



Dragon's Roar-November-7/11/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and exciting few weeks at KPNS, filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit! We're delighted to welcome Mrs Foote to our team this term and to introduce you to our wonderful kitchen staff, who work so hard to keep everyone fuelled and smiling each day.

This week's edition is packed with stories and updates celebrating what makes our school so special. You can read all about our fantastic National Poetry Day celebrations, find tips for reading with your child through Book Chat, and enjoy an update from the Friends of KPNS on their latest plans and events.

We also share information about our upcoming Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Week, highlights from the Rushcliffe Family Hub, and important safeguarding tips for parents and carers. Plus, there's a building project update, news from South Wolds Academy, and of course, all the key dates for your diary as we head towards the end of the autumn term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — it's what makes our school community so warm, welcoming, and full of life!

Kind regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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The Keyworth Code





Welcome Mrs Foote!

Please join us in welcoming Mrs Hannah Foote to our KPNS Team. Mrs Foote has joined the EYFS Team and you will see her every morning. Mrs Foote comes with a wealth of experience working with children in Early Years and beyond is very excited to get stuck in.

Meet Our Wonderful Cooks – Nikki and Alisha!



Every day, Nikki and Alisha prepare and serve our delicious school meals with care and enthusiasm. They go the extra mile to get to know every child, making lunchtime a fun and welcoming part of the school day. Their smiles and energy brighten the dining hall – and they always add a special touch to every occasion.

Check out their fantastic Halloween gear – they've really brought the spooky spirit to lunch!



National Poetry Day- What a Success!

National Poetry Day: Our Magic Boxes ✨

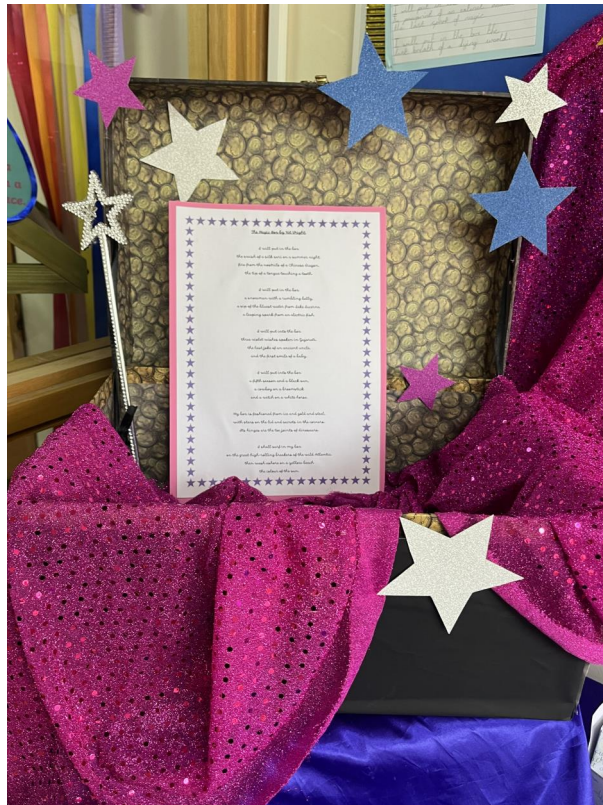
For National Poetry Day, we were inspired by The Magic Box by Kit Wright.

Together, we explored the wonders of imagination and created our own magical poems, filling our boxes with dreams, memories, and marvellous ideas.

A few of the amazing poems written by children from across our school are now on display in the entrance hall for all to enjoy.

 Scan the QR codes to listen to what some of our youngest poets would put in their magic boxes!

 Check out our Year 6 pupils, who used AI technology to create stunning images to accompany their poems.



Reading with your child: Book Chat

Our *Book Chat* collection of resources comprises of three short films and support materials to help parents, families and carers to share books conversationally and creatively with children. Working with Macmillan Children's Books, the films use a selection of their picture books and a poetry collection to support families with reading to different ages of children.

'Book Chat' is the informal interaction that accompanies reading to and with children – developing children's language and comprehension and nurturing a love of reading. Each film models this relaxed interaction through the use of open questions, comments and prompts to initiate book chat, enabling families to share the pleasure of reading together.

Each video is aimed at a different age of a child (5+, 7+ and 9+) who would be engaging with the stories or poems as they are shared. *CLICK ON THE LINK TO VIEW THE VIDEOS.*

[Book Chat: Reading with your child – Videos and guide – Reading for Pleasure](#)

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. 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](#)
- We have a lot of exciting plans in the run up to Christmas including our Christmas Fair (Friday 5th of December) and the village Festivities Day (Saturday 6th of December). As always to make these events a success we rely on your help and donations. Keep an eye out for a flyer coming out next week with more details. Thanks in advance for your ongoing support.

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

Family Hub Highlights for Local Families

Rushcliffe Family Hub Network – Free events, groups & support for parents and carers

- 🧸 **Baby Week Roadshow – Bingham (Tue 18 Nov, 10–11.30am @ Bingham Arena)**
Perfect for expectant parents and families with children aged 0–2. Visit local service stalls, enjoy baby-massage demos, a photobooth 📷, and browse pre-loved baby clothes.
- 🧺 **Donate Pre-Loved Baby & Maternity Clothes (by 7 Nov)** Drop off clean items (up to 20 per donation) at Rushcliffe Family Hub. All donations go to **Home Start Nottingham**, supporting local families.
- 💬 **Parent & Carer Voice Panel – East Leake (Thu 20 Nov, 1.30–2.30 pm online)**
Have your say about local services for families with under-5s. Help shape Family Hub support in Rushcliffe while connecting with other parents.
- 🎁 **Christmas Toy Appeal 2025 – Get Involved!** Rushcliffe Family Hub is collecting **new, unwrapped toys** for local families (children under 5 and siblings). Donate toys or gift cards by **Fri 28 Nov**, or nominate a family in need by **Mon 1 Dec**.

-  **'Opening Doors with Confidence' Course – Coming Early 2026** A relaxed, supportive course (with free crèche places) to build confidence, self-awareness, and positive family habits.
-  **Best Start for Life Webinar – 18 Nov, 12–1 pm** Join the launch of Nottinghamshire's **Best Start Strategy 2025–2030**, celebrating work to give every child the best start in life. *(Open to parents and professionals – register online via Teams.)*

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

Talking About Phones, Messages and Staying Safe Online

We are aware that, both recently and in previous years, some primary-aged children in the Keyworth area have been sent or shown inappropriate content on phones — often by other children. While this is upsetting to hear, it's an important reminder that all children are potentially at risk, and that regular, calm conversations at home make a big difference. Please take time to:

- Check your child's phone regularly — look at apps, messages, and photos together in an open, supportive way.
- Remind them that they can always tell you or a trusted adult if they receive or are shown anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or worried — even if it's from another child.
- Reassure them they won't be in trouble for speaking up.
- Set boundaries together around screen time, app use, and sharing images or messages.

For further guidance on supporting children's digital safety, visit:

[NSPCC – Online Safety](#)

[UK Safer Internet Centre – Parents & Carers](#)

Open conversations and calm curiosity are the best ways to keep children safe, supported, and confident online.

Building Project Update

We're delighted that the project to *reclad and reinsulate Keyworth Primary* is due to finish next week. The building is already looking much smarter, and we're definitely feeling the benefits of the improved insulation and new sunshades.

This has been an ambitious project to enhance our school in the heart of Keyworth, making it a warmer, safer and more efficient learning environment for your children. It also highlights the value of being part of Equals Trust, who were instrumental in securing the funding that will help keep our school in excellent condition for the next 25 years and beyond.



News from South Wolds Academy

Click here to read their latest newsletter:

<https://www.southwolds.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=89>

Dates for your Diary



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 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

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

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

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.