



Dragon's Roar-July-11/07/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just a few weeks left of the school year, there's a real buzz around KPNS. From fantastic fundraising efforts to preparations for next year, there's lots going on both in and out of the classroom.

In this edition of *The Dragon's Roar*, you'll find updates on our new school website, a reminder about toys and fidgets in school, and a look ahead to the Family Hub's exciting Forest Schools sessions planned for summer 2025. There's also important information from the Friends of KPNS and key dates for your diary.

As always, thank you for your continued support—it's what helps make KPNS such a special place.

Kind regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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The Keyworth Code





School Website Information

You may have noticed that we now have a lovely new website. We are in the process of refining it and updating key information ahead of next academic year so please bear with us. In the meantime, enjoy the gorgeous videos and photographs showing off our school so beautifully!

Fantastic Fundraising!

Imogen, Arlo and Harry, along with two other friends, completed the Race for Life Pretty Muddy Kids 5k mud run on Saturday 21st June. They all absolutely smashed it, getting very wet and muddy along the way. Between the 5 of them they raised an incredible £930 for Cancer Research, plus an additional £220 in Gift Aid! Well done Kids, we're proud of you!



Considerations for next year.

- School bags/ rucksacks- we have very limited space available in the classroom for rucksacks. All packed lunches go on a trolley before going into the classroom and PE kits stay on the children's pegs in the classroom in a small bag. Water bottles have their own spots in the classroom and KS2 children have trays to keep reading books etc. Please keep any bags to an absolute minimum size.
- Pencil cases and stationery- children do not need any pencil cases or stationery as we provide everything needed in school.
- We have some school uniform stock in the school office, if you need new items, please pop in to see Mrs Buttery.

Fidgets and Toys

We have seen an increasing number of children bringing in fidgets and toys into school. While we understand that fidgets and small toys can be helpful for some children in specific situations, they often become distractions in the classroom. These items can take students' attention away from learning, disrupt others, and even lead to unnecessary conflicts or lost items. To maintain a focused and respectful learning environment, we kindly ask that students leave all toys and non-essential items at home unless they are part of a documented support plan. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Teacher vs Kids Football

Last week, after the children enthusiastically requested it, Mr Davenport and Mrs Wales kindly organised a staff verse kids football match. On the day, spirits were high, the children were confident they would be victorious and as the bell rang for 3:30, excitement rolled through the corridors. Sadly, the children underestimated the pure skill and talent within the teacher team and the score line did not go in their favour but we all had a great time and the kids were super sports.

Thank you to the staff for giving up yet another Friday night for the children, and for all the positive parental support!

Rushcliffe Family Hub

Welcome to the Family Hub in Nottinghamshire!

The Family Hub is your friendly, one-stop support centre for families in our area. Whether you're expecting a baby, caring for a toddler, or parenting a teenager, the Hub has something for everyone.

- **A 'front door' to help** – Offering seamless access to essential services under one roof, including antenatal and postnatal care, health and development clinics, parenting classes, speech and language support, services for children with SEND, and even help with housing, finances or mental well-being.
- **Tailored to local needs** – Each Hub is unique. You might visit a purpose-built building or connect through community venues, schools, libraries—or online via the Virtual Family Hub, available around the clock.
- **Support for all families** – Open to everyone: from pregnancy through early years to adolescence (up to age 19, or 25 for young people with SEND). Professionals and volunteers work together with partners like health services, schools, and charities, ensuring you only share your story once and get the right help at the right time.
- **Community-focused roll-out** – Nottinghamshire launched its first pilot in Retford in 2023, and new Hubs have since opened across the county. By spring 2025, all former children's centre teams will have transformed into Family Hub networks—including main sites and local "spokes" for easy access.

The aim? To strengthen our community, support families early, and help every child thrive through joined-up, caring services that grow with you.

Want to get involved or learn more? Visit the Nottinghamshire County Council website or reach out to your local Hub team—we're all in this together!

- <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub-networks/find-your-nearest-family-hub-team>
- <https://www.facebook.com/FamilyHubNetworkRushcliffe>

Forest Schools Summer 2025

and Summer Network Timetable

Join our special summer holiday sessions for children aged 2 to 8, accompanied by a parent or carer.

Explore nature, play, and learn together in our targeted Forest Schools group.

View the Summer Network Timetable

Check the link below to see the full timetable and discover all the exciting activities available!

Family Hub Summer 2025.pdf¹

Building a Better KPNS: Update

We're pleased to share a positive update on the refurbishment project currently underway at Keyworth Primary and Nursery School.

Since work began in June, our contractors, Zeno, have made amazing progress. If you've passed the site recently, you'll likely have seen just how much of the first stage has already been completed — it's a great sign of what's to come. We're particularly excited that the cladding, which will give the school a smart, refreshed appearance, is scheduled to be fitted over the summer.

The project remains on track for completion by early October, with key improvements including better thermal insulation and upgraded fire protection — all contributing to a safer, more comfortable learning environment for our children.

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to local residents, especially those on Manor Road and Rose Hill, for your continued patience and support during this period. It's very much appreciated.

As a reminder, site access continues via the rear entrance on Manor Road, with a small fenced area in use at the back of the rear playground for materials and equipment. While deliveries are carefully managed, we ask for your continued cooperation with parking and access along Manor Road, particularly during weekday mornings.

¹https://equalstrust-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/personal/head_crossdale_notts_sch_uk/EV-YxQDYWuNFglLfUiMMF6kB2yRzT4Gvg3mVgAvlo-EctQ?e=6MXcej

Please also remember that school gates must never be blocked, as clear access is essential for emergency vehicles and the safety of everyone on site.

Safeguarding Tips

Talking to Children About Strangers

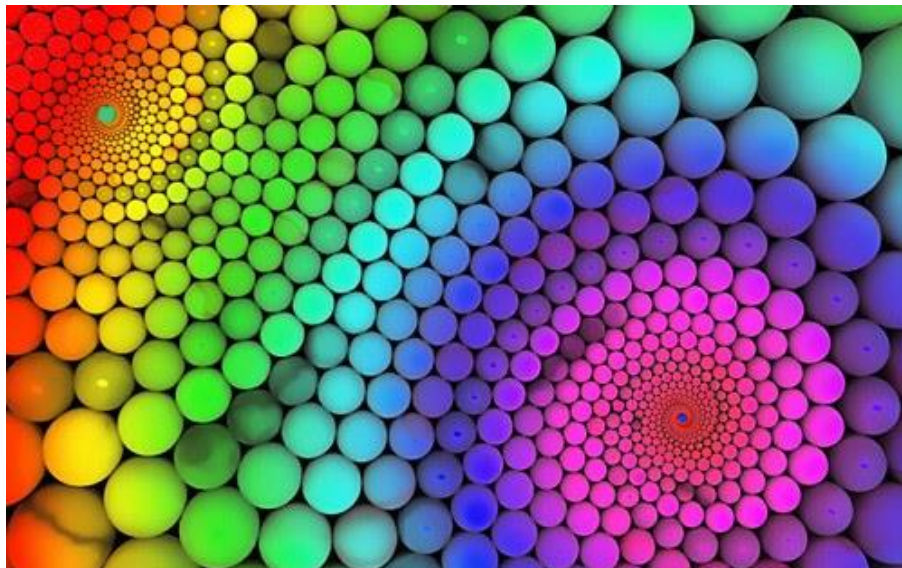
Help your child stay safe by keeping messages simple and clear:

- A stranger is anyone they don't know well — not just someone who “looks scary.”
- If someone makes them feel unsafe, they should **Yell, Run, Tell**.
- If approached or offered gifts, they should always tell a trusted adult, even if told to keep it secret.
- Teach your children your mobile number.
- If lost, they should stand still and wait — or ask a safe adult such as a shop worker, police officer, or a parent with children.

For much more guidance, visit: Staying Safe Around Others – NHS²

A few calm chats can build lifelong safety habits.

An Update from the Friends of KPNS



Here is an update from the Friends of KPNS:

²<https://cambspborochildrenshealth.nhs.uk/staying-safe-and-accident-prevention/staying-safe-around-others/>

- If you would like to offer your support to school on a more regular basis, check out our school lottery page. Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - KPNS School Lottery!³ You can win some great prizes whilst supporting our school!
- A HUGE thank you to all those who baked cakes for us to sell at the Keyworth Show, it was very much appreciated and helped contribute to the **£635 raised!**
- We will be selling refreshments during the school performances.
- Earlier this week we held a meeting to try and drum up new support for our wonderful PTA, thank you to those who attended we will be reaching out very soon to start making plans for next year. If you couldn't attend but would like to join the team, pop into the school office and leave your details with Mrs Buttery.



Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 15th of July- Year 1 Library Visit

Thursday 17th of July- EYFS Graduation

Tuesday 22nd of July- Summer Show morning performance 9:30am

³<https://www.keyworth.notts.sch.uk/blog/?pid=9&nid=49&storyid=3074>

Wednesday 23rd of July- Summer Show afternoon (2:30pm) and evening (6:30pm) performances. ***MAKE SURE YOU BOOK YOUR TICKETS!***

Friday 25th of July- Leavers' Assembly 9:10-10:30am

Friday 25th of July- Reading Lair's Summer Celebration

Click on the link for school holiday dates for the next academic year: Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - Term Dates⁴

A quick update to let you know that all INSET days for the 2025-26 academic year are now on the school calendar and can also be found in the School Holiday⁵ section on the website.

⁴<https://www.keyworth.notts.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=39>

⁵<https://www.keyworth.notts.sch.uk/news-events/school-holidays/>