 words and phrases that bring people together.

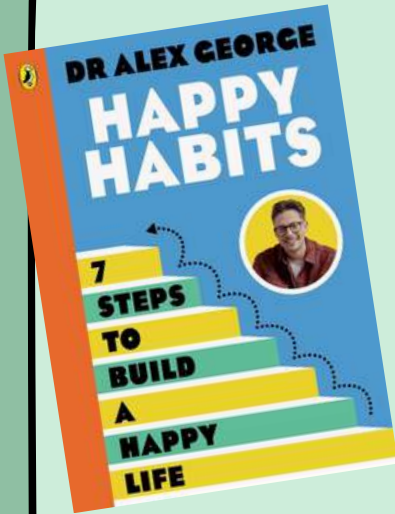
There are times when the world feels more divided than ever. But it is important to remember the things that unite rather than divide us. Susie has searched far and wide to unearth words and phrases - old, new, and long-forgotten - that celebrate harmony, unity, and the universal languages that connect people across the world.

Whether you want to conjobble (chat with a friend over some food), to be goodwilly (kind, generous, and cheerful), to atone for a mistake (become 'at' 'one' with someone again) or simply head off on a coddiwomple (a journey with no destination), this joyous collection of words celebrates the things in life that bind us together, from friendship, love and peace, to community, music and even the stars. These are the roots we share.



Junior School

Recommended Reads cont.....



Year 5- Happy Habits

Alex George (author)

What if feeling **HAPPY**, **CONFIDENT** and **CALM** was something you could learn – like riding a bike or levelling up in your favourite video game?

Whether you want to discover how to turn your homework into a **GAME** to make it less tricky (and maybe even fun), how to feel more **CONFIDENT** in nerve-wracking situations, or how to build awesome friendships that last, this book is your go-to guide.

Get ready to build **HAPPY HABITS** for **LIFE**!

Dr. Alex George shares brain-boosting tips, cool tricks and scientifically proven simple steps you can start doing right away to feel happier, focus more and worry less. You'll even find out how certain foods can boost your mood and energy levels – and why tiny changes in your routine can make **BIG** things happen!

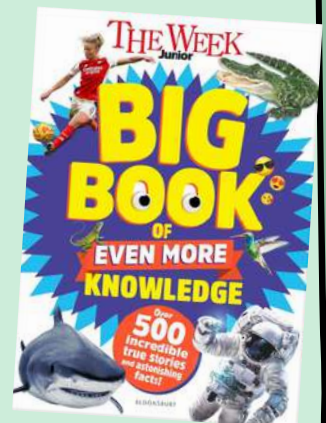
Year 6 - The Week Junior Big Book of Even More Knowledge

The Week Junior (author)

Another brilliant bumper book to let your imagination run wild – The Week Junior Big Book Even More of Knowledge! Packed to the brim with brain-expanding facts and mind-blowing information, this book from multi-award-winning children's magazine The Week Junior is the perfect read for curious children.

In this book you will:

- Discover incredible true stories from around the world, from giant pee protests to AI breakthroughs
- Learn amazing facts about everything from art and science to nature and sport
 - Meet hair-raising humans and astonishing animals
 - Explore mind-boggling trivia that will amaze your friends
 - Test your knowledge with "Real or Rubbish?" challenges





Remembrance Day honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

Write a poem to commemorate Remembrance Day. Your poem can be as creative as you like. This is an exciting opportunity to not only show your creative writing skills but also share your poetry with others. Some children will be chosen to read their poems at the Knaphill Remembrance Day Service. Please hand your poems to your class teacher or to Mrs Shaw by **Tuesday 4th November.**



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.**

Knaphill Schools PTA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The PTA has been awarded a grant to rennovate the Trim Trail at Lower School. A fabulous local garden designer has helped us to create a great space and we now need some green fingers and muscle to help us bring it to life. Can you come along to our community days to help?



When do we need your help!

- ✓ Saturday 25 October
- ✓ Saturday 1 November
- ✓ Saturday 15 November
- ✓ Saturday 22 November
- ✓ Saturday 6 Decenber

Sessions start from 10am

**Please bring gloves and tools.
Because of the tools and equipment that
we will be building, we cannot have
children on site.**



Kids, smartphones & Knaphill School

Worried about smartphones and online safety?

Join our school's parent SFC community
and together we can make the digital world
safer for our children.

Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement bringing families together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.

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 **SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**



**Join our free
Curry-making
workshop!**

**Register
here!**



**WELCOME TO OUR
CANALSIDE
COMMUNITY
FRIDGE**

**Wednesday 29 October,
10.30am-12.00pm
Trinity Methodist Church, Brewery
Road, Woking**

**It's a
demonstration by
one of our
volunteers, no
cooking required!**

Shifa

**BAG2SCHOOL
COLLECTION**

Having a pre-Christmas clearout?
Do you have any unwanted clothes,
shoes, accessories, linen,
curtains or towels?

Tuesday 4th November

Knaphill Schools PTA raises money for every bag
donated, so please fill as many bags as you can
and encourage your family, friends and
neighbours to do the same!

Donation should be left at the main gates at
Lower & Juniors Schools in bags by 8:45am.
Please Do Not donate uniform, textiles,
duvets or household items.




We are hiring

School Catering Assistant
Knaphill Junior School

Looking for a local, term-time only position with great work life balance and benefits?

- 10hrs per week

Don't miss out - apply now.



[Join our team](#)

Twelve15



Gates Open 6pm
Bonfire 7pm
Fireworks 7:30pm

1st Knaphill Scouts

Spectacular FIREWORK DISPLAY

Sat 8th Nov

Adults £8 (Advance) £10 (Gate)
Children £4

Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)
£20 (Advance) £22 (Gate)

Burgers
Bangers
Hot Drinks

Stalls
Kid's Funfair
Kid's Tombola

THE VYNE FIELD - REDDING WAY - KNAPHILL

All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult
Sorry, no sparklers or alcohol allowed at this event

Tickets: www.1stknaphillscoutgroup.org.uk/events/annual-firework-display
A limited number of tickets will be available on the night: Contactless preferred.
Discounts for advance purchases. Sorry, no public toilets on site.



WOKING SWIMMING CLUB

Affiliated to: ASA, ASASER, SURREY COUNTY ASA

www.wokingsc.co.uk




NEW MEMBERS TRIALS

For children born between
September 2016 and March 2020
who are interested in competitive swimming

to be held on

Tuesday 11th November 2025
From 6.30pm
at
Woking Pool in the Park

2020 born are expected to be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke.
2016 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.

To request a time slot please scan the code below on your smartphone to sign up

Or contact Jane by emailing: wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com




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.**

Knaphill Lower School Diary Dates - Autumn 2

Date	Event	What is this?
Fri 24 th Oct	Inset Day	Staff training – children not in school
Mon 27 th Oct - Fri 31 st Oct	Half term	
Mon 3 rd Nov	Inset Day	Staff training – children not in school.
Tues 4 th Nov	Year 1 - Outdoor Learning Day	Please see email from Mrs Everitt
Tues 4 th Nov	Bags2school	Donations by 8.45am
Thurs 6 th Nov	London Trip - Year 2	See email
W/C 10 th Nov	Friendship Week	Focus on friendships
Tues 11 th Nov	Fire Safety Sessions - Year 2	Children learn more about fire safety
Wed 12 th Nov	Harvest Festival & Welly Walk @ 2:15pm	Parents invited
Thurs 13 th Nov	Reception - Phonics & reading workshop	Parents invited @ 1:45pm
W/C 17 th Nov	Road Safety Week	Children learn about road safety
Mon 17 th Nov	Year 1 Road Safety Day	Year 1 learn about road safety
Thurs 20 th Nov	Year 1 - Phonics & reading workshop	Parents invited @ 1:45pm
Fri 21 st Nov	Year 1 walk to local area @ 9am	Local walk to test out routes & look at geographical features
Fri 21 st Nov	PTA Non-uniform Day	Exchange for xmas fair donations
Thurs 27 th Nov	Year 2 - Phonics & reading workshop	Parents invited @ 1:45pm
Fri 28 th Nov	Year 1 Night Walk @ 5:30pm	Year 1 families are invited for our Night Walk
Sat 29 th Nov	PTA Christmas Fair & Laser Light Show	Gates open 5.30pm
Thurs 4 th Dec	KLS Rocksteady Concert @ 2:30pm	For parents of children who attend Rocksteady
Mon 8 th Dec	Reception Nativity @ 2pm	Reception nativity performance - parents invited
Tues 9 th Dec	Reception Nativity @ 9am	Reception nativity performance - parents invited
Fri 12 th Dec	Year 2 Nativity - dress rehearsal @ 11am	Held in church - Year 1 pupils to attend
Fri 12 th Dec	Nursery Christmas sing-along @ 2pm	Nursery parents invited
Mon 15 th Dec	Year 2 Nativity @ 2pm Woodhill Church	Year 2 nativity performance - parents invited
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day & Class Parties	Special Christmas dinner & jumpers Party with a special guest!
Wed 17 th Dec	Nursery Christmas party day	Children to wear Christmassy clothes
Fri 19 th Dec	Teacher Panto @ 10am	Pupils to watch
Fri 19 th Dec	End of term - finish at 1:15pm	End of Term
Mon 22 nd Dec - Fri 2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays	
Mon 5 th Jan	Return to school	Start of Spring Term

Knaphill Junior School Diary Dates - Autumn 2

Date	Event
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
Monday 10 th - 14 th November	Friendship Week (Formally Anti-Bullying Week)
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11 th November	1.30pm - Open Afternoon for prospective Year 3 Parents
Thursday 13 th November	World Kindness Day
Monday 17 th - 23 rd November	Road Safety Week
Thursday 20 th November	Year 6 - Victorian Day
Friday 21 st November	Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fair Donations
Monday 24 th November	Individual Photographs
Monday 24 th November	Rocksteady Concert - 2pm (Monday Groups) For Parents/Guardians of Children who attend Rocksteady on a Monday
Monday 24 th November	UK Parliament Week
Saturday 29 th November	PTA Laser Light Show & Christmas Fair
Thursday 11 th December	Afternoon and evening Woodhill Church performance - Year 4 and 6 (1.30pm and 6pm)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Wednesday 17 th December	Rocksteady Concert 2pm (Wednesday Groups) For Parents/Guardians of Children who attend Rocksteady on a Wednesday
Thursday 18 th December	Afternoon and evening Woodhill Church performance - Year 3 and 5 (1.30pm and 6pm)
Friday 19 th December	Book Swap Last Day of term finish at 11.5pm
Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	Spring Term starts - Back to School
Friday 23 rd January 2026	Young Voices at the O2



Happy Half Term!