



KING EDWARD VI KING'S NORTON SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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Weekly Updates

Friday 2nd October 2026

It has been a very busy week at KNSB! Following on from the Year 8 residential and the Year 11 Paris trip, there have been lots more fantastic events happening in school and out. Here is a snapshot of a week in the life of KNSB:



Max on Tour

He's done it! Max managed to secure his ticket and will be representing Team UK in the RMC Grand Finals!

The Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals is recognised globally as the pinnacle of elite kart racing, often described as the World Cup or Olympics of karting.

Qualification cannot be purchased; Max has earned this spot entirely on merit by winning or placing at the top of a highly competitive national/regional championship series. He will be competing

as part of a national team alongside 432 elite racers representing over 60 nations on a completely level playing field.

Max will be acting as an ambassador for Great Britain on a global stage and will be engaging in a rich, cultural exchange with youth athletes from all around the world.

What an incredible achievement for an incredible young man. We are all extremely proud of Max for all the hard work, effort and energy he puts into his racing. Max consistently demonstrates our KNSB values, and we genuinely couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this opportunity.

Go and smash it Max!





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Oliver Bellizia - Celebrating our Alumni

On Wednesday, we welcomed back Oliver Bellizia to speak to our Year 7 students. Oli left KNSB in 2023 and now plays for Fleetwood Town.

Mr Garvey asked him some questions around our STRIVE values and what it takes to be successful. They discussed the challenges that Oli has faced and how he has overcome them, demonstrating resilience and not giving up. After lacking confidence and doubting his own abilities for many years, Oli left the boys with a strong key message - always believe in yourself. It was good to see you again Oli!

Year 8 and 10 Football Success

We have been back to it with our football fixtures this week. Our Year 8 and 10 teams both had their first game of the year on Monday. Year 8 progressed into the second round of the Birmingham Cup with a 9-0 win and Year 10 edged a 2-1 win. A great start to the year for our football teams; let's hope for another year full of success.





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Natural High - David Graham

We also welcomed David from Natural High back to KNSB on Wednesday to deliver a presentation to all Year 7 students. This annual session combines live music and personal testimony to encourage students to think positively about their choices, wellbeing and resilience. The staff and students engaged brilliantly and really got involved with the singing (although this was questionable at times!). They took part in a range of challenges and discussions and proved the session to be a really worthwhile one again.



Reminder: Open Evening Adaptations to the School Day Thursday 8th and Friday 10th October

Our Open Evening will take place on Thursday 8th October. To allow time for us to set up for this important event, school will close at 2.05pm for students. There will be a slightly later start time on Friday 10th to allow us to return the school to normal, so students should arrive at school one hour later and be in form rooms for 9.30. As usual, we would love as many students as possible in school for open evening as they are undoubtedly the stars of the show! They will be able to get consent forms from their Form Tutors on Monday so that you can provide consent for them to attend.





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Sparx Reader Success: Celebrating Our Readers!

We are delighted to share the latest Sparx Reader Class of the Week results. This half-term, students have been working hard to complete their weekly reading tasks, helping to build reading stamina, vocabulary and confidence.

Sparx Reader Class of the Week

- Year 7: 7N1
- Year 8: 8K1
- Year 9: 9N1

These classes achieved the highest Sparx Reader completion rates and have earned 15 bonus commendations for their teamwork and commitment to reading.

Sparx Reader League

Students can now earn additional commendations for completing their homework early:

- 15 commendations for completing Sparx Reader on the day it is set
- 10 commendations for completing it within three days
- 5 commendations for completing it by the Monday deadline

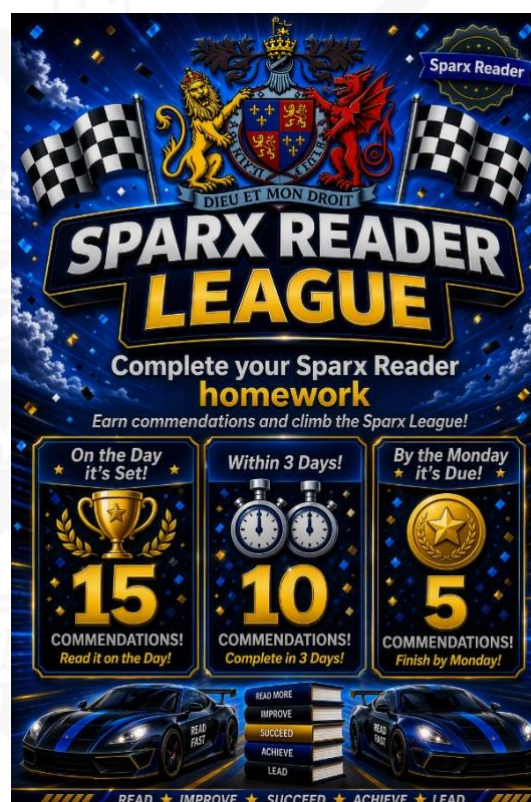
We strongly encourage students to complete their Sparx Reader homework on the day it is set. Early completion not only earns the maximum number of commendations but also helps students develop consistent reading habits and boosts their class's completion rate.

Logging in to Sparx Reader

Students can access Sparx Reader using:

- Their school email address:
firstnameinitialsurnameyear@knsb.kevibham.org
- Their usual school computer password

For example: Ksmith26@knsb.kevibham.org





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Need Help Completing Homework?

Students can use the school library at lunchtime and after school to complete their Sparx Reader homework. Library computers are available, and staff are happy to support students who need assistance accessing the platform.

We encourage parents and carers to remind students to take advantage of these opportunities, particularly if they have limited access to a device at home or would benefit from a quiet space to read and complete their work.

How Parents Can Help

A few minutes of reading each day can make a significant difference. Please encourage your child to:

- complete their Sparx Reader homework as soon as it is set
- read regularly at home
- discuss what they are reading with family members
- contribute to their class's completion rate and help their class climb the leaderboard
- use the library facilities at lunchtime or after school if they need additional support.

End of Half-Term Challenge

Each week, classes with the highest completion rates will feature on the Sparx Reader Leaderboard. At the end of this half term, the class that has appeared on the leaderboard the most times will win sweet treats and certificates.

Why it Matters

Sparx Reader helps students develop strong reading habits while improving comprehension and vocabulary. Consistent engagement supports success across the curriculum and fosters a lifelong love of reading.

Can your child's class be our next Class of the Week? Complete Sparx Reader on the day it is set, earn rewards, and climb the Sparx Reader League!





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Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Year Group(s)
07/10/2026	King Edward VI Foundation Ceremony	Year 7
08/10/2026	Open Evening	-
09/10/2026	Delayed start 09:30	All Years
13/10/2026	Open Morning	-
14/10/2026	Open Morning	-
15/10/2026	Open Morning	-
26/11/2026	Year 10 Parents Evening	Year 10
03/12/2026	Year 7 Parents Evening	Year 7

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026	
01/09/2026 – 23/10/2026	Autumn 1
26/10/2026 – 30/10/2026	Half Term
02/11/2026 – 18/12/2026	Autumn 2
Spring Term 2027	
04/01/2027 – 12/02/2027	Spring 1
15/02/2027 – 19/02/2027	Half Term
22/02/2027 – 25/03/2027	Spring 2
Summer Term 2027	
12/04/2027 – 28/05/2027	Summer 1
31/05/2027 – 04/06/2027	Half Term
07/07/2027 – 21/07/2027	Summer 2

INSET Days

01/09/2026	INSET – School closed to all students
02/09/2026	INSET – School closed to all students
04/11/2026	INSET – School closed to all students
04/01/2027 – 05/01/2027	INSET – KEVI CPD Day - School closed to all students
12/04/2027	INSET – School closed to all students

