



Dragon's Roar-November-21/11/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and joyful few weeks at KPNS, and the excitement is building as we look ahead to the festive season. The children continue to impress us with their hard work, kindness, and enthusiasm — both in school and beyond — and we're so proud of all they've achieved this term.

In this edition of the *Dragon's Roar*, you'll find key information about Christmas at KPNS — including performance dates, details for Christmas Dinner, and plans for our Christmas Fair — along with an update on the completed cladding project. We're also celebrating pupils who have shone outside school, reflecting on Remembrance Day, and sharing highlights from Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week. There are updates from the Friends of KPNS,

news about Festivities Day, and the latest Family Hub and safeguarding advice for parents, as well as much more.

We hope you enjoy reading this latest edition and joining us in the build-up to what promises to be a wonderful KPNS Christmas!

Kind regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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Christmas at KPNS- What's Happening, When!



Christmas is always such a joyful and busy time of the year. We have put together a (hopefully) helpful list of what's going on when.

- **Saturday 6th of December**- Festivities Day in the Village. Our gorgeous choir are singing at 2:45 (meeting at 2:30) and the Friends will be selling mulled wine and treats nearby.
- **Tuesday 9th of December**- Morning Christmas Performance (Book your tickets on Arbor)
- **Wednesday 10th of December**- Afternoon and Evening Performances (Book your tickets on Arbor)
- **Friday 12th of December**- A SUPER BUSY DAY- Christmas Jumper Day (see below for what we would like children to bring), School Christmas Dinner Day AND our KPNS CHRISTMAS FAIR 3:30-5pm (See below on how to book for Santa).
- **Wednesday 17th of December**- Whole School Trip to the Panto- Letter sent out last week. (Consent and payment on Arbor). [!\[\]\(86b7331e04fe40a56bcff2e9c065738b_img.jpg\) KPNS Is Going to the Panto! - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#)

Christmas Dinner- Friday 12th December.

All the details are here:

Cladding Works Complete!



We're pleased to share that the cladding project at KPNS is now complete. The building looks smarter than ever, and we're already noticing the difference the improved insulation is making. Even during the recent cold spell, the school has remained warm and comfortable throughout the day.

Beneath the new cladding and insulation sit industry-leading fire-prevention layers. This means the school is now safer than at any point in its history.

Working alongside Equals Trust, the school has benefited from a new roof, upgraded heating, improved security fencing and a range of other improvements over the past eight years. Together, these upgrades mean KPNS is well-placed to serve the community for many decades to come.

Click the link below to see drone footage, including before-and-after images, to get a full sense of the transformation.

Drone footage: <https://vimeo.com/1138677115/1702ee6995?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>

Shining Brightly Out of School!

This week two of our pupils have shone out of school and we want to celebrate their achievements with the whole school community. Well done to one of our Year 4 boys who skated out with the Nottingham Panthers in their testimonial match and to one of our Year 3 children who went to a dance competition and is so talented she won a trophy as big as she is! We are proud of you both!



It's getting cold- send appropriate clothing.

A polite reminder that it is getting very cold and children ***must come to school with coats.*** We do not stay in during cold weather so all children will be outside. Some classes also have PE outside so they can wear their usual PE kit with **black joggers** and their **school jumper or fleece**. Please ensure these are part of their PE kit in school going forwards.

Remembrance Day



Our school community came together on Remembrance Day to observe a meaningful minute's silence, reflecting on the bravery and sacrifices of those who served. It was a powerful moment of unity and respect. We would also like to extend a special thank-you to our two Year 6 boys who led this year's Poppy Appeal with dedication and enthusiasm-their efforts helped our school honour this important occasion.



Here is an update from the Friends of KPNS:



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- If you would like to offer your support to school on a more regular basis, check out our school lottery page. You can win some great prizes whilst supporting our school! [Our School Lottery- Buy your tickets here! - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#)
- Our next discounted Panthers match- [Nottingham Panthers Vs Fife Flyers - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#)
- To help us make our Christmas Fair the best one yet, please check out the flyer. Thank you for your support in advance.
- Visit us on Festivities Day- Saturday 6th December!



Christmas FAIR

FRIDAY 12TH DEC
3:30 - 5PM

We cannot wait to have our school Christmas Fair! There will be a variety of games and activities, food and drink, face painting and even a visit from Santa. Our fabulous school choir will also be performing for us.

We require donations of:

- Bottles of wine** (or other bottled drinks)
- Luxury, cosy items** for our amazing Christmas hampers
- Cuddly toys** (excellent quality) for the teddy tombola
- Tombola prizes**
(Do you have any new but unwanted gifts, games, toys, toiletries etc?)

What do I need to do before the event?

- Return my mystery bag* to school by Friday 6th December
- Book and pay for my visit to Santa's Grotto by Monday 9th December (booking through the 'shop' on Arbor)
- Hand in any donations (see above) to the school office or class teacher **asap**

12th December Christmas Jumper Day
FS/KS1 = chocolate donation
KS2 = Hamper item

*Mystery bag - Can you decorate it with stickers/drawings and add some little treats/gifts inside? Once you have done this, it needs sealing up so no one can peek and handing into school



MULLED WINE

£2.50
for 175ml

**HOT
CHOCOLATE!**



**CHOOSE YOUR
TOPPINGS**

£2.00

**GINGERBREAD
MEN**

50p



**HOMEMADE
MINCE PIES**



£1.00



Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week.



Children in Need: Our 25 Acts of Kindness

On Friday 14th November, our school supported **Children in Need** by taking part in “**Challenge Yourself to 25.**” Each class completed three acts of kindness and staff added one more, making **25 acts** across the school.

Throughout the week, pupils took part in activities such as **planting daffodils**, **litter picking**, **helping at the Buddy Bench**, creating a **compliments paper chain**, and **writing thank-you cards**. Even rainy weather didn't stop us—**Mrs King and Mr Cresswell set up an indoor obstacle course** to keep everyone active and smiling!

Children also brought in donations for Children in Need, and we are grateful for everyone's generosity.

The challenge linked perfectly with **Anti-Bullying Week** and its theme, "*The Power of Good.*" We celebrated together in Friday's Golden Egg Assembly.



Task 1

How can you show kindness to others? Write down your ideas.

To stand up for
To be a good friend
To help people
To show respect
To be supportive
To be a caring friend

Kindness

Task 2

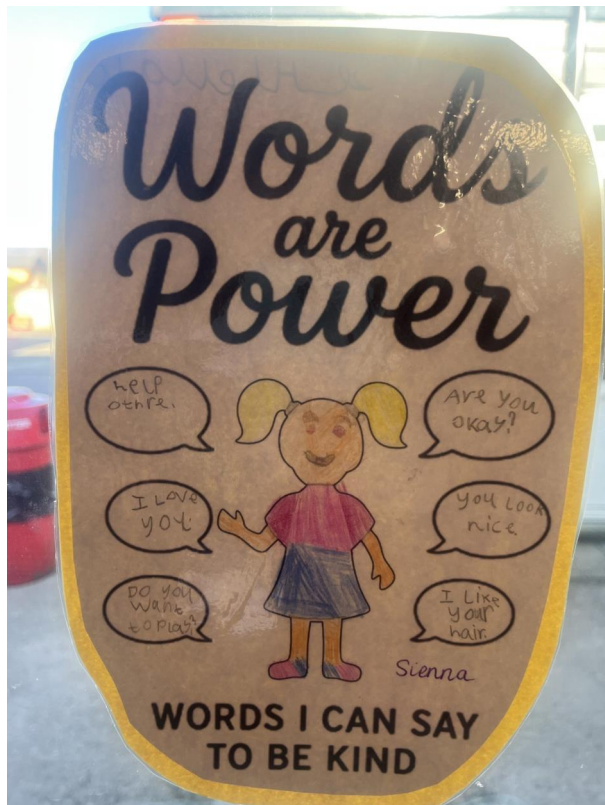
Small words or acts of kindness can come together to create a big impact.

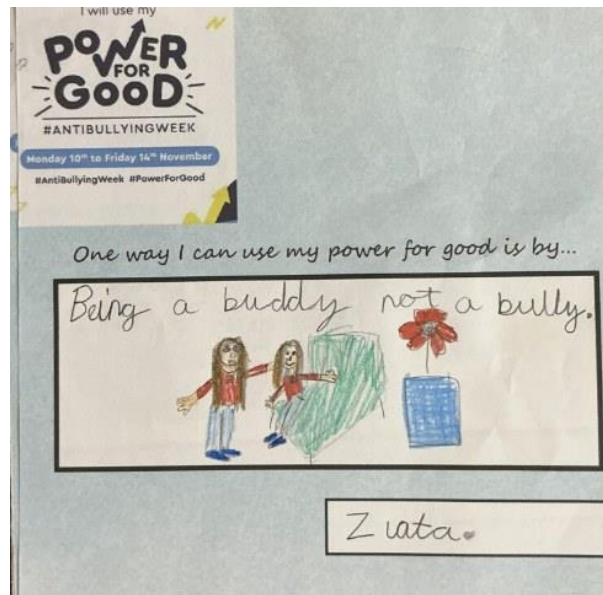
Instructions

Print off a copy of the **Positive Words** handout and cut out each word (there are also some blank boxes for you to add your own kind words). Pass the words around your group or class and discuss the following questions, then write down your answers.

1. How do you think these positive words will make others feel?
It will make them happy

2. What would it mean for someone who is being bullied to feel others' kindness?
Really good because their lonely then someone helps them.





Family Hub Highlights for Local Families

Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Free Support and Events for Local Families

The Family Hub continues to offer practical, friendly support for parents and carers across Rushcliffe. Below are some opportunities that may be helpful to families over the next few weeks.

Books & Babble – Explore Brilliant Children’s Books

If you enjoy sharing stories at home, the Inspire Education Library Service runs *Books & Babble*, a relaxed drop-in where families can browse high-quality children’s books and find new favourites.

Next session: **Tuesday 2 December**, 2.30–5.30pm, Inspire HQ, Glaisdale Parkway, NG8 4GP.

It’s a simple, enjoyable way to get ideas for supporting your child’s reading at home.

Books and Babble Flyer

Winter Prize Draw – 60 New Children’s Books for Schools

Schools attending Books & Babble on 2 December will be entered into a draw to win **60 Reading for Pleasure books** to use across the Spring and Summer terms. These events help us keep our school connected to high-quality reading resources that benefit all children.

Free Reading Group Starting January 2026

The Inspire Education Library Service is offering a friendly, free group for adults who enjoy children’s books and want fresh ideas for supporting reading at home.

The launch session is on **Thursday 15 January 2026**, 4.00–5.15pm, with further sessions running online through the spring. All details are in the flyer.

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A Reminder of What the Family Hub Can Offer

The Rushcliffe Family Hub provides free support for families with children aged 0–19, including:

- Advice on child development, sleep and behaviour
- Help with early communication and routines
- Links to local support groups and services
- Friendly guidance for families needing a bit of extra help

If you'd like to find out more:

Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub:

 0115 977 3749  FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk

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

 Search *Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe* on Facebook

Safeguarding Tips for Parents and Carers

Speaking Up and Staying Safe

In school, we continue to remind children that **speaking up keeps everyone safe** — whether the worry is about something they've seen online, something said by another child, or a situation that doesn't feel right.

You can help by:

- **Listening first.** If your child tells you something worrying, stay calm and thank them for sharing.
- **Reassuring them.** Make sure they know they won't be in trouble for speaking up — even if it involves friends or older children.
- **Keeping conversations regular.** Short, open chats about safety — at school, online, or in the community — help children know they can always come to you.
- **Reporting concerns quickly.** If your child tells you about something that worries them, please let us know and, if needed, contact the police.

For further advice, visit:

- [Childline – Talking about worries](#)
- NSPCC – Helping children share their worries

Together, we can help children feel heard, protected, and confident to ask for help whenever they need it.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 21st November- Year 4 Library Visit

Friday 21st November- Year 1 Class Assembly

Tuesday 25th November- Year 4 Roman Day

Tuesday 25th November- Year 1 Library Visit

Friday 28th November- Flu vaccinations

Saturday 6th December- Festivities Day in the Village (*Our PTA will be there and our choir will be singing at 2:30!!*)

Tuesday 9th December- Morning Christmas Performance

Wednesday 10th December- Afternoon and Evening Christmas Performances

Friday 12th December- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 12th December- KPNS Christmas Fair-3:30-5pm

Wednesday 17th December- Whole School Trip to the Panto (F2-Y6)

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.