



Dragon's Roar-October-10/10/25

Autumn at KPNS – Exciting Learning, Community Spirit, and Upcoming Events!

It's been a wonderful start to the new school year at KPNS - classrooms are full of enthusiasm, and the children have been busy with learning, friendship, and fun!

In this week's edition, you'll find updates on our new Basketball Club (last chance to sign up!), our brilliant Mini Leaders, and a look back at a very special Harvest Festival. There's also important information from our Friends of KPNS, including news about upcoming PTA projects.

We're also sharing a Family Hub update, a safeguarding notice for parents about the Spy Dog and Spy Cat series, and key reminders for Children in Need and other important dates for your diary.

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in school life — together, we're making this another brilliant year at KPNS!

Kind regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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The Keyworth Code





Two Little Superstars, Caring for Everyone by Raising Money!

You may remember that two of our younger pupils held a bake sale during the summer term to raise money for the charity **Meals & More**. Well we have an update...

We are so proud of Sienna and Ava-Mae who successfully completed the Robin Hood Mini Marathon on Sunday 28th September! They did brilliantly — running (and chatting!) their way around the 1.5-mile course at the Victoria Embankment with big smiles and plenty of

determination. Thanks to their fantastic effort and the generosity of supporters, they raised an impressive amount of money for **Meals & More**, helping to provide nutritious meals and fun holiday activities for children who need them most. Well done, girls — you've shown incredible kindness, commitment, and community spirit!





Mark Waters Basketball Coaching- Final chance to sign up!



Scan QR code
to see a video



BASKETBALL COACHING

**KEYWORTH PRIMARY
AND NURSERY SCHOOL**

3 NOVEMBER
to
8 DECEMBER

PAYMENT DETAILS

£35.00 per child

Name: Mark Waters
Account Number: 90963704
Sort Code: 20-52-69



To book or for more information call Mark
07958742248

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

👤👧 Children in Years 2-6

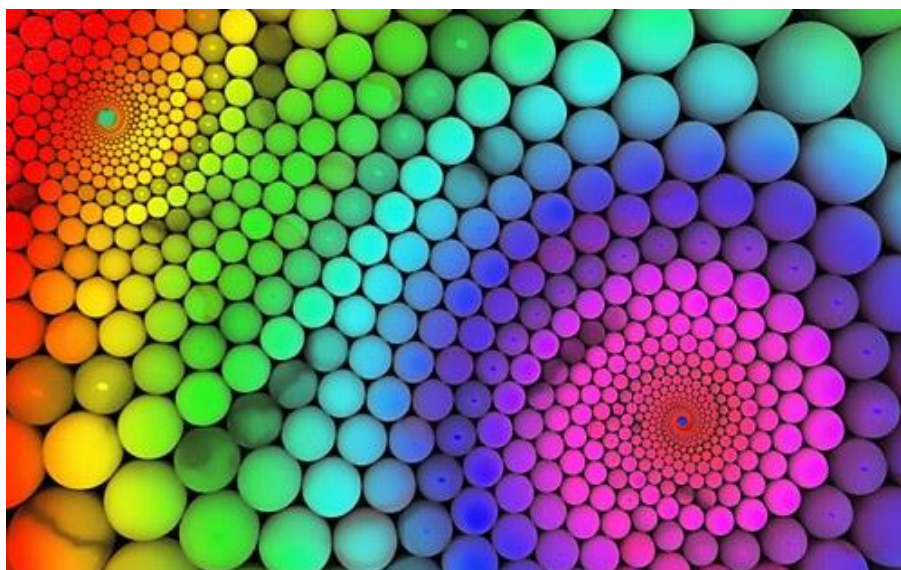
📱 Book directly with Mark using the details provided (not via school). For questions, just message him!

Harvest Festival



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families for their generous donations to our Harvest Festival. The School Council worked hard to collect and organise the contributions, partnering with Rushcliffe Foodbank to ensure that everything goes directly to those who will benefit most. Your kindness and support make a real difference in our community. It was also wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining us for our Harvest Assembly – your presence helped make the celebration even more special.

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!

A message from the Chair, Fran Wiles :

Thank you to everyone who has been able to support us over the past year—no matter how big or small your contribution, it's all hugely appreciated. Although our total funds raised were slightly down compared to the previous year, we've still achieved a fantastic result. A special thanks goes to everyone who helped us sign up for initiatives like Asda's Cash pot and Panther's Community Fund, which have given our funds a welcome boost with minimal effort required. We've also been proud to put on lots of lovely events for the children—they've enjoyed discos, fairs, the panto and movie nights. It was great to get involved in the wider community too, with appearances at the Christmas event and the Keyworth Show. This year, I'll be stepping down as Chair of the PTA after two years. My life has changed quite a bit recently, and I no longer have the capacity to lead the PTA. However, I'm certainly not walking away—I'll continue to support as much as I can whenever needed.

A message from school:

We would like thank Mrs Wiles for her efforts over the past two years and to those who have supported her in her role as Chair- we appreciate you! Our school relies on our amazing Friends of KPNS to raise funds for the special things like the panto, basketball courts and

nets and the new musical instruments. We held our PTA AGM this week and are pleased to announce the following changes to the committee.

Chair- Mill Belshaw

Co-Chair- Amy Price

Sectary- Hannah Moss

Treasurer- Bob Andrews

Each class will now have an allocated FoKPNS Parent Rep who will distribute information about events across the class community. You can also speak with these reps if you are interested in offering any help to any of the events. The reps for each class are as follows:

F1- Amy Price

F2-Hannah Foote

Y1- Jackie Rowe

Y2- Lisa Talbot

Y3- Lauren Wood

Y4- Laura Craven

Y5- Claire Hallsworth-Jeeves

Y6- Fran Wiles

We also have a whole host of other amazing members who work behind the scenes to make sure events like the Halloween Disco are such a great success. Thank you for your ongoing support- we have lots of exciting things in the pipeline!

Nottingham Panthers Support KPNS



Book your Nottingham Panthers Tickets Here!

We are pleased to offer your next discounted game, as the Panthers take on Coventry Blaze on **Wednesday 22nd October at 7pm**

If you have never been, it is a great family experience and a super October half term treat!

Discounted tickets can be purchased through the following link;

Nottingham Panthers v Coventry Blaze

Wed 22nd Oct 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM at Motorpoint Arena

Ticket Link - <https://buytickets.at/nottinghampanthers/1884401>

Deadline -Wednesday 15th October at midnight!



Cauliflower Christmas Cards-Order yours now!

Over the next few days, you will be receiving your child's Christmas cards designs they have completed at school. These have been photocopied with the original being sent off to cauliflower cards to be printed. Some of the photocopies may have some of the design missing but don't worry this won't happen on the original design. Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions. Each order form must be unique and has a code at the top which you will need to order your child's design.

All orders must be made online by Friday 17th October. Cards will be delivered by the beginning of December.

Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week.



Friday 14th November is Children in Need.

Our school will take part in “*Challenge Yourself to 25*”. Each class will complete three acts of kindness, and staff will complete one—making a total of 25 acts across the school!





Children are asked to bring a small donation on Friday 14th, which will go to Children in Need. Please note: children should wear school uniform as usual (no dressing up).



That week is also **Anti-Bullying Week**, with the theme “*The Power of Good.*” This links perfectly with our kindness challenge, and we’ll celebrate everyone’s acts of kindness during our Golden Egg Assembly

Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Support for Local Families


The **Rushcliffe Family Hub Network** offers a wide range of free sessions and support for parents, carers, and children from pregnancy through early childhood.


Highlights include:

-  **Antenatal Awareness & Support:** Build your bond with your baby, learn about safe sleeping, feeding, and emotional wellbeing through *Antenatal PEEP* and *BABES* sessions.
-  **Baby Massage:** Learn how to safely massage your baby to support relaxation, bonding, and wellbeing.
-  **Let’s Play Sessions:** Fun, play-based activities to support children’s development, available across local venues.
-  **Forest School:** Outdoor learning sessions where children can explore and build confidence in nature.

-  **Family Support Drop-ins:** Advice and guidance on sleep, behaviour, wellbeing, parenting, and SEND support.
-  **Other Services:** Sleep support, new parents' groups, emotional wellbeing sessions (PHEW), weaning workshops, and volunteering opportunities.

Contact your local Family Hub team:

 0115 977 3749

 FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk

 www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub-networks

Families can also **drop in** to their nearest Family Hub to find out more or book a place at upcoming sessions.

Safeguarding Notice for Parents

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 13th October- Parents' Evening

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Thursday 16th October- Parents' Evening

Monday 3rd November- All children back in school after half term.

Tuesday 4th November- Opening Evening for Reception 2026 (6-7pm)

Monday 10th November- Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 10th November- Year 5 Library Visit

Tuesday 11th November- Remembrance Day

Thursday 13th November- Year 6 Library Visit

Friday 14th November- Children in Need

Monday 17th November- INSET DAY- School closed to all children.

Friday 21st November- Year 1 Class Assembly

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.