



Knowle Park Primary School

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Newsletter - 13th February 2026

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Hello everyone,

It has been another busy week in school.

Year 4 enjoyed their Bikability training and developed important cycling and road safety skills. We have marked Children's Mental Health Week as a whole school. We hope you have enjoyed seeing the daily stickers and talking with your children about their learning. Supporting children's wellbeing is a key priority, and these conversations at home are invaluable. This week also included Safer Internet Day. Children explored how to stay safe online and discussed the role of artificial intelligence in today's world, showing great curiosity and maturity. Year 1 delighted us with their class assemblies all about love — perfectly timed ahead of Valentine's Day! The children spoke and sang with confidence, sharing important messages about kindness, friendship and caring for one another. Acorns Class enjoyed a lovely visit to Redcatch Gardens this week. Outdoor learning experiences such as this are so valuable, and the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring and spending time in nature.

As we approach the end of term, we are very much looking forward to the half-term break. It has been a full and productive term, and I hope it provides everyone with an opportunity to rest and recharge.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the families in our community who will be celebrating Lunar New Year during half term and those who will be observing the holy month of Ramadan which begins on the evening of Tuesday 17th February.

Thank you for your continued support.

Helen Bailey



Attendance Matters

Last weeks (week beg. 2/2/2026) attendance winners are:

KS1: Jellyfish with 98.9 %

KS2: 3B with 99.7 %

Acorns: 89.2 %

Our attendance target at Knowle Park is 96%

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Term 4 P.E days

Mon: Yr6 Tues: Yr5 Wed: Yr2 Thurs: Yr3 Fri: Yr4

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 26th Feb **YR6** - Portals to the past

Tue 3rd March **Bedtime Stories - 4:45pm to 5:30pm**

You will need to let us know if your child is attending by logging into MCAS and purchasing a ticket to 'Bedtime Story'. There is no charge for this.

Thurs 5th March **World Book Day** - Dress up day

Tue 10th March **Parents Evening - 3:40pm to 6:30pm**

Thur 12th March **Parents Evening - 3:40 pm to 6:30pm**

Inset days:
1st June 2026

Here is a link to the [School Calendar](#)

Reminder to Parents

Pick up time for children is

Reception - **3.10pm** Years 1 & 2 - **3.15pm** Years 3 to 6 - **3.20pm**
Acorns - **3.15pm**

We are having lots of children regularly brought to the office and the end of the day.

Governor News

Knowle Park Primary School Parent Governor Elections

We have a number of vacancies on the Governing Body, 3 Parent Governor vacancies, and fill these by asking for nominations from parents. If there is more nominees than vacancies we will hold an election, which will be conducted by Carol Wilshire, Clerk to the Governors, and Helen Bailey, Headteacher. They will ensure that any ballot is undertaken fairly.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, you will need one parent to nominate you, and one to second you. I also suggest you look at the school website to see the duties which governors undertake, and see who the current governors are. You will see which governors undertake specific responsibilities like, Chair, Vice Chair, School Improvement and School Management Committee Chairs, Safeguarding, SEND, Health and Safety, Well Being, Early Years, Pupil Premium. This will give you an idea of the duties and responsibilities which governors undertake.

You will probably want to know the time commitment needed. We have 6 Full Governing Body Meetings a year, usually on Wednesday evening at 6.00 p.m. We are currently reviewing the time and frequency of our two main committees (School Improvement and School Management). The times and dates are set at the start of the school year, in September, by governors and they reflect the fact that most governors have paid employment. You will be expected to serve on one of the two main committees and in time take on an area of responsibility. Training is provided by the Local Authority and is very flexible. Some sessions are in person during the school day, others are remote, including lunchtime sessions. There are also other on - line courses, which you can undertake at any time.

At present we face a number of challenges in school, which are also faced by all primary schools across Bristol and England. The first is the problem of government cuts to the funding of all schools. Our income does not keep pace with inflation, nor annual pay rises. Funding for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities is also being cut, essentially because the government does not take account of the increase in the numbers of children presenting with these needs when it delivers funds to Local Authorities for these children. It is the Local Authority which has the responsibility to allocate these funds to schools.

You may well have learned about these issues in the national and local media. It is for these reasons that we would ideally like to recruit someone who has some financial and /or Human Resources knowledge and skills to bring to the governing body. However, we have always found that our parent governors bring many qualities to our leadership, so please do not be put off if you don't happen to have financial qualifications.

In spite of these pressures we have not only maintained our teaching and learning standards but improved the delivery of our curriculum. We believe we offer a range of educational experiences which are a credit to our staff and their leaders. The fact that we are fully subscribed for September's intake shows that we have much to offer. So, if you want a challenge, and be part of a school which is thriving and wants to move forward, then come and join us.

If you want to find out more than speak to an existing Parent Governor, or let the School Office staff know you would like to speak to me and leave your contact details with them. I will get back to you.

Ellie Truss Chairs of Governors

Stars of the Week

Well done to our stars:

1W - Mathias, 1H - Poppy, 1GD - Iggy, 2WP - Lonnie, 2M - Tommy, 2T - Freddie,

3B - Max, 3J - Paisley, 3HS - Jacob, 4R - Joe, 4T - Lucas, 4F - Daisy,

5F - Grace, 5C - Zion, 5H - Katarina, 6S - Bennett & Sufyan, 6B - George, 6E - Darcy,

Nurture - O'Mari

Parent Drop-In Sessions with the School Nurse

If you are a parent or carer and would like to speak to a member of the School Nursing Team to get information and advice for your child, then please come along to one of our parent drop-ins. This will also be an opportunity for you to meet with other parents and ask the School Nursing Team any questions you may have.

Use the QR code to view our web page and find out more about our services.

Session Dates - 9am-10am:

Mondays: 2/3/26, 23/3/26, 27/4/26, 19/5/26

Feel free to drop by the school during these times to have a School Nurse. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sirona
care & health

chat with the

Well Done, Olivia, Nara !



Olivia was very proud to be awarded Player of the Match and receive a trophy for her efforts. Well Done!



Nara passed stage 5 at swimming and is moving up to stage 6. She's worked really hard and we are very proud of her. Well Done!

If your child has an outstanding achievement you would like us to celebrate, please email the office at: Knowle.park.p@bristol-schools.uk with details and a photo.



Eco News

Term 3 Eco Squad

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members that helped Eco Squad plant bulbs on Monday. Amazing turnout and we are so grateful! We are looking forward to watching them bloom. We now just need the sun to shine!



We now have 5363!

Many thanks Miss Hucker, Mrs Burdeu and Mrs Govier



Reading Champion

Our Reading Champions need your help! Do you have any children's books at home that you no longer read? Are they in good condition? If you have said yes to both these questions, please send your child in with the books so that they can be enjoyed in school. Watch this space for our Reading Champion's book recommendations next term.



PTA UPDATES- Friday 13th February

Mother's Day Sale

This is a lovely (in-school) event where children come with their class to select a present for their mum or special female in their lives. Their chosen present is then sealed in a bag with a sweet treat. The cost of a present is £2.50.

Mother's Day Sale Volunteers

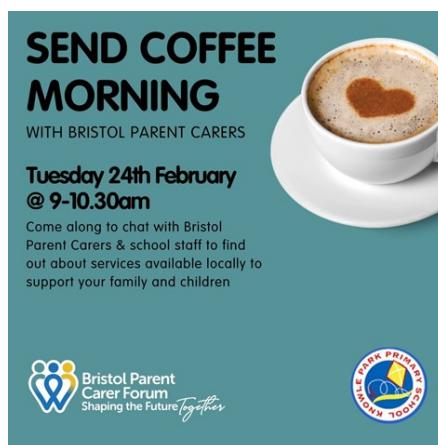
The Mother's Day sale will take place on **Friday 13th March** during the school morning. Can you help? We need volunteers to help set out gifts and help children choose a present for their special person. Volunteers are needed between 8.30 and 12 but if you can only come for 1hr then that is still really helpful. A Knowle Park DBS is really helpful for this event but it is possible to volunteer without one. Contact knowleparkpta@gmail.com to volunteer.

Curry and Quiz Night

We are looking for a team of volunteers to take on the running of this year's ever-popular curry and quiz night. The date is tbc and would be determined by school and organisers availability. There is an event plan for this night and the PTA committee would support and advise. This event usually makes the school close to £1000 so it a very important fundraiser as well as being lots of fun. Please contact knowleparkpta@gmail.com if you feel you or a group of friends could take on this event.

SEND News Corner

Visit our new look Special Educational Needs page on the school website:
[Special Educational Needs and Disability | Knowle Park Primary School](#)



This event is
CANCELLED

New date - 3rd March



KPPS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Stompin Starz Group March 2025!!! – Change of day for KS2

We are Extremely Excited to be continuing two after-school sessions, exclusively for Knowle Park Primary School Pupils.

KS1 – MONDAYS 23/2/26 – 30/3/26 = £21

KS2- THURSDAYS 26/6/26 -2/4/26 = £25

3:15-4:15 - In the school gym



Children will learn and develop key skills, different styles and techniques of dance to various genres of music but most importantly they have FUN!

To Book On To A Course For

6 weeks Go To

**[https://www.stompinstarzgroup.com/
schoolsessions](https://www.stompinstarzgroup.com/schoolsessions)**

Spaces are limited
Find us on Facebook



Community News

Happymess Hub Visiting Guests!

10-11am Every Wednesday in termtime
Special events below for your diary...

11 Feb	Mothers for Mothers	Maternal Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Support
25 Feb	FLORA & Family Hub Navigator	Discover more about all of the support available from Family Hubs
4 Mar	Bristol Autism Support	Supports families of Autistic Children, diagnosed or suspected
18 Mar	Children's Kitchen	Advice and support for families looking for affordable and nutritious food

Bristol Family Hubs We have several playmakers on hand for support (and fun!) as well as lots of information available about Family Hubs



www.redcatchcommunitygarden.com
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Bristol's SEND Local Offer 

FLORA

(Families, Local Offer, Resources and Advice)



Unsure where to get support?

FLORA is an enquiry service that provides information, advice, signposting and support for Bristol families who are in the early stages of identifying that their child may have additional needs. The FLORA team helps families navigate the services and support available to them in Bristol

FLORA will be joining Diane, Family Hub Navigator for Happy Mess at Redcatch Community Gardens on WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2026

Email: FLORA@bristol.gov.uk



Local Offer: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/advice-and-support-for-parents-and-carers>

Welcome to Happymess Hub

Wednesday 10-11am
Free for Children 0-4

Bring your little ones for a relaxed morning of play, connection and discovery.

There will be:

- A sensory corner with books & blankets
- Family play, craft & activities.
- Free hot drinks, squash & snacks.
- Each week, families can take away a frozen meal made by our RCG chefs.

From Nov 2025 to May 2026 we are delighted to be running a fun, free session funded by Bristol Play Hubs

Bristol Family Hubs 

In our heated Canopy (now with quieter heater)
Book online or just turn up (limited spaces available)



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GLOW IN THE DARK CRICKET GIRLS' HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Ages 8-16
17TH FEBRUARY 11-3PM THE PARK CENTRE KNOWLE, BS4 1DQ



FREE TO REGISTER!  

- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
- EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
- FRIENDLY QUALIFIED STAFF
- LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

 Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation sam.emmott@gloucestershirecricketfoundation.org 07398 211596

[Girls Glow in The Dark Cricket Festival - Registration Form \(age 8-16\) – Fill out form](#)

Community News

NERF!

GYM & DANCE!

FOREST SCHOOL!

9AM-4PM
EARLY / LATES

£24 PER DAY
£2.50 EARLY/LATE

BRISTOL
SPORT FOUNDATION

FEBRUARY - HOLIDAY CLUBS

YATE - FILTON - KNOWLE - STAPLETON - PILNING

16TH - 20TH FEB

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT 20% OFF
EARLYFEB20

FOREST SCHOOL
• KNOWLE PARK PRIMARY
• FILTON AVENUE PRIMARY

QR Code

Redcatch Community Garden

February Half-Term Holiday Timetable

More information & booking via QR code

Tuesday 17th February
2:30 - 4:00pm **Valentine Nature Sprouts**
Decorate a biscuit, natural printing, hot chocolate, love story, garden hunt, colouring & craft
£8 per child, ages 5-10

Wednesday 18th February
9:30-1:00pm **Love is in the air**
Have a fun day decorating the canopy, preparing a snack and Valentines experience for your grown up!
£20 per child, ages 6-11.

Thursday 19th February
10-11:30am **Junk Modelling**
Create a masterpiece from junk and create a valentines day card for a loved one.
£2 per child, ages 3-10

Friday 20th February
9:30-10:45 & 11:15-12:30 **George's Heart Thumping workshop**
Step into the wonderful world of experimentation
£6 per ticket (1x adult, 1x child included)

Roots & Garden open daily from 9:30am-4:00pm

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THEATRE IN THE GARDEN PRESENTS...

LET'S JOURNEY THROUGH THE SEASONS!
Join us at Redcatch Community Garden for our preschool theatre workshops, exploring acting, music, prop making and our imaginations! For 2-5years and their grown-ups! £8 per child per session.

FRI 23RD JAN 1.30-2.30PM
REDCATCH COMMUNITY GARDEN CANOPY

LET'S GO ON SAFARI!
Join us at Redcatch Community Garden for our preschool theatre workshops, exploring acting, music, prop making and our imaginations! For 2-5years and their grown-ups! £8 per child per session.

FRI 27TH FEB 1.30-2.30PM
REDCATCH COMMUNITY GARDEN CANOPY

AN EASTER ADVENTURE!
Join us for a theatre workshop for Spring chicks and their grown-ups exploring acting, music, prop making and imaginations! A great way to build confidence, make friends and have fun!

FRI 27 MAR
MOVEMENT, MUSIC AND IMAGINATIONS
1.30-2.30PM AIMED AT UNDER 2-5S AND THEIR GROWN-UPS
£8 for one child and accompanying adult

REDCATCH COMMUNITY GARDEN CANOPY!

Preschool workshops: Spring 2026

- Fri 23rd Jan - A Journey Through the Seasons
- Fri 27th Feb - Let's Go on Safari
- Fri 27th Mar - An Easter Adventure
- £8 per child, per session
- For 2-5years and their grown-ups
- Early booking advised
- All 1.30-2.30pm

PRESCHOOL THEATRE WORKSHOPS!