



Dragon's Roar-September-12/09/25

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to KPNS this week, and a special warm welcome to our new families joining us for the first time. The children have settled in brilliantly, and there is already a great buzz of learning and enthusiasm around the school.

This first newsletter of the year is packed with updates and important information to help you get the term off to a smooth start.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead at KPNS—we're excited for everything we will achieve together!

Kind regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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The Keyworth Code





Well done to us!!



Over the last academic year we have been working, as a school, towards The Bronze Reading Pledge. This morning we found out that we have successfully met all the criteria (and over half of the Silver criteria) to achieve the award. Schools that have the Bronze Reading Pledge have developed a strong reading culture across school where staff and pupils value reading from the very beginning of their school journey. School has built a rich reading environment in classrooms and around school and reading for pleasure runs through the veins of KPNS. So, a HUGE well done to all the staff and pupils who have worked so hard towards this award- GREAT JOB!



Refurbishment Update

We're delighted to share that **good progress is being made** on the refurbishment project at KPNS. Parents and visitors may notice from the photo below that some of the cladding has now been fitted — an exciting milestone that shows how things are taking shape.

Please keep in mind that the photo captures work still in progress. The finished look will be **even smarter and more impressive** once the project is complete, with all cladding fully installed and the final touches in place.

The project remains **on track for completion in October**, and we are confident that the improvements — including upgraded insulation, enhanced fire protection, and a refreshed appearance — will make KPNS warmer, safer, and better than ever for our children.

As always, thank you for your patience and support as the work continues. We can't wait to reveal the completed transformation in just a few weeks' time!



School Website Information-Clubs

We have worked really hard over the summer to create a brand new enrichment offer for all our pupils ensuring that we have a good mix of sporting activities and creative clubs (as requested by the School Council). Please check out our new Clubs page where you can see what we have on offer. For any additional information, please contact the school office.

[Clubs - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#)

Safety First: Helmets for Every Ride!

We encourage all parents to remind their children to wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet every time they ride to and from school. Helmets are the most effective way to prevent serious head injuries in the event of a fall or accident, even on short or familiar routes. Children should not be coming to school on a bike or scooter without a helmet. Thank you for supporting us to keep your children safe.

Attention All Year 6 Parents!!



Year 6 parents – The window is now open for secondary school applications for September 2026. If your child lives in Nottinghamshire and requires a secondary school place in September 2026, you must apply through Nottinghamshire County Council. Check your home local authority at <http://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

The best way to apply is online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions If you can't apply online, please call 0300 500 80 80 and speak with a call centre advisor at Nottinghamshire County Council.

The window closes on 31st October 2025 and you are advised to list 4 preferences. If you do not apply before 31st October 2025, your application will be considered as 'late' and processed after all 'on time' applications have been allocated. This could mean that your child is allocated a place a long way away. Please note that South Wolds Academy and 6th Form, Rushcliffe School and West Bridgford School are all very popular and are likely to be full from 'on time' applications.

IMPORTANT: If you're thinking about applying for a school **outside your catchment area**, please get in touch with us first. This is important because if your application isn't successful, your child could be offered a place at a school you haven't chosen. We can talk you through how the process works and help you make the best choices for your family.

You can find your catchment secondary school if you live in Nottinghamshire here: [School Catchments | Nottingham County](#)

At the start of the new school year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all families about the important changes to our attendance policy. These changes came into effect last academic year in line with updated national statutory guidelines, which all schools are required to follow. For new parents and carers, this may be the first time you are receiving this information.

The purpose of these changes is to support the best possible outcomes for every child. To help you understand and follow the new expectations, we have introduced an online form for requesting leave of absence. Please see below for key documents and links:



- A **parent summary** of the attendance policy [is available here](#)
- The **full policy** can [be accessed here](#)
- The new **online absence request form** [can be completed here](#)

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to read the summary or full policy. Please be aware that the government's new expectations are highly stringent and may result in an increase in penalty notices or legal action where attendance is poor.

We want to reassure you that we value our strong partnership with parents and carers. While some of these changes may feel challenging at times, they are statutory requirements for all schools. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to support your child's education.

If you have any questions or need further support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Bronze Reading Award

  Reading is a superpower – and now it's your turn to shine! Between now and Christmas, you can work towards earning your Bronze Reading Award. Every time you pick up a book, you're stepping closer to your goal. Once you achieve your award, you'll be celebrated in assembly with a special certificate and bookmark to show everyone how amazing your reading journey has been. So dive into stories, explore adventures, and let your imagination soar – your Bronze Award is waiting for you!

What do I need to do?

EYFS and KS1- Every time you read with a grown up, colour in one of the stepping stones at the back of your home/school book on the Bronze Award page.

KS2- At the back of your home/school book you have 10 Bronze challenges to complete. Bring what you have done into school to share with Mrs King and your teacher.

Once you complete your Bronze Reading Award Page, show your teacher and you will receive your reward. Don't forget, we don't start silver until after Christmas!

Have fun!

Open Evening

Tuesday 4th November, 5.00–6.00pm

Please share this information with friends and families who may not know much about Keyworth Primary School:

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

Join us for a short presentation, a tour of our classrooms, and light refreshments.

Meet our friendly team and experience the welcoming atmosphere of our school.

You'll also discover more about:

- Early reading & maths
- Our nurturing, well-being-focused approach
- Clubs & enrichment opportunities
- Support for every child – including SEND & EAL
- Our role within the community

This is an informal first look – if you'd like more detail, you can book a personal tour on another day. A crèche will be available for children aged 2+.

We also have provision for 2- and 3-year-olds on site – get in touch or join us on the 4th to find out more.

Doodle Superstars!



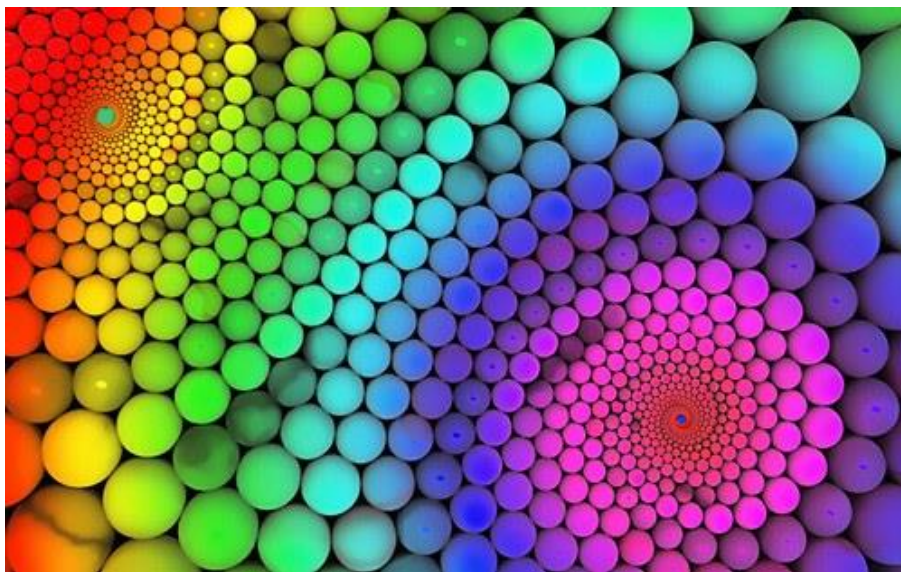
Congratulations to the following pupils who have today been awarded their badges and certificates for completing the Doodle Summer Challenges:

Maths-Lucie, Reuben, Vanessa, Oliver L, Sergey, Zlata, Harry C, Isaac Hu, Layah, Lsaac HR, L'Mahri, Lola, Caillou, Daniel, Ellis R, Claire, Elliot, Griff, Abdelrahman, Alfie C, Arlo L, Akeilagh, Amelia and Benji

English-Harry C, Layah, Oliver L, L'Mahri, Lucie, Akeilagh, Caillou, Elliot, Arlo L, Claire and Griff.

Well done guys, we are super proud of you all. The next Doodle Challenge will run in Spring.

An Update from the Friends of KPNS



Here is an update from the Friends of KPNS:

- 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!](#) You can win some great prizes whilst supporting our school!
- Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th of October at 7pm** at school. All welcome. At this meeting we will elect the new roles and plan ahead for the year.
- As you may have heard, we are one of Nottingham Panther's Community Schools again this year and will gain special access to discounted games where school will benefit from each ticket which is sold. Keep an eye out for emails from Mrs King with the latest match details.
- **Thursday September 25th** is our first movie night of the year for Years 1-6. Please book your child's place on Arbor no later than **Friday 18th at 4pm**. Click here for the full details: [Movie Night is Here! - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#)

Safeguarding Tips for Parents

Stranger Awareness and Safety

It's important to consistently remind children about staying safe around people they don't know.

Key safety messages include:

- Do not speak to or go with anyone they do not know.
- Never accept lifts, gifts, or invitations from strangers.
- Go straight home or to their agreed pick-up point.
- Tell a trusted adult immediately if they are approached.

We kindly ask that you reinforce these messages at home so children feel confident about what to do if they are ever unsure.

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 18th September - Y3 Library Visit (13:00) followed by first Y3 Swimming

Thursday 18th September- SWA Year 5/6 Open Evening

Friday 19th September- INSET DAY, school closed to pupils.

Friday 25th September- Friends of KPNS Movie Night

Thursday 25th September- Movie Night for Years 1-6.

Monday 29th of September- Y4 Library Visit

Monday 29th September- Y1 Toy expert 'Toys from the Past'

Thursday 2nd September- National Poetry Day

Friday 3rd October- Harvest Festival 9:15am- ALL WELCOME!

Wednesday 8th October- Friends of KPNS Annual General Meeting 7pm. All Welcome!

Tuesday 7th October- Y1 Library Visit

Wednesday 8th October- Y4 Aquarium Trip

Thursday 9th October- Individual School Photos

Thursday 9th October- School Disco- Details to come soon!

Monday 13th October- Parents' Evening

Monday 13th October- EYFS Library Visit

Thursday 16th October- Parents' Evening

Click on the link for school holiday dates for the next academic year: [Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - Term Dates](#)

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 Holiday](#) section on the website.