Knightlow School report to Parish Council – 11th May 2026

As chair of Governors, it is a great pleasure to present this report from Knightlow C of E Primary School.

During 2025/26, Knightlow School has continued to flourish under our vision for all to 'Let your light shine'. On 30 April, the school welcomed a SIAMS inspector as part of our five-yearly Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools. We are delighted to say that the inspection was extremely positive, with the inspector speaking very highly of the school community and its ethos. The Governing Body would like to extend sincere thanks to all staff, pupils, families, governors and the wider Knightlow community for their continued commitment to the school's vision, values and aims.

Throughout the year, staff have worked hard to provide a broad and enriching curriculum, supported by an increasing number of trips and experiences to enhance pupils' learning. These have included visits to the theatre and the Black Country Living Museum, a Roman Day, a Science Fair and the opportunity to perform at Young Voices. One particularly memorable experience was a whole-school visit to Ryton Pools, where pupils took part in a range of exciting activities linked to the Science curriculum. Further educational visits planned for the summer term include Warwick Castle, Compton Verney and Mary Arden's Farm, supporting learning in both Art and History.

Residential opportunities have also continued to play an important role in school life. Both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have greatly enjoyed their residential visits this year, and Year 4 pupils are looking forward to an overnight experience before the end of term. These opportunities provide valuable experiences that help to build confidence, independence and lasting memories for our children.

We remain extremely grateful to Stretton Charities for their continued generosity and support. This year they have funded new interactive smartboards for five classrooms, enabling staff to make use of the latest technology in teaching and learning and ensuring improved accessibility for all pupils. They have also funded a wonderful large-scale timeline display for the Key Stage 2 corridor, supporting the teaching of chronology across year groups while also enhancing the learning environment.

Our wonderfully supportive PTA, the Knightlow School Association (KSA), has once again worked tirelessly to raise funds for the school through events including discos, raffles, doughnut sales and the Christmas Fair. The spectacular Circus event was a fantastic way to begin the school year, bringing together families and the wider community on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Alongside fundraising, the KSA continues to provide exciting opportunities for the children and is currently supporting plans for the development of a wildlife and sensory outdoor area. Staff are also very appreciative of the KSA's continued contribution towards educational visits, including a £100 donation to each class to help with coach costs.

As a Governing Body, we have bid a very fond farewell to both Beverley Suffell and our previous chair, Rob Hoyle. Their dedication and unwavering support for the school over many years have

been greatly valued, and we thank them sincerely for all they have contributed. We are also pleased to welcome Zainab Fadlallah as a new member of the Governing Body.

Finally, we are delighted to share that we have secured funding for our very dated kitchen to be updated over the summer holidays. In addition, Warwickshire County Council has agreed to undertake improvements to the school's boundary fencing to help ensure that the site remains safe and secure for all members of our community.

We warmly invite anyone wishing to keep up to date with school life and our ongoing endeavours to access our weekly newsletter via the school website: https://www.knightlowprimary.co.uk/

Nicki Haywood
Chair of Governors
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