

Knowleswood Primary School

End of Spring Term Newsletter



Dear families,

We have reached the end of a busy and exciting Spring Term at Knowleswood Primary School. As we reflect on the past weeks, we are incredibly proud of all our children and grateful for your continued support. Here are some highlights from this term and some reminders for the term ahead.

Attendance

Great attendance remains a priority at Knowleswood. We know that those who attend school regularly are happy, confident, build great friendships and are making the most academic progress. Our attendance team continues to work hard to support families with attendance and punctuality and I feel incredibly proud of the work they are doing. Please continue to reach out to them should you need support.

- Below 95%, a child has lost 10 days (2 weeks) of learning.
- Below 90%, a child has lost 20 days (3 weeks) of learning.
- Below 85%, a child has lost 30 days (6 weeks – **a full half term**) of learning.



I would like to thank those of you who consistently get your children to school on time. Being in school for the start of the day allows children to feel settled, get prepared for the day and access core lessons. In all classes, English, Maths or Phonics is taught in the morning. Missing the start of these lessons can make catching up really hard.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for attendance incentives that are coming up in Summer term.

Year 6 SATs

When we return, Year 6 will be completing their SATs during the week beginning May 11th. These statutory assessments are undertaken by all children across the country. We are proud that our Year 6 students are well prepared, and we have carefully planned to ensure they feel confident and calm throughout the process. Supporting their wellbeing remains our top priority during this important time. It is important that, in the weeks running up to SATS, children in Y6 attend well so they do not miss out on any learning. More information will be sent to Y6 parents in due course.

Exciting Educational Trips and Other Events

Year 4 visited Into University to find out about careers and what university education can offer.

'Crazy Hair Day' for Comic Relief was brilliant fun! It was wonderful to see the imaginative creations on people's heads! We had donuts, ice cream cones, babies, mohawks, rainbow colours and lots of sparkles! Thank you to everyone who joined in and to those who made donations.



'The Great British Spring Clean Up' took place in the last week of term. Our Eco Warriors took to the grounds armed with purple bin bags and cleared all the litter blown on to our site. It looked beautiful when they had finished! Please support them by ensuring that you do not allow your children to drop litter on the way home – lots of what was picked up were our own milk cartons.



Bradford Park Avenue donated 50 free tickets for their end of March match. We hope those who attended had a great afternoon!

Easter Crafts was a huge success, as always! It is always a pleasure to have whole families in school working on crafty projects together and for staff to join in. Creativity really kicked in this year and we ended up with a wonderful range of feathered head pieces in addition to the planned activities! It was a very sparkly occasion and even the custard creams got a sprinkling of glitter!



Staff News

We said a fond farewell to Miss Ellis, Miss Cowell, Miss McCormick this half term and will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kausar in the next couple of weeks. We would like to thank them all for their contributions to Knowleswood and wish them the very best in their new roles and on their travels.

Miss Hague will continue to teach in Nursery alongside Miss Somma and Mrs Kaur and Mr Beseli will continue teaching Redwood supported by Mrs Carty.

Recruitment is underway for a Headteacher, in the meantime, I will continue as Acting Headteacher. I will update you as soon as the position is filled. Thank you to those of you who have sent well wishes to Mr Lewis. I have passed these on and they are really appreciated.

Further Site Updates

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there were plans to further improve access and safety to the site. I am pleased to confirm that we have now,

- resurfaced the areas of the pathways where water pooled
- made the side gate to the snicket accessible to ease congestion on the main gate. (This will be open from Monday 13th April, morning and end of day)
- painted a pedestrian walkway to Nursery
- added road markings to the top of the drive to make clear that parking is prohibited

Can I politely remind families that the following are not allowed on site,

- Dogs and any other animals/pets
- Vapes, cigarettes
- The riding of electric bikes, electric scooters, electric quads

Please remain polite to staff who will be on duty on the gates and playgrounds – they are following instructions to keep our children safe. We will not tolerate any abuse to staff.

Uniform

As the weather gets warmer, children may choose to wear shorts or summer dresses. Shorts must be school shorts in dark grey or black. At the moment, summer dresses can

be any colour however, from September 2026, these need to be purple checked. Also, if you are buying new polo shirts for summer, please remember that, from September, the uniform is changing to red polo shirts only. Jumpers will remain purple and a logo is not essential on any uniform. Please see website [here](#) for more information.

Backless sandals, flip flops or crocs are not permitted in school for safety reasons.

Lost property will be outside on the first Monday back.

Continuing To Help Our Families Thrive

Our Early Help Coordinator, Mandy Pilling, continues to visit school fortnightly to offer additional support to any of our families. Mandy is available to provide guidance and to sign post families to a whole range of services. This may include help with finances, SEND, child development, routines at home, or accessing adult support services. At Knowleswood, we firmly believe that when a family is thriving, a child is thriving and we are so pleased that, since Early Help have been working out of our school, so many more of our families are voluntarily accessing help where they need it. To those who have reached out and accessed this, we appreciate your support in encouraging people to view seeking help as positive.

I am really proud to let you know that the amazing **'Family Links'** programme will now be running from Knowleswood for 10 weeks starting Thursday 23rd April - 1.15pm- 3.10pm. The course is aimed at parents/carers of children aged 2-13 years and covers a whole range of topics that, as parents, we are regularly faced with. Weekly group sessions will give you the chance to learn, have fun and make connections with other parents. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Kirsty, Lisa or Mandy or give us a call. Brews and biscuits provided! More information can be found on our Facebook page or by following the link below.

FYI – is a Bradford based website that includes a whole range of family support. Should your family need any support, this is a great place to look!

[Home | Bradford Families and Young Persons](#)

Important Dates for Your Diary

Event	Date
School reopens	Mon 13 th April
Y4 Into University Careers Workshop	Fri 17 th April
Y1 Elm – Eureka Trip	Weds 22 nd April
Family Links Programme starts (places available)	Thurs 23 rd April 1.15-3.10pm (10 weeks)
Y1 Holly – Trip to Eureka	Fri 24 th April
School closed (Bank Holiday)	Mon 4 th May
SATs week (Y6)	Mon 11 th May to Fri 15 th May
Reception eye tests	Mon 18 th May
Brownlee Triathlon (selected pupils TBC)	Tues 19 th May
School closes	Fri 22 nd May
School reopens	Tues 2 nd June

Keeping in Touch

Stay up to date with news and reminders through the Arbor app, regular emails, and our school Facebook page. Please remember, Facebook is for celebrations only. The inbox is not manned. If you need to contact us directly, the school office is always happy to help. We value your feedback and encourage you to reach out with any questions or suggestions.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

Thank you for your support this half term. We look forward to catching up with you in person during parent consultations next half term.

For those of you celebrating Easter, we hope you have a wonderful time.

Enjoy the holidays and we will see you on Monday 13th April for the start of an exciting Summer Term.

With warmest wishes,

Miss Truesdale

Acting Headteacher