



# Knaphill Schools'

## Monthly Update - 19.12.25

To empower all children to have a bright future.

### This Month's Focus Value: Resilience

A note from Mrs Harrison:

As we come to the end of a busy and joyful term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful sense of community we've shared across both schools. Our Christmas performances have been a true celebration of togetherness, showcasing the incredible talents of our pupils and the dedication of our staff. Thank you to everyone who supported these events, they truly captured the spirit of the season.

This month, our value has been Resilience and I have been so proud to see our children demonstrating perseverance and positivity in their learning and in their friendships. These qualities will serve them well as they continue to grow and thrive.

On behalf of all of us at Knaphill Schools, I wish our families a very Happy Christmas, a joyful Hanukkah, and a blessed holiday season. May the New Year bring happiness, health and peace to you all.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th January 2026 for another exciting term ahead.

#### Value of the Month:

#### Resilience

**Resilience** means bouncing back when things go wrong. It's about keeping going, even when something is tricky or doesn't work the first time. It means learning from mistakes and trying again.

**What Does Resilience Look Like?** Trying again after failing or making a mistake. Saying 'I can do this!' even when it's hard. Staying calm when you feel upset. Asking for help when you need it. Believing that you can get better with practice.

# Our Stars of the Week

## Reception

ALL Stars - for showing such confidence in performing in front of so many grown ups!

## Year 2

### Elephant

Week 1 - Kieran  
Week 2 - Aaroh  
Week 3 - Zak

## Year 1

### Polar Bear

Week 1 - Mia  
Week 2 - Austin  
Week 3 - Alex

### Gorilla

Week 1 - Sofia  
Week 2 - George  
Week 3 - Bethany

## Year 3

### Elm

Week 1 - Liam  
Week 2 - Harry  
Week 3 - Freddie

## Rhino

Week 1 - Scarlett  
Week 2 - Poppy  
Week 3 - Faizan

## Year 4

### Birch

Week 1 - Elayla  
Week 2 - Zander  
Week 3 - Riley

### Maple

Week 1 - Freya  
Week 2 - Jack  
Week 3 - Anum

### Sycamore

Week 1 - Jaxon  
Week 2 - Erin  
Week 3 - Sulaiman

### Hazel

Week 1 - Albie  
Week 2 - Elishba  
Week 3 - Frankie

## Year 5

### Ash

Week 1 - Stan  
Week 2 - Keira  
Week 3 - Daisy

## Year 6

### Acer

Week 1 - Taliyah  
Week 2 - Jack  
Week 3 - Logan

### Cherry

Week 1 - Harry  
Week 2 - Elsbeth  
Week 3 - Hannah

### Bonzai

Week 1 - Felix  
Week 2 - Subhaan  
Week 3 - Betsy

## Attendance Awards

Congratulations to our attendance winners this month:

w/e 05.12 - Turtles 97% & Bonsai 98.4%

w/e 12.12 - Rhino 97.6% & Maple 99.3%

w/e 19.12 - Elephant 97.8% & Elm 99%



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



Junior School  
House Point Winners

Autumn Term - **Rowling**

Lower School  
House Point Winners

Autumn Term - **Farah**

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 Shifty M'Gifty and  
Planet Omar



Congratulations  
& keep reading!

**CONGRATS!**

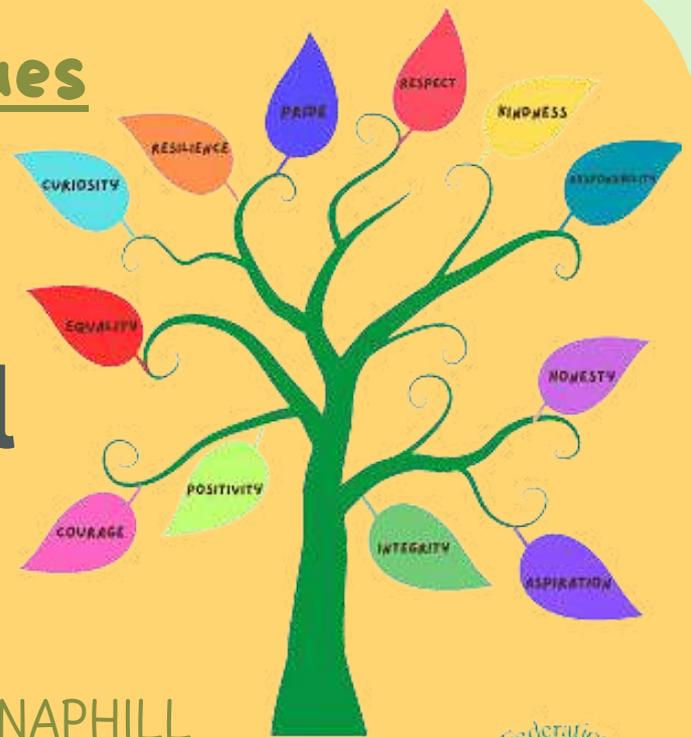




**PROVIDE PUPILS WITH MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO BE RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL, ACTIVE CITIZENS WHO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO SOCIETY**

## School Rules and Values

- \*Be Ready**
- \*Be Respectful**
- \*Be Safe**



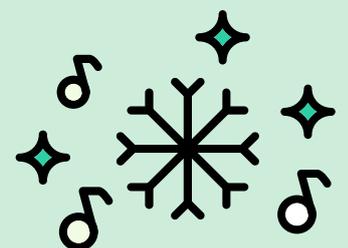
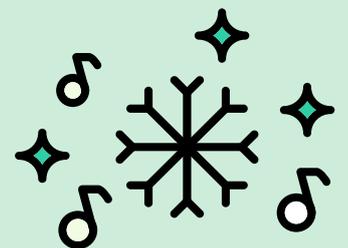
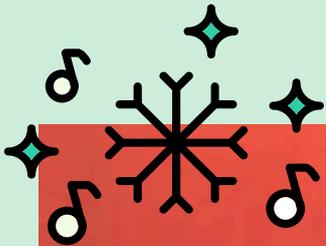
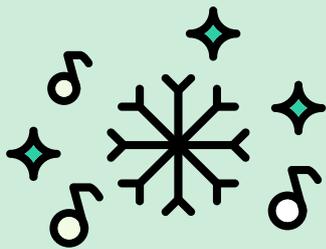
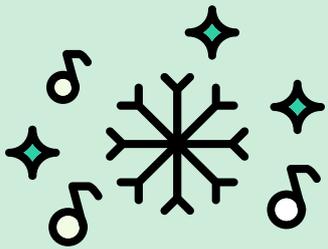
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT KNAPHILL SCHOOL





# Little Leopards Christmas sing-along

The festive spirit was in full swing at Little Leopards Nursery as our children delighted parents with a heartwarming Christmas Sing-a-long. The room was filled with smiles and seasonal cheer as the children sang their favourite holiday tunes with enthusiasm and confidence. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, celebrate the season, and enjoy the joy of music. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this event so special.



# Reception Classes Shine in Heartwarming Nativity Performance



Our Reception classes delivered a truly magical Nativity performance for parents and carers in the school hall last week. The children, dressed in beautiful costumes, brought the Christmas story to life with songs, smiles, and plenty of festive cheer!

From the moment the children stepped onto the stage as angels, shepherds, and animals, the audience was captivated by their enthusiasm and joy. The children's confidence and excitement were evident in every scene.

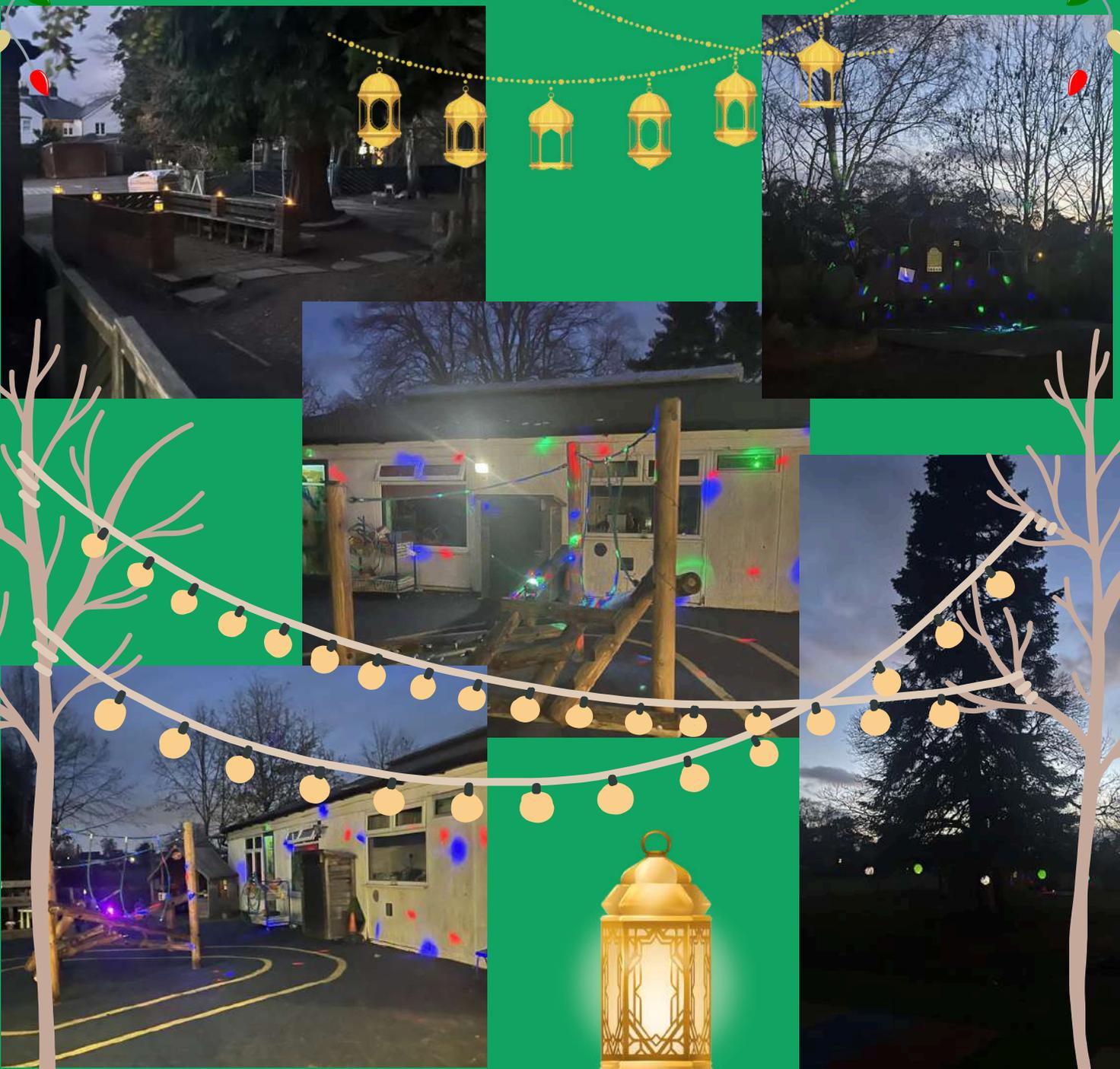
A huge thank you to all the parents for their support and to the teachers who worked so hard to help the children rehearse. It was a wonderful celebration of the season, and a moment that will be remembered for years to come.

Well done everyone in Panda & Turtle Classes!



# Year 1 Night Walk

We were so happy to invite so many of our Year One families back to school on the evening of Friday 28th November to take part in our annual Night Walk. The Year One children had carefully planned and written their own set of instructions to guide their families to key landmarks around our school. The children were surprised to find that each area had a little bit of magic added to it to make our school glow.



# Knock Knock! Year 2 Nativity



Our Year 2 children brought the Christmas story to life with a fun & festive Nativity performance at Woodhill Church. Parents were treated to heartfelt singing, confident acting, and plenty of festive cheer as the children shared this special tradition. It was a wonderful celebration of teamwork and creativity, and we are so proud of their hard work and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported the event, it truly made the season brighter!



We are delighted to share a wonderful act of kindness from our school community. Huxley and Isabella's grandparents, Ian and Deborah Keleher, kindly donated cereal and tissues to support our pupils. Their generosity helps us keep our classrooms stocked with essentials and ensures our children have everything they need for a happy and healthy learning environment.

Below is a lovely photo of Huxley and Isabella with the donation. It's heartwarming to see families coming together to make a difference! On behalf of everyone at Knaphill Federation of Schools, thank you, Ian and Deborah, for your thoughtful contribution. Your support truly makes our school a special place.



## A Big Thank You to Our Generous Grandparents!



## Year 2 Spread Christmas Cheer at Local Care Home



Our Year 2 pupils visited Kingsbury Care Home to sing Christmas songs and spread joy. The residents loved joining in, and it was a wonderful way to share the spirit of the season!



# Christmas lunch in Christmas jumpers! at the Lower School



# Lower School Party time with Santa

Our children stepped back in time for a magical, old-fashioned Christmas party! The classrooms were filled with laughter and joy as everyone joined in traditional games and lively dancing. The highlight of the afternoon was a very special visit from Santa himself!



He brought warm wishes and a sprinkle of Christmas magic, making the afternoon memorable for all.





A massive thank you  
to our PTA for our  
fantastic Santa gifts.





# It's behind you!! Lower School Teacher Panto



To round off the term in true festive style, our talented staff swapped lesson plans for limelight as they performed a brilliantly bonkers production of Jack and the Beanstalk for the lower school.

The children were absolutely delighted, some were laughing, some were booing and a few were trying to join us on stage.

The show had everything you could wish for in a classic panto: villains who rode in on coconut horses, a hero who heroically forgot their props but carried on anyway and of course, a dame whose makeup gave everyone a fright.

From the giant's booming "FEE-FI-FO-FUM!" to the final triumphant cheer, the hall was filled with joy, chaos, and the unmistakable sound of teachers wondering why they agreed to this in the first place.

It was a wonderful way to end the year, full of laughter, community spirit, and memories we hope the children will be talking about long after the last paperchain has been swept away.



# Junior Sporting Events

Over the last couple of weeks, Knaphill have been busy representing our school at a variety of sporting events. A team of basketball players participated in a basketball tournament at Woking Leisure Centre. We competed against four other schools and in each match our children played with respect, kindness and were incredibly supportive to each other. A football festival, also held at Woking Leisure Centre, saw an enthusiastic and keen group of children take on a fast-paced round-robin style series of matches. Our team included the only two girls competing against all boy teams! We are very proud of all our children, as always. Well done, Knaphill!



# Year 3 & 5 Christmas Performance

What an incredible way to end the term! A huge thank you to our incredible Year 3 and Year 5 pupils for their outstanding performance last night! It was truly professional: from the beautifully crafted props to the captivating acting that brought the story to life. The inclusion of British Sign Language was a wonderful touch, performed so confidently and with such meaning - a real homage to Rose Ayling-Ellis and her inspiring appearance on Strictly Come Dancing.

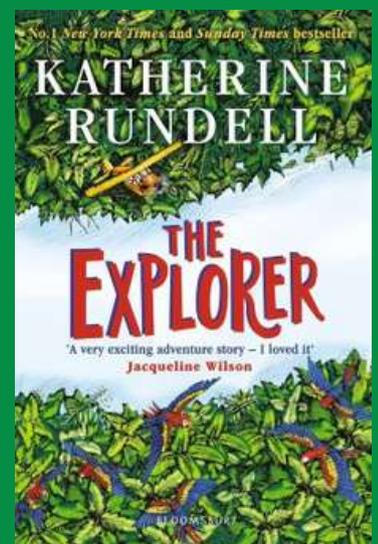
The three kings were a particular highlight, leaving our audience in fits of giggles and adding a delightful sense of fun to the evening. It was a performance to remember.

We are very grateful to Woodhill Church for their support and for enabling us to perform in the church. Performing in the church added an extra layer of magic and made the occasion feel truly special. It was the perfect way to finish the term and begin the holiday season.



# Year 4 Learning

Year Four have had another fantastic half term of learning! In DT, the children have been practising their sewing skills, focusing on designing and creating fastenings. Their hard work paid off as they produced some truly lovely book bags, each one very unique and beautifully made! In RE, the children have been exploring Sikhi, learning about the key beliefs, traditions and values within the Sikh faith. They have shown great curiosity and respect while asking thoughtful questions and making links to their own lives. In English, the children have been reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. Inspired by the story, they have written descriptive diary entries and engaging narratives, using rich vocabulary to bring the Amazon setting and characters to life.



# Year 4 & Year 6 Christmas Performance

The Year 4 and 6 Christmas Performance was a huge success. We've had so many parents commenting on what a lovely, festive afternoon and evening it was. The children did so well to learn the words to nine songs; we had some extremely confident musical accompaniments ; and the children who read the Christmas story through the medium of poetry were so clear. The Year 4 and 6 staff couldn't be prouder of how the performance went!



Still looking for an extra something to gift for  
Christmas?  
Click on the links below for the Primary School Gift  
Guides 2025



## Infants

[Christmas Book Gift Guide - Age 3-5 years](#)

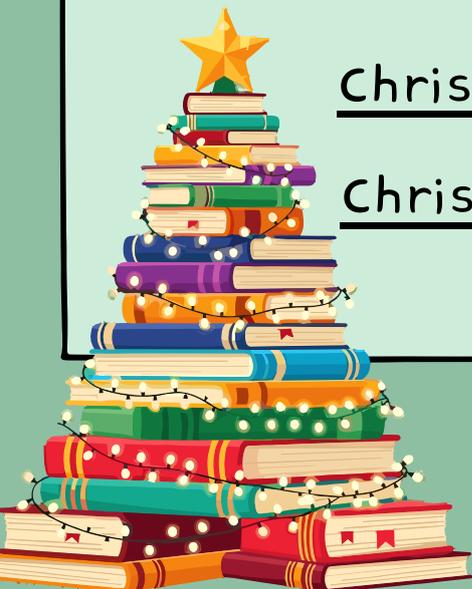
[Christmas Book Gift Guide - Age 5-7 years](#)



## Juniors

[Christmas Book Gift Guide - Age 7-9 years](#)

[Christmas Book Gift Guide - Age 9-11 years](#)



# Attendance Policy

We are taking this further opportunity to share our Attendance Policy with you. 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.

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.

## Parking and Engine Idling - Please Help Us Keep Everyone Safe

We kindly ask all parents to park considerately during drop-off and pick-up times.

Please avoid parking on the “Keep Clear” areas, as this blocks visibility and makes turning difficult for other vehicles.

Additionally, we've noticed some cars waiting with engines running. This creates harmful fumes for children and families walking past, including babies. Let's work together to keep our school environment safe and healthy for everyone.

Thank you for your support in making our community a safer place!



# Knaphill Lower School Diary Dates



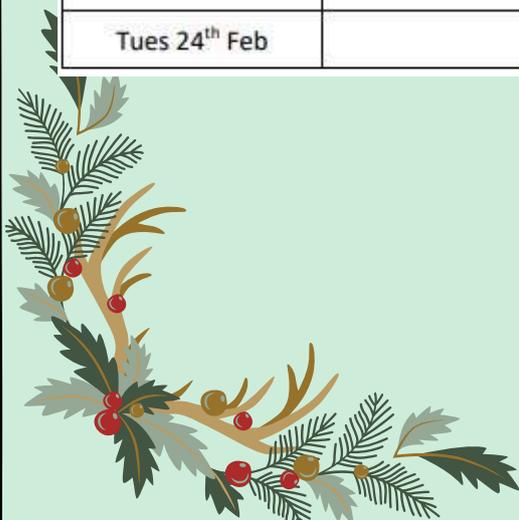
Date	Event	What is this?
<b>January</b>		
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to School 	Happy New Year - welcome back!
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PTA Silent Disco 	Pre-booked tickets only <a href="#">Click here to book</a>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pied Piper Theatre Company 	All children watch the amazing travelling theatre, Pied Piper!
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Reception maths workshop @1:45pm-2.45pm	Maths workshop for Reception parents. Session with Mrs Wood and maths activities alongside your child
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Jamie Knight Football Event	More info to follow
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 	Year 1 maths workshop @1:45pm-2.45pm	Maths workshop for Year 1 parents. Session with Mrs Wood and maths activities alongside your child
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 2 maths workshop @1:45pm-2.45pm	Maths workshop for Year 2 parents. Session with Mrs Wood and maths activities alongside your child
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 1 Sandwich Café @ 2pm-2:45pm	Year 1 parents are invited to the Sandwich café to taste their child's tasty sandwiches!
<b>February</b>		
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Year 2 Trip	
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children's Mental Health Week	Children will join in with special workshops which support mental health
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day 	Children will take part in activities recognising how to use IT safely
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term	School is closed
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Inset Day	Staff training day
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Return to school	Welcome back!



# Knaphill Junior School Diary Dates



January		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to School	Happy new year - welcome back!
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA – New Year Silent Disco Junior School (Yrs 3 & 4): 5.45-6.45pm Junior School (Yrs 5 & 6): 7.00-8.00pm	Silent Disco organised by the PTA
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Jamie Knight – Free style football sport event 	All Year groups – more details to follow
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	 Young Voices at the O2	For the children in the Young Voices choir
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Class One - Year 5 Historical Experience Day	More information to follow
February		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 - Drama Experience Day	More information to follow
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Class Two - Year 5 Historical Experience Day	More information to follow
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Light House supplies drive	Local charity – Whole school initiative
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Children will take part in activities recognising how to use technology safely
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	 Year 4 Fundraising/Enterprise Event – 'The Mini Masters Gallery'	This will be an exhibition /sale of children's artwork including some interactive and live elements. More information to follow
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Inset Day	Staff Training Day
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Return to school	Welcome back!





**WOKING FAMILY CENTRE**

Online 10 week course  
Starting 22nd January 2026  
9.30am - 11.15am

**The Nurturing Programme  
(formerly The Parenting Puzzle)**

This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges supporting a calmer family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to positive discipline
- Co-operation and self discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01483 310419



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**Woking Family Centre**

Online 4 week course

12th February - 5th March 2026

7.00pm - 8:45pm

**Keeping Your Child In Mind**

Adults working together.

A FREE programme for parents and carers focusing on relationships within the family and the influence of parental relationships on children.

The course covers:

- Self-awareness
- Appropriate expectations
- Boundaries and positive discipline
- Understanding empathy

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**WOKING FAMILY CENTRE**

Online 4 week course  
10th Feb - 3rd March 2026  
10.00am - 11.30am

**Talking Teens**

A free course for parents or carers of teenagers and pre-teens (8 years plus), looking for advice.

Sessions will focus on relationships within the family, communication, negotiation, decision making and strategies to reduce conflict.

The group aims to develop:

- relationships between teenagers and parents/carers
- a calmer home life
- confidence when talking about difficult issues
- an understanding of teenage needs and development

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**WOKING FAMILY CENTRE**

Online course  
Friday 20th & 27th March  
9.30am - 12.00pm

**Parenting Puzzle Workshops**

A supportive, non-judgemental programme for parents/carers of children under 5 years old. Helping families to understand why their children behave as they do and to recognise the feelings behind their behaviour.

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01483 310419



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## Barnardo's Parenting Wellbeing Service

We are excited to be able to share our new offer of Wellbeing Drop-In Sessions to schools across Surrey! Our Wellbeing Drop-in sessions are designed to support your parents/carers with advice, guidance and signposting around their child(ren)s mental health and wellbeing. For example: Anxiety, Emotional regulation, Challenging behaviour, Friendship difficulties, Bullying, Difficulties with food and/or sleep

Our experienced parenting wellbeing practitioners can provide a safe space for parents/carers to share any current difficulties they are facing, get on the spot support, and find out what other support is available across Surrey.

If you are interested in hosting a Wellbeing Drop-in session or would like to find out more information, please contact us on PWS@barnardos.org.uk

Please be advised our sessions are offered on a first come first serve basis.



## January 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
<b>FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour</b>	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm



# NEW YEARS SILENT DISCO

## THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL  
 YEAR - R, 1 & 2 DISCO 4:30PM TO 5:30PM  
 YEAR - 3 & 4 DISCO 5:45PM TO 6:45PM  
 YEAR - 5 & 6 DISCO 7PM TO 8PM

TICKETS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED & COST £6 PER CHILD. PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE VIA OUR ONLINE BOOKING FORM  
[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/KNAPHILLSCHOOLS](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/KNAPHILLSCHOOLS)  
 CHILDREN CAN BRING A SMALL AMOUNT OF CASH TO PURCHASE LIGHT UP MERCH & ACCESSORIES AT OUR DISCO STORE

### £6 PER TICKET



## YOU ARE NOT ALONE

*You are the expert of your child*

**You Are Not Alone - Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month - 7.00pm - 8.30pm**

A free monthly online drop-in for parents & carers

The **You Are Not Alone** community is a friendly and safe space run by Erik & Sally Wagter where you can come and learn about autism & PDA, ask questions, connect with like-minded people or simply hang back and listen in.



In this community we talk about all sorts of things such as:

- helping your child regulate their emotions & feelings
- understanding autism and PDA
- navigating school and EHCPs
- Supporting your child with friendships
- understanding and managing challenging behaviour
- managing sensory needs
- developing a positive relationship with your child (family dynamics)
- exploring EOTAS or home education
- looking after your wellbeing
- and so much more



**Here's what parents said:**

*'My husband Jamie was saying that in the last few sessions, he has learned so much more about autism and PDA than he has over the last year'*

Jo (parent)

*'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'*

Louise (parent)

*'Thank you so much for your support. I nearly chicken out in speaking but I'm glad I did. These sessions have been really helpful and I don't feel so alone'*

Emma (parent)

If you would like to join the **next drop-in on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**, please send an email to [sallywagter@gmail.com](mailto:sallywagter@gmail.com) and we will send you the Zoom link.





## Support available this



### If you need support now, here's what to do:

If you are in immediate danger: call 999

If you have an urgent need, call our crisis line on 0800 915 4644. It's open 24/7. You can also call NHS 111 and select the mental health option.

### Self help tools & resources

A range of resources, strategies, and tools developed by professionals can be found on our resources section. Resources on self care, anxiety, depression and much more are available, with links through to other useful websites.



### Online support

If you need support with life's ups and downs outside of your regular support system, try Kooth which offers a free, safe, anonymous online support (kooth.com) or Chat Health which offers confidential text support with a qualified nurse (chathealth.nhs.uk).



### Workshops and groups

We offer free workshops and groups for children, young people, and families - no request for support or diagnosis needed. More information on our Early Support pages.



### CYP Havens

The Children Young People (CYP) Havens are a welcoming space for 10 to 18 year olds to talk about worries and mental health in confidence. Provided by Surrey County Council.



### Out of hours advice line

A free out-of-hours phone line provides advice to parents and carers who are struggling with behaviours or difficulties which could be related to neurodevelopmental need, such as autism or ADHD. It runs from 5pm until 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Please call 0300 222 5755





# Christmas Wishes from The Knaphill Schools.

As the Christmas period settles in, we want to take a moment to thank all our wonderful families for being part of our school community.

This season reminds us of the joy of giving, the importance of togetherness, and the magic of childhood wonder.

We are so grateful for your support, kindness, and partnership throughout the year.



We  
wish  
you  
a  
Merry  
Christmas

