

Summary:

Spring Term was short in weeks yet deep in enrichment and learning. At KNPA, our motto begins with 'All Learners', which reminds us that whether we are pupils, staff, governors or parents / carers, we are all on a journey of learning. The next part of our motto is ... 'All Valued'. Ensuring we understand each other's needs and extending this to enrichment shows we value each other. This way, we can all achieve together. KNPA: All Learners, All Valued, All Achieving ... Together'.

Charlie and The Chocolatiers:

KNPA is very excited to announce our production for 2026 has now been cast! Following rigorous auditions, rehearsals for Charlie and the Chocolatiers are underway, and we are hoping for another spectacular show of drama, dance and delicious chocolate! **Will you be joining us?**

"Get ready for a magical journey into a world of pure imagination as King's Northway Primary Academy proudly presents *Charlie and the Chocolatiers*!

This exciting, high-energy production follows the story of kind-hearted Charlie Bucket, a boy from a poor but loving family who dreams of a better life. When the mysterious Willy Wonka announces a worldwide search for five Golden Ticket winners to tour his incredible chocolate factory, Charlie's hopes are sparked. Against all odds, he finds himself stepping into a dazzling world of sweets, surprises and spectacular inventions.

Inside the factory, Charlie joins four other larger-than-life children, each with their own outrageous personalities. But as the adventure unfolds, their greed and impatience lead to unexpected consequences, leaving Charlie to discover that kindness, honesty and imagination are the true ingredients for success.

The KNPA school adaptation has been creatively written to showcase vibrant class dances throughout the performance, giving every child a chance to shine on stage. It also celebrates school Values for Victory, highlighting perseverance, making the right choices, hope and achieving success through a positive victorious attitude.

Packed with lively songs, colourful characters, and imaginative staging, this show is a joyful celebration of creativity, resilience and heart. Join us for a performance full of laughter, music and wonder, and discover why sometimes the smallest dreamers can achieve the biggest things."

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NEWSLETTER

Notes from the Headteacher's Study



Happy Easter and Spring Celebration?

Happy Easter! Also, very happy 'finally the sun is shining' Day! Being part of the Great Schools Trust, each Principal writes an article for the GST Magazine that reviews the term that has just gone. Within this Newsletter I thought it would be good to share so many of our headline moments from the Spring Term. I am always taken aback

by how much we fit into one term and this one certainly did not disappoint.

Spring Term begins in January and ends at Easter. Despite it being cold and often wet, our children, staff and families put joy and light back into each month. I hope you enjoy remembering.

Mr Hargreaves
Principal KNPA



Thank you:

At the end of the Spring Term, we said a big thank you and goodbye to Miss Kehoe who came to the end of her fixed term contract. Miss Kehoe is planning on taking a different route within education after Easter and we wish her every blessing with her new chapter. Miss McLachlan who has been working across school for the past few months will be taking ownership of 3Roscoe with Mr Newton and I teaching specialist subjects within the class too. I cannot wait to get to know Year 3 even more.

Marking:

This term we have used pupil and staff voice to re-sharpen our Marking and Feedback Policy. When we asked, pupils wanted to know quickly what they had done well and what they needed to think more deeply about. They wanted to feel good about their successes and know what they needed to do in their 'Pitstop' time. Following a research trip to a school in Stoke, staff came up with a new way of marking so that the children know instantly how much knowledge they have applied and what to focus on more deeply in the next lesson. We look forward to seeing this become embedded over the next term.

Our Charter:

The KNPA Charter is central to how we learn together. We have focused on our Scholarly Habits over the Spring Term, so we can achieve for ourselves and for each other. Pupils decided which Charter elements they shine at and which one they wanted to work on each half term. Our pupils know how to be Victorious using our Values for Victory.

Moderation:

KNPA hosted other schools within the Fiveways Learning Alliance for a writing moderation to ensure our standards are aligned with other school across the Alliance. Reception to Year 6 teachers met from ten other schools and together shared professional conversations and checks. We were very proud of our books and the quality at each standard.

LIPA Children's Theatre:

Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts invited our Year 3 and 4 pupils to their Children's Theatre event. We were fortunate to watch abridged versions completely written and directed by the Year 12 students of: Alice in Wonderland, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Horrid Henry and World's Worst Children. On our return the pupils sent a video message back to LIPA Sixth Form to thank them and review each play. We loved our time there! Such talented performing arts students.

Summer Term

Monday 13 th April	Summer Term starts	8.50am
Wednesday 22 nd April	Environment Parents In The Classroom	9am /
9.20am		
Thursday 25 th April	4McCartney Class Assembly: Environment	9.15am
4 th May	May Day Bank Holiday (no School)	
w/b Monday 11 th May	Y6 Sats Showcases Week	
Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th May	Y6 to Dearne Valley	
Wednesday 20 th May	Break up for Half Term	3.20pm
Monday 1 st June	Summer Term 2 starts	
w/b 8 th June	Hope Michigan Teaching Students	
Thursday 11 th June	KNPA Global Music Festival	Afternoon
w/b 15 th June	Hope Michigan Teaching Students	
	Assessment Week	
Wednesday 17 th June	School Photographs: Classes	
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y1, Y2 and Y3 Sports Day	9.20am
	New Reception Welcome Meeting	6pm
Wednesday 24 th June	Y4 – Y6 Sports Day	9.20pm
7 th / 8 th / 9 th July	Whole School Production	
Friday 10 th July – 14 th July	Reports To Parents (TBC)	
Tuesday 14 th July	Reception Graduation Event	9.15pm
	Reception Sports Day	10am
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Service and Picnic	1.45pm
Friday 17 th July	Break up for Summer	1pm
	Y6 Leavers' Guard of Honour	1.10pm

Theatre Enrichment:

At KNPA we have three unique characteristics: our Values for Victory, our values-driven academic achievement and our love of Performing Arts. We were fortunate to take two groups of children to see Matilda and Mary Poppins at the Liverpool Empire. We wanted to inspire children who were interested in taking part in our production to see the professional children and adults at work. Both trips were spellbinding. It was magical seeing the children's faces throughout and also seeing them behave so impeccably as KNPA Ambassadors.

Governors

Our Governors have enjoyed two Credimus Insight mornings this term, evaluating our new Marking procedures and exploring the impact of reading across school. Credimus Insights allows Governors the opportunity to get first hand experience of school for themselves rather than simply being told. We love to showcase and work in partnership.

Year 5 at King's Leadership Wavertree

Our Year 5 pupils went to King's Leadership Wavertree to take part in a joint Science and Eco Project. The children had an amazing morning working with experts from Daresbury Science Park and Mark from 4wardFutures / ReMade. Children learnt not only about recycling, but re-use and re-purpose to make a positive impact on our environment. Children presented their ideas to the whole group, speaking on the microphone at the front of the hall, pitching their plans to the Daresbury engineer. **They were true ambassadors of KNPA Values for Victory in their behaviour, attitude and compassion.**

The morning ended with a very quick tour of the school, where we have lovely smiles and waves from some of our past KNPA pupils.



Residential:

Barnstondale was a success yet again this year. We had the site to ourselves, which allowed our Year 5s to have a full experience with the opportunity to be courageous, try new things, push their boundaries and develop character and leadership. They were fantastic!

- Team Pursuit
- Obstacle
- Night Line
- Climbing and the Black Hole
- Archery
- Orienteering
- River Crossing
- Camp Fire

Parental Survey:

Following another successful parents' evening we held a parent survey. We were so pleased to collate the results, showing that 100% of parents believe their child is happy at KNPA, and 100% feel safe. 99% of parents believe pupils at KNPA are well behaved and that school has high expectations for their children. All Learners, All Valued, All Achieving... Together. Thank you for this level of support and trust.

Parents In The Classroom:

We love our Parents in the Classroom events. For World Book Day parents were invited to share a story at the end of the day and see the importance of reading for pleasure. Some classes also explored VIPERS as a strategy for exploring a text.

Bryn Tirion Hall School:

As part of our 'All Learners, All Valued' commitment, Mrs Dang and I visited Bryn Tirion Hall school in Wales to see their specialist school in action. Bryn Tirion adapt their curriculum for pupils with Social Emotional Mental and Health Needs, ASD, ADHD and those who find mainstream education a difficult learning environment. We learnt a lot about the Nurture Curriculum as well as ways gifted pupils with additional needs have barriers removed to achieve and thrive. A valuable experience.

Perryfields Primary, Worcester:

Perryfields is a fully inclusive school in Worcester and a flagship for the Inclusion Quality Mark. Being very passionate about Inclusion at KNPA, it was so valuable spending the day with their Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher to strategise for Inclusion, learning from their great practice. Perryfields was one of the schools highlighted by the Department for Education in February 2026 as an example of best practice in inclusion and early intervention.

Class Assemblies:

Parents were invited into school to see their pupils lead class assemblies on:

- Love (Year 3A)
- Lunar New Year (Year 1)
- Books (Year 3A)
- International Women's Day (Year 6D)

Assemblies happen daily at KNPA ringfencing time for children to be spiritually and mentally ready for learning and explore age-appropriate lessons for life.

World Book Day:

Dressing up is always fun, but even more so when it is an annual tradition. We had so many favourite characters appear in school to celebrate our love of reading as stories became the focus for the day.



Bike Ability:

Our Year 5 pupils have been polishing their bike safety this term, being tutored by Bike Ability. Such an important skill, especially as the lighter nights and summer approach.

Work Experience:

This half term we have welcomed back past pupils for their Work Experience: Ya Wen, Maryam, Katie and Jess as well as welcoming Tiffany who was new to KNPA. All five worked so hard and it was both a delight and emotional experience to see the amazing young people our past pupils have become. The future of education is bright!

Cross Country:

Our Cross Country Team has gone from strength to strength with our Girls reaching the City Championships and George representing the boys. We are so proud of their perseverance and courage that took them to the final. 2025/26 was our best league finish EVER!

Thank you to the whole squad who trained every week and went to competitions on rotation. Your dedication has been amazing. Thank you to Mr Taylor for his energy and training each week. Thank you Mr Hoey who has kept our eye on the ball for competitions and the league table.

Thank you to our parents who came along to cheer the children on. Having you as part of the staff cheer squad was fantastic.



Wavertree Hub:

We are fortunate to have King's Leadership Academy Phoenix and King's Leadership Academy Wavertree both only a six-minute drive away. Collaboration as the Wavertree Hub is such a unique opportunity. This term we embedded the relationship between each Academy as the staff from the three schools came together to plan a bright future. It was a real privilege to host at KNPA, allowing staff the opportunity to understand the Primary Phase, our Teaching Structure and Values as well as chatting with pupils.



Wellbeing, Discos and Easter:

At the end of February half term, pupils enjoyed a day focusing on their own wellbeing, that ended with phase discos. This is always a fun time. To end Spring 2, we recognised that many people in school had celebrated Lunar New Year, Persian New Year, Ramadan into Eid, and finally Easter. It was a month of celebration!

Our final week concluded with an Easter Bonnet Parade, an egg character competition and a visit from the Easter Bunny! **Is there anything better than Primary School?!**

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 30th March with free activities, and a meal, for every eligible child that attends. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter break including SEND specific provision. There's a great range of activities across the city including **Easter Egg Hunts, Easter egg decorating, Easter bonnet making, trips out, dance, rock climbing, cooking, STEM-style challenges, make up sessions, golf, cycling, gymnastics, circus skills and virtual reality plus much, much more.**

There is a central booking system to make it easier for you to find and book the activities. You can find out where your nearest scheme is by clicking on this link <https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf> or using the QR code which will take you to the Liverpool HAF page and the easy to fill in booking system. You can search by age, provider or date. There is a handy booking help video here - [How to make a booking](#)



- ▣ If you are struggling with the cost of living then please use this link for further information: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>
- ▣ If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. You can use this link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, the local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Easter HAF programme. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides lots of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#).

Regards. *Sally Dobbing* Sally Dobbing
Holiday Activities and Food Project Manager