

Dragon's Roar-September-26/09/25

Welcome to this week's newsletter! We've had another busy and exciting week at KPNS, and there's lots to share with you. From new clubs and leadership opportunities to important reminders and upcoming events, this edition is packed with updates for children and families across the school. Don't forget to check out the key dates at the end so you can stay up to speed with everything happening in the weeks ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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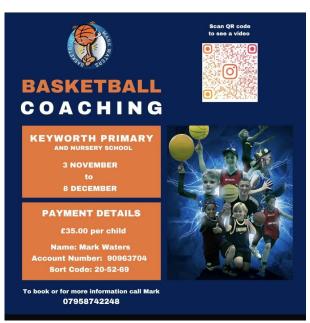








Mark Waters Basketball Coaching!



During Sports Week, the children *loved* Mark Water's Basketball Coaching—and many asked for a club of their own! We're excited to announce that Mark will be running a trial Basketball Club at KPNS next half term starting on Monday 3rd of November.

Mark's sessions are always in high demand, and if enough children join, we hope to make him a permanent part of KPNS (he already coaches at other Trust schools, including Crossdale). Mondays, 3:30-4:30pm

¶ KPNS School Hall

♣ GChildren in Years 2-6

Book directly with Mark using the details provided (not via school). For questions, just message him!

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.

Mini Leaders at KPNS

Mr Creswell and Mrs King can't possibly run the school without the valuable help of our newly elected leaders. Introducing our new School Council, Sports Leaders, Reading Ambassadors, Librarians, Tech Team, Digital Leaders and Wellbeing Officers. They have already made an excellent start and will have our school running like clockwork this year.







Harvest Festival

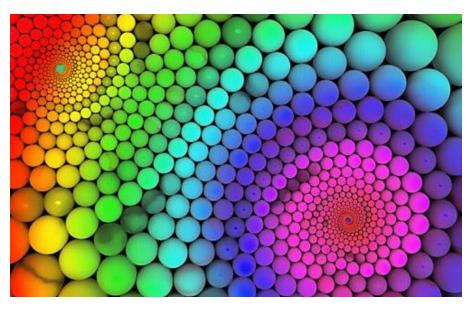
On Friday 3rd of October we will be holding our Harvest Festival Assembly in the school hall at 9:10am-9:50am parents and families are welcome to come an join us. The School Council will be leading the collection and will ensure that all donations are packaged up ready to go to the Rushcliffe Foodbank. We will also be sharing some of the songs we have been learning about harvest as well as celebrating our Golden Egg winner that week. If you are able to offer a donation, here is a handy poster for some ideas. Donations can be brought into the school office or given to class teachers.



A request from Mrs Buttery

Please could you order school uniform on Arbor and not in the morning as this is the busiest part of the school day. Thank you so much.

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. <u>Keyworth Primary and Nursery School KPNS School Lottery!</u> 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. CHECK OUT THE LATEST MATCH BELOW!
- Book your child on to our Halloween Disco on Arbor.
- Do you have any red and white gingham dresses or grey boys' shorts lying around your home? A member of our KPNS community supports a school in Sierra Leone and they are looking to provide uniform to the children. If you can help, please send any donations into the school office. Thank you so much!



Nottingham Panthers Support KPNS



Book your Nottingham Panthers Tickets Here!

We are pleased to offer your next discounted game, as the Panthers take on the Manchester Storm on **Saturday 4th October at 7pm**.

This game is a special themed night, where the Nottingham Panthers will wear 'Movie Night' themed jerseys.

Discounted tickets can be purchased through the following link;

Nottingham Panthers v Manchester Storm

Sat 4 Oct 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM at Motorpoint Arena

Ticket Link - https://buytickets.at/nottinghampanthers/1867745

Deadline - Sunday 28th September at midnight!

Home Time: Y5&6

In response to a query from a parent, we would like to clarify our arrangements regarding children walking home from school independently.

For safety reasons, **only children in Years 5 and 6 will normally be allowed to walk home alone**. Going forwards, this will only be permitted with parental permission, which is given on the Arbor system.

To help this work smoothly, please:

- Ensure all outstanding permissions are completed on the Arbor notices section on the app or website so we can record your decision clearly.
- Talk through your decision with your child so they understand clearly whether or not they have permission to walk home.

- If you do not give permission, make sure your child knows they must never leave the school site unless collected by an adult.
- Remind your child that if they are ever unsure about what to do at the end of the day, they should always check in with a member of staff.

At the end of the day, all Y5 & Y6 children are dismissed onto the playground. Those with permission may walk home, while others wait for their adult to collect them. Staff are present on the playground and inside the building to monitor, but they do not directly supervise every child or check their home-time arrangements unless the child approaches them.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep all children safe and confident at the end of the school day. Yours sincerely,

Home Time: EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

In response to a query from a parent, we would like to clarify our arrangements regarding children leaving school at the end of the day. We want to reassure you that no child has left school unsupervised; this letter is simply to make sure all parents are clear about our procedures.

For safety reasons, **only children in Years 5 and 6 will normally be allowed to walk home alone**. Going forwards, this will only be permitted with parental permission, which we will confirm through a form sent via our Arbor system to Y5 & Y6 parents.

For all other year groups, children will continue to be dismissed by their class teacher directly to the adult who is collecting them.

Please ensure your child knows they must only leave with their collecting adult and, if ever unsure at the end of the day, they should speak to a member of staff, who are always available on the playground or inside the building.

Please also ensure that the school office knows if your child is being collected by a different adult, or your normal arrangements have changed.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep all children safe and confident at the end of the school day.

A Note About Sharing School Photos

Photos of school life are a wonderful way to capture special memories, whether it's a class photo, a performance, or a celebration. These moments are treasured by families, and we understand how important it is to be able to share them with loved ones.

From time to time, we remind parents not to share school photos on **any type of social media** and to keep them for personal, family use only. This guidance applies to all school-related images. For instance, while class photos are a lovely keepsake, they include many children, and not all families will want their child's image shared more widely.

It's also important to remember that photos should **never be taken on the school site without specific permission** from staff. This helps us protect every child's privacy and ensures that all families' wishes are respected.

We know it can feel natural to show these photos to close relatives and friends, and that's something many families do. However, once images are placed on any social media platform, it becomes difficult to control where they go and who can see them.

That's why we ask all parents to continue being respectful and considerate when handling any photos that include children other than their own. Together, we can make sure these special memories remain safe as well as enjoyable.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our community safe.

Safeguarding Tips for Parents and Carers

Teaching Children the PANTS Rule

Talking about body boundaries helps children feel safe and confident. The NSPCC's **PANTS rule** is a simple way to start these conversations:

- **P Privates are private.** No one should ask to see or touch what's covered by underwear.
- A Always remember your body belongs to you. It's OK to say "no" and walk away.
- **N No means no.** A child should never feel pressured into something that makes them uncomfortable.
- **T Talk about secrets that upset you.** Safe adults don't ask children to keep secrets about bodies or touch.
- **S Speak up.** Help your child choose trusted adults they can talk to if they ever feel unsure.

For more age-appropriate resources, visit NSPCC – Talk PANTS.

Small, calm chats now help children build lifelong safety skills.

Dates for your Diary



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

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

Thursday 2nd September- National Poetry Day

Friday 3rd October- Y4 Library Visit

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

Tuesday 7th October- Y1 Library Visit

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

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: <u>Keyworth Primary and Nursery School - Term Dates</u>

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 <u>School Holiday</u> section on the website.