Kniveton News

Welcome to Kniveton News!

Welcome back to the new half term! It's hard to believe we're already into the second half of the Autumn term—and that it's November already.

As I have completed my first half term as Headteacher at Kniveton, I feel incredibly privileged. The warm, thoughtful welcome from everyone I've met has been truly fantastic. The children have shown outstanding attitudes toward learning, and it's inspiring to see their enthusiasm for developing their skills and knowledge.

We have an exciting half term ahead, and I'm looking forward to seeing all the wonderful contributions our pupils will continue to bring to our school community!

Mrs Popple

Our School Values

At Kniveton, we are committed to fostering a supportive environment shaped by the voices of our pupils and staff, who were deeply involved in developing our new values. Together, we have embraced *Ambition*, *Independence*, and *Respect* as the pillars of our school community. These values are reflected in everything we do, and we celebrate how pupils embody these values each week in our Friday worships.

Ambition

Independence

Respect

Sensory Room Update

We are thrilled to share that our Sensory Room transformation is well underway! Thanks to a generous donation from the local Freemasons of Ashbourne, combined with school funds, the room has been rewired, plastered, decorated, carpeted and prepared for new equipment. This space will offer our pupils a unique environment to foster independence and relaxation. Photos of the finished room to follow soon!

Hello Yellow!

We recently participated in the "Hello Yellow" campaign from Young Minds to raise awareness of mental health. Pupils wore yellow to show support, created posters, and engaged in activities designed to encourage open discussions about mental health and well-being. Emphasising mental health is crucial, and we're proud to support our pupils in maintaining good mental health practices. Learn more about the campaign here: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/

Focus on Attendance

National and local focus on attendance has increased since September, and the Local Authority has introduced new guidance highlighting its importance. At Kniveton, we're enhancing our own attendance efforts by awarding a weekly certificate to the class with the best attendance. The class with the most certificates each half term will earn a reward of extra break time. Please support your children by scheduling appointments outside school hours whenever possible and ensuring their consistent attendance.

95.16%

Attendance
Autumn 1 2024

Harvest Festival 2024.

Huge thanks for the kind donations towards our wonderful Harvest Festival, with special thanks to Reverend Lisa for her lovely service. It was wonderful to hear the pupil's fantastic voices singing inside our beautiful village church too!

Year 6 Visit to Whitehall

Year 6 pupils visited Whitehall Outdoor Learning Centre in October. They participated in activities that tested their resilience, teamwork, and courage—beautifully reflecting our school values and creating lasting memories! Thanks to Mrs Gorman for organising this and taking the pupils.

Open Event for Prospective Families

On October 26th, we held an open evening for families interested in joining our school community in September 2025. Families toured the school, spoke with staff, and enjoyed various activities. It was a wonderful evening, and we look forward to welcoming many of these families into our Kniveton family!

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Facebook: Kniveton C E Primary School

Website: https://knivetonprimaryschool.co.uk/

Key Dates for the diary Autumn 2 2024:

Tuesday 12th November – Parent / Teacher consultations

Friday 15th November – Children in Need day – Wear your pyjamas to school day! All for a donation to Children in Need.

Tuesday 11th December – Christmas Pantomime at Buxton – 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (kindly provided by the hard work and effort of Friends of Kniveton)

Monday 16th December -Class 1 Nativity – evening performance

Wednesday 18th December -Class 1 Nativity – morning performance

Monday 9th December - Secret Santa

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Parties – Non uniform day

Bonfire Bites Bonanza!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Kniveton for organising an incredible cake sale! Thanks to all who donated cakes, both homemade and store-bought, to support our school. It was fantastic to see such a variety of delicious treats and the wonderful teamwork as pupils either bought or sold cakes. Great work, Team Kniveton!

Safeguarding at Kniveton.

Safeguarding is important here at Kniveton. The Designated Safeguarding lead in school is Mrs Popple and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead is Mrs Gorman.