



The **KNOW**Edge

Friday 19th September, 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of The KNOWEdge - our school newsletter.

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Quick News Bites!

Important up and coming date: Parents evening bookings are live on Arbor from Wednesday 24th September!

ALL Year 6 Parents - Secondary School applications are now open. **Register your child now** using [this link](#).

CaterEds Menu



1 - Firstly, I would like to welcome you back to school following the 6-week summer break. We are coming to the end of our third week back in school and the children have settled in so well to their new classrooms and year group teams.

It makes me very proud to see them walking into school dressed smartly in their school uniforms and ready to learn. Thank you to you all for keeping high expectations of school uniform and being in school on time at the beginning of the day.

Here is a link to our WELCOME BACK school video - I think that we managed to capture every child who was in school on this particular day. <https://fb.watch/CcRXIRcUNZ/>

What have we been up to this week?



School is a busy and productive place - here are some of the highlights from this week in school.

Week in Learning - Year 1/2 Focus

Every week, Mr Bashford-Cole and Mr Norris meet with children to talk about their learning and experiences in school. This week we have met with some of our Year 1 and 2 children. They were incredible.

We are very proud of the super start that our children have made in the team and here are some of the highlights.

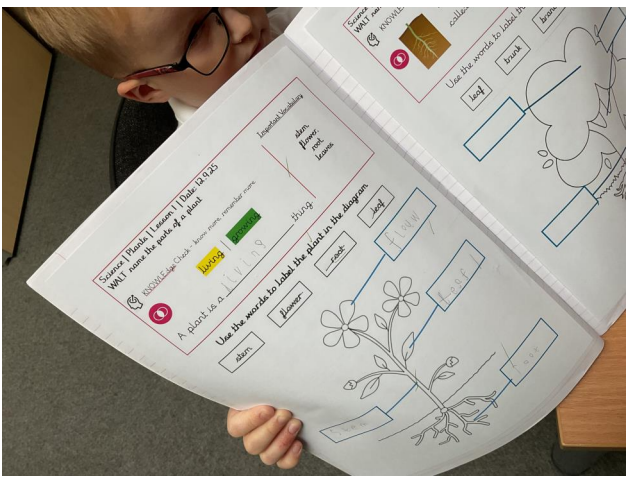
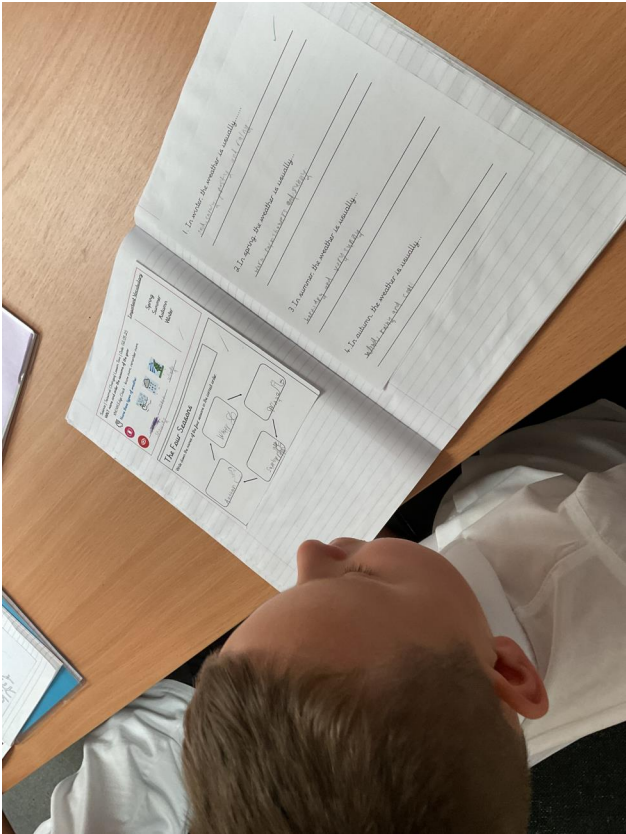
Maths - the children have been learning about numbers and their values. You can see from the pictures below that they have been working hard to form their numbers correctly and show their understanding through lots of different challenges.

English - the children have been writing sentences based on the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. They have been using story maps to talk through the events in the book whilst also working on the correct use of language and punctuation. Doesn't their handwriting look good!

Science - the children shared some of their favourite lessons. They talked about living things and that they have been investigating the different parts of the plant.

You can quiz your children at home using their homework to help!



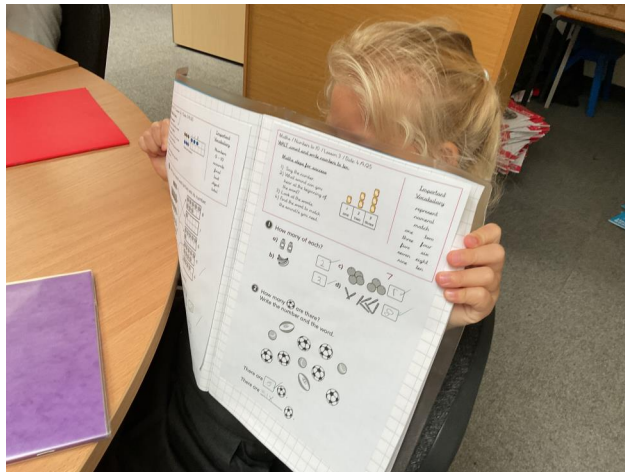
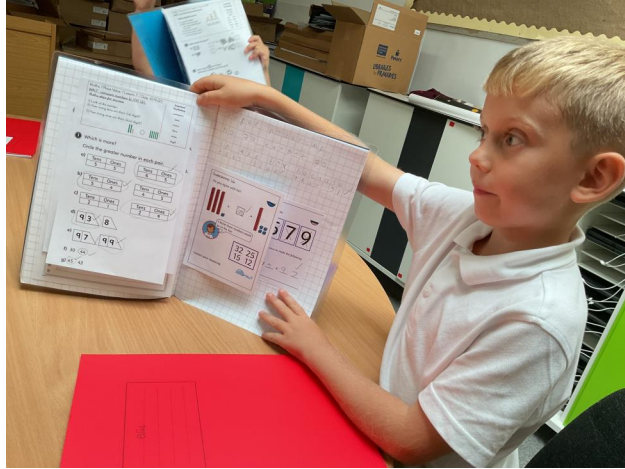


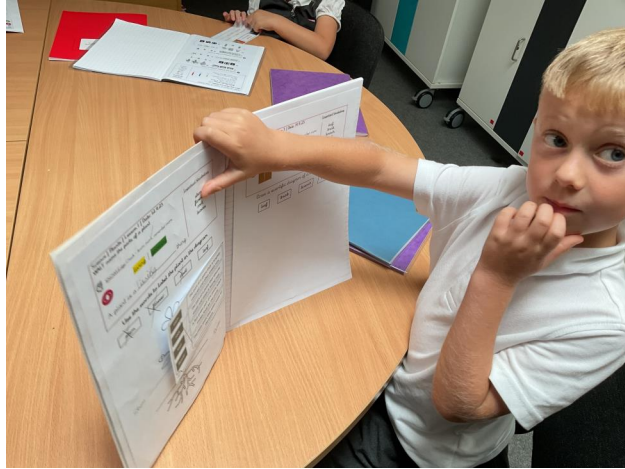


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Attendance - making every moment count



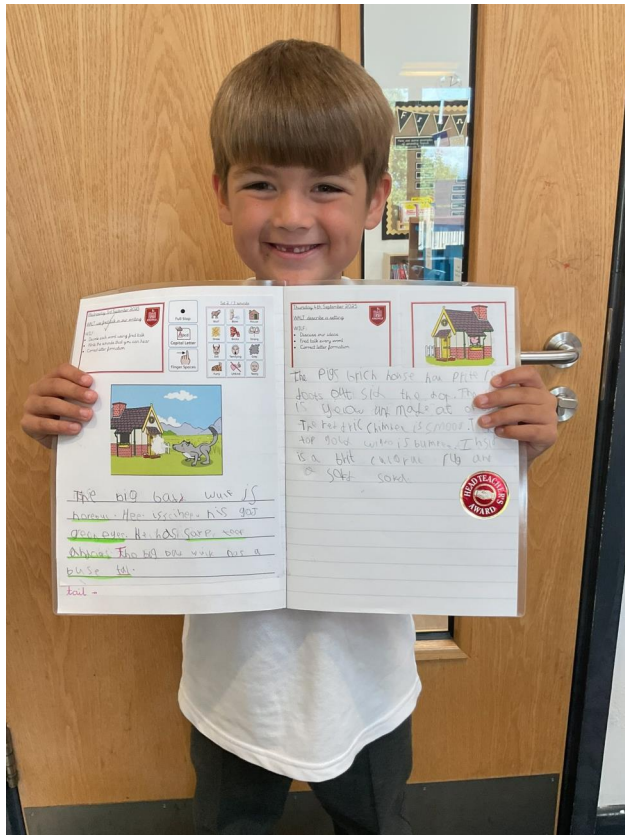
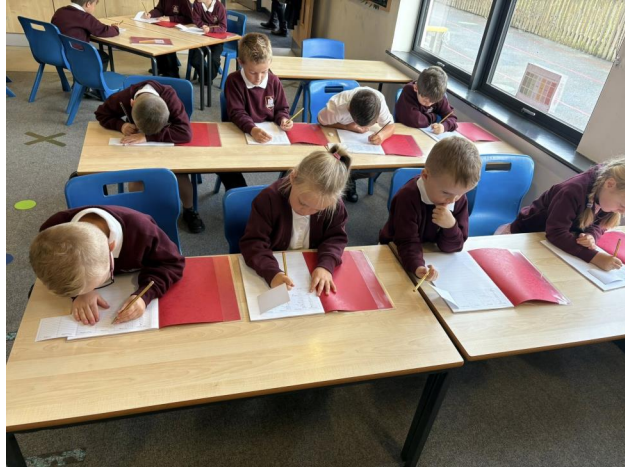
It is vital that children are in school every day possible. Statistics and research shows us that children who attend school more, make more progress in their learning and are able to develop better friendships and social skills.

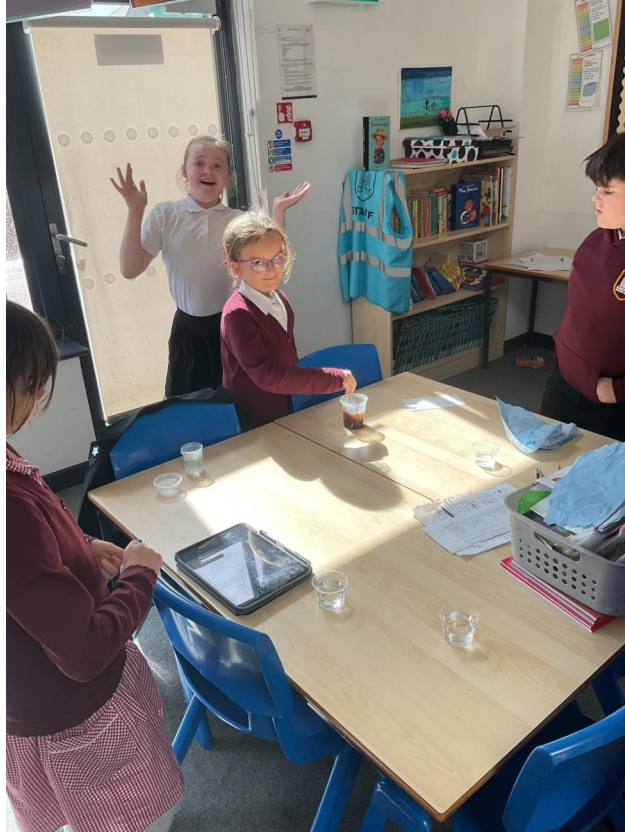
Ways to improve attendance

- Use our free breakfast club to give greater flexibility if you or a family member are poorly.
- Make medical and dental appointments outside of the school day.
- Use family and friends to help with drop off and pick ups if you need support.
- Speak to Nikita or Tania for advice around morning routines if your child is struggling.
- Arrive at school by 8:45am every day

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office in the morning to let them know. This means that their absence will be recorded as an illness (i) and is not unauthorised (U).

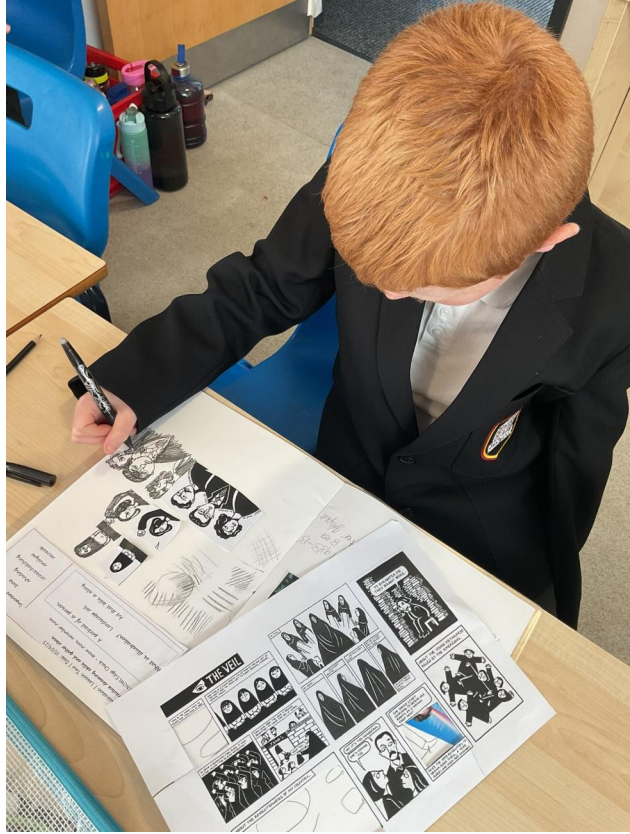
Here are some photographs from around school this week- just look how hard working the children are! With such hard work, anything is possible!





















What else has been going on?

This week, we have enjoyed welcoming some special guests to Knowle.

On Monday, our Director of Education, Ciara Moran, met with Mr Norris and toured the school, met some of our children and saw them at work. Ciara was very impressed by the calm learning environment around the school which was enabling children to learn. At the time of the tour, children were taking part in Power Maths lessons and Ciara was impressed at just how hard some of the challenges were!

On Tuesday, Gerald McHugh, a Trustee of the Learning Academies Trust, joined us for the afternoon to tour the school see why Knowle is such a special place. Gerald was very impressed by the behaviour and attitudes of the children, the types of challenging tasks that they were working on and their excellent manners. Well done, children!

Wednesday was a busy day with a tour of our phonics, RWInc lessons led by Miss May. RWInc helps every child to learn how to read and Miss May was blown away by how well the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were learning to read. Well done to our reading team! On Wednesday afternoon, Miss May welcomed guests to see our Early Years (Nursery and Reception) provision in action. As is always the case, our learning environment looked stunning and the children were well engaged in the various learning opportunities.

On Friday, Nikita held her second coffee morning of the year. Nikita welcomes all parents and carers to visit from 9am on Friday morning - a chance to share ideas and feedback your thoughts on school life. Everything that we do to work together will improve opportunities and outcomes for our children so please do join Nikita by coming along next Friday - same time!

Our New Parliament!



A big welcome to our new parliament group who have all been meeting with Mr Bashford-Cole to establish their new roles and responsibilities. Watch out for their weekly news reports. Don't they look smart!









Alyssa celebrates dancing success!

A HUGE well done and congratulations to Alyssa!

Alyssa has just completed her first dance exam and we're very proud - she is over the moon. It was a lot of hard work especially with coaching all at the same time as her theatre show but she smashed it!

Alyssa has been taking modern ballet and tap dance lessons out of school , in the school holidays she did a two hour exam piece in front of the examiner.

She has been working hard after school in dance class every Friday for two hours and weekends with a local dance school called dance fusion to remember the routine of about 10-15 pieces of music and dances .Alyssa successfully passed her exam for level 1 in modern dance , and has been awarded a merit . Her next exam will be ballet in October .





After School Club - moving to an Arbor booking system



We are delighted to be moving our paid after school club booking system to Arbor. This will make all booking processes easier for parents and carers with the additional benefits of the paying through the app as well. We hope that booking in this way should also save you time as you can access all services from home.

Our after school club is a popular part of our wraparound provision and we understand that there are requirements for different bookings and session for you and your family across the

week. You can book into any session through the app, book in advance and select the specific booking that you require.

Bookings are taken on a first-come-first-serve basis so please ensure that you have booked the sessions that you require for your child.

If you would like some support in making the Arbor bookings, please drop into the office where our team will only be too happy to help.



2 - Within your Arbor App, you will be able to see After School Club booking for Nursery and then for children from Rec to Year 6. Please click through the options to book in.

Start of the Week!





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Star of the Week

This week to

Oliver May-Williams

Awarded on Friday 19th September 2023

Oliver has achieved his school award for his excellent work in all areas of his learning and his ability to work independently. He has shown a great understanding of his work and his ability to work independently. He has shown a great understanding of his work and his ability to work independently.

Signed Oliver Williams
Head of School Mrs Smith Mrs Thomas











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This week is ...
Ellersie Cooke

Awarded on Friday 19th September 2025

Ellersie is the perfect example of someone who follows the golden rule rules and always has a kind and really nice attitude for all those around her. She is a superstar in class, her work is always beautifully presented, and her handwriting is always neat!

Signed (Class Teacher) *CDage*
Signed (Head Teacher)



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Matevi Hazzyluk
Awarded on Friday 19th September 2025

I have been an observer of Matevi and she does stand out from the rest of the class. She is a very hardworking, reliable and ambitious child. Her learning, Matevi has impressed me with her reading and her ability to learn and retain what she reads. This award is a fantastic job well done. Well done!

Signed Class Teacher: 
Signed Class Teacher: 





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This week is ...

Lyla-Rose Stone

Awarded on Friday 12th September 2025

Lyla-Rose has made a fantastic start to Year 4. She is putting great effort into all of her work and participation in class discussions. I have been particularly impressed with her creative use of colour in English, which shows both imagination and a growing confidence in her writing.

Keep it up!

Signed (Head Teacher): **Dr. Dixon**

Signed (Class Teacher): *[Signature]*



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This week it ...

Fraya Gulliford

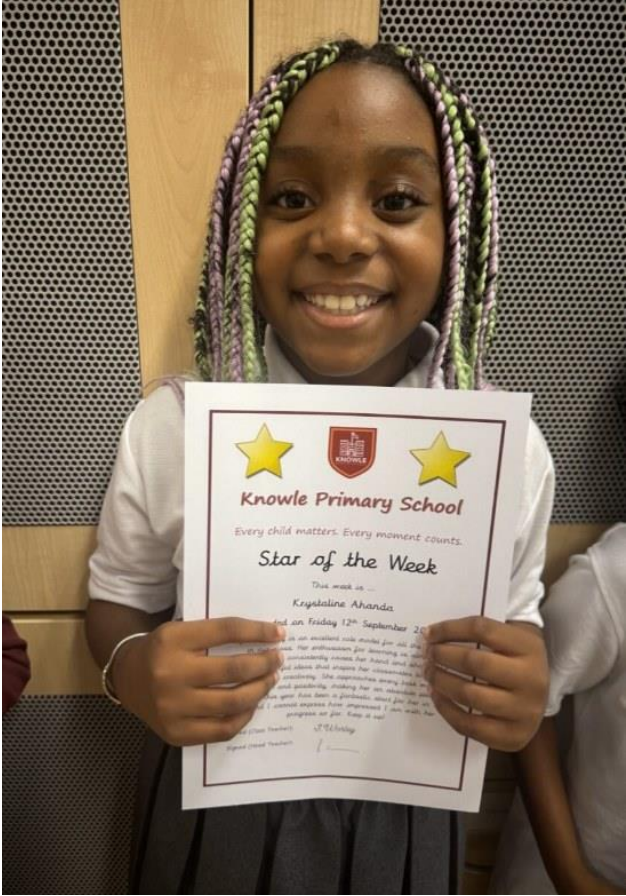
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Fraya is a very enthusiastic learner. She takes a great attitude towards her education, and is always keen to put her hand up and answer questions. A super talent to year one!

Signed (Class Teacher)

Signed (Head Teacher)





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This week is ...

Kristaline Ahanda

and on Friday 12th September 2020

is an excellent role model for all the children in the school. Her dedication for learning in all subjects, her ability to help her friends and her positive attitude towards school and learning, making her an excellent role model for all the children in the school. I am proud to have her as a student and I am sure she will continue to make a great contribution to the school and the community.

I would be happy to support her in all her endeavours and to see her progress as she grows up.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Name]



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This week is ...

Shanaz Raza

Awarded on Friday 12th September 2023

I feel very lucky to have Shanaz as my class this year, she has made a fantastic start to Year 4 and shown great abilities in her learning. She is curious, joyful and always happy to contribute in our class discussions. Shanaz has the most beautiful handwriting and presents her work beautifully. I am excited to see what Shanaz achieves this year as with the confidence she has that she is showing now. I am confident that you will have many successes. Keep it up, Shanaz!

Head Teacher: Ashurk
Head Teacher: _____



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This week is

Aurora Miller

Awarded on Friday 12th September 2025

Aurora has made a fantastic start to the year. She has been kind, helpful with her new classmates and has a pleasure to teach. Mrs. Hurdle and I are so proud of the start she has made. She is focused, following our 'Come on Time Riders' and is engaging brilliantly in her learning. Well done Aurora!

Signed (Class Teacher)

Mrs Spang

Mrs Hurdle

Signed (Class Teacher)



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This week is ...

Finlay Yaxman

Awarded on Friday 12th September 2025

Finlay has had a really impressive start to Year 5 in his classes and social efforts. We have been so impressed with the dedication to his learning and how much pleasure has been demonstrated in lessons. He has continued to perform, apply - and still wonderfully chunky! Well done for a great start Finlay!

Class Teacher: Mrs. [Name] Head Teacher: [Name]



What is coming up in the weeks ahead?

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Year 1/2 are touring Plymouth on their open top bus with Year 5/6 visiting Bovisand on Wednesday. Fingers crossed for good weather.

On Wednesday, some children in Year 3 and 4 are taking part in our first sports event of the year - Cross Country racing as part of a Plymouth Competition.

On Wednesday, Early Years parents are invited to attend a Stay and Play event to find out more information about phonics, RWInc and how we teach your child to read. More details to follow.

On Friday, Miss Drage has organised our European Day of Languages event in school. Your child will be learning about different countries and the languages that they speak.

Important Dates for the Autumn Term

September

Monday 29th - PTFA meeting for all from 9am

October

Tuesday 7th - Year 3/4 STEM computer and robotic coding day

Tuesday 7th - Parents Meetings Day 1

Thursday 9th - Parents Meetings Day 2

Friday 10th - Harvest Assembly and Foodbank Collection

Friday 10th - WEAR IT YELLOW for Mental Health Day

Friday 24th - Last day of half term

For all of our dates for the year ahead, please visit our school website page: [Knowle Primary School - School Calendar](#)