



Dragon's Roar-December-19/12/25

A Festive and Busy December at KPNS

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy and festive term, I am delighted to share some wonderful highlights from across our school. Santa's visit brought great excitement, with each child receiving a special book to enjoy at home. Forty children who attend Reading Lair also enjoyed a lively session of games and gingerbread decorating. We were also proud to celebrate our Achievers of the Term during a special assembly, recognising pupils for their hard work, positive attitudes, and commitment to our school values.

This edition of our newsletter is packed with celebrations and important updates, including *our school performance*, our AMAZING pantomime, Christmas dinner , a Bravery Award, and an update from Friends of KPNS. You'll also find key information on respectful

communication with school staff, safeguarding tips for parents and carers, Family Hub highlights, the Equals Trust Autumn Term update, World Book Day 2026, and important dates for your diary.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to our incredible staff team, whose commitment, passion, and dedication to our children and families make everything we do possible. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — it has truly been a term full of joy, creativity, and community spirit. From all at KPNS, Merry Christmas!

Kind regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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The Keyworth Code





KPNS Presents...Christmas at the Movies!

Our school Christmas performance was a joyful celebration filled with music and festive cheer. The children sang well-loved songs from favourite Christmas movies, including *Home Alone*, *The Polar Express*, and of course *The Grinch*. A highlight of the performance was the whole-school Makaton version of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," which brought

everyone together and spread smiles all around. Thank you to everyone who came along to support our little superstars- your encouragement made the event even more special. ★ 🎄

We will put up some photos soon (when Mrs King has 5 mins over the holidays).

Achievers of the Term

Congratulations to our Achievers of the Term- We couldn't be prouder of you!

Y6-Charlie

Y5-Yordana

Y4-Rita

Y3- Willow

Y2-Sienna-Rose

Y1-Layton

F2-Charlie

F1-Ivy

Sport- Daniel

The Panto was AMAZING! OH YES IT WAS!!



The whole school recently enjoyed an **AMAZING trip to Loughborough Town Hall** to see *Cinderella* – and what a magical experience it was! From the dazzling costumes and laugh-out-loud moments to the excitement of sharing a theatre visit with friends, the children were captivated from start to finish. The trip created memories that will last a long time and truly brought the story to life.

A **HUGE thank you to the Friends of KPNS** for their continued support in helping us keep this much-loved **KPNS tradition** alive. Your generosity makes opportunities like this possible and ensures our children can enjoy enriching experiences beyond the classroom.

A Christmas Dinner to Remember 🎄

We enjoyed a truly wonderful Christmas dinner together, filled with festive music, great food, and even better company. Sitting with friends and sharing the joy of the season made the evening extra special, and we ended the night with our own cheerful rendition of “*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*.” A huge thank you to our fantastic cooks, **Nikki and Alicia**, who did an amazing job and helped make the celebration so memorable.





Respectful Communication with School Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of parents and carers who communicate with the school in a positive and supportive way. Our staff work hard, often in challenging circumstances, to support our pupils.

However, we have seen a recent increase in communication that is inappropriate in tone or manner. We are clear that aggressive, disrespectful or confrontational behaviour towards staff is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

If you have a concern, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment so that it can be discussed calmly and constructively. We are always willing to listen and work with families, but this must be done with mutual respect.

Here is an update from the Friends of KPNS:



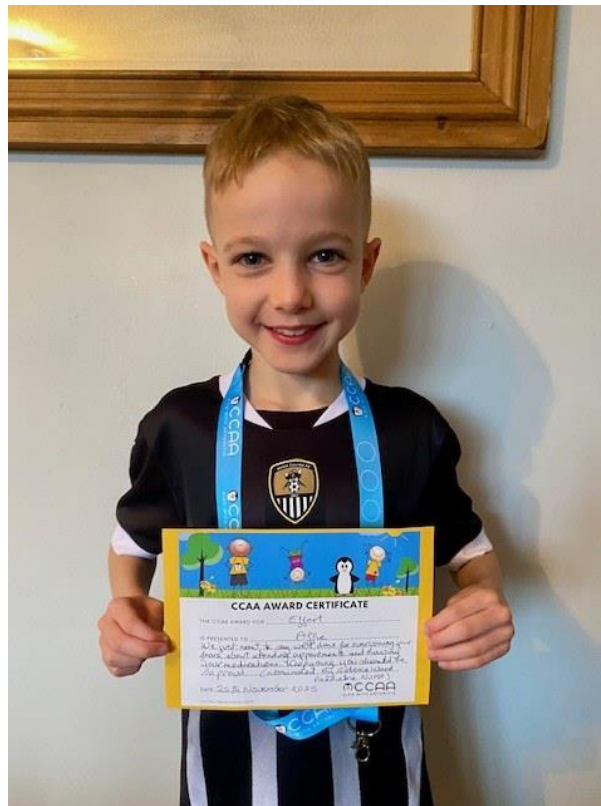
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- If you would like to offer your support to school on a more regular basis, check out our school lottery page. You can win some great prizes whilst supporting our school! [Our School Lottery- Buy your tickets here! - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#)
- We are pleased to announce that our joint fundraising for the Christmas Fair and Keyworth Festivities Day raised £1,251. Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported us!
- We have a movie night planned for the 20th of January so keep an eye out in the new year for communication around this event.
- More Panthers Tickets available here: [Nottingham Panthers Continental Cup Offer - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#)

Bravery Award

Earlier this year, one of our pupils was diagnosed with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis. Since then, he has shown remarkable courage, particularly in overcoming his fears of hospital visits and facing his treatment with great determination. We are incredibly proud to share that he has been nominated for a Bravery Award by the nurses at QMC, in recognition of his

A young boy with blonde hair, wearing a dark blue soccer jersey with a crest and a blue lanyard with 'CCAA' printed on it, is smiling and holding a yellow-bordered 'CCAA AWARD CERTIFICATE'. The certificate is for 'Effort' and recognizes his participation in soccer. It mentions his school, St. John's Catholic School, and his membership in the CCAA. The certificate also includes a small illustration of children playing soccer.



World Book Day 2026!

Family Hub Highlights for Local Families

Rushcliffe Family Hub – Support for Families in Keyworth (January–March 2026)

As we move into the new year, the Rushcliffe Family Hub continues to offer free, friendly support for parents and carers in Keyworth. The Hub provides practical help for families with children from birth to young adulthood, with a particular focus on early years, wellbeing and everyday parenting concerns.

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Families in Keyworth can access a local Family Support Drop-In at **Keyworth Library**, where parents and carers can speak informally with a Family Hub practitioner.

Keyworth Library

- Thursday 15 January
- Thursday 12 February
- Thursday 19 March

Time: 10.30–11.30am

No booking is required. Families are welcome to drop in to discuss topics such as toilet training, sleep, behaviour, emotional wellbeing, speech and language, or any general parenting concerns.

Baby Self-Weigh Sessions – Keyworth

Parents of babies can also access **monthly drop-in baby weighing sessions** at **Keyworth Health Centre**:

- Monday 12 January
- Monday 9 February
- Monday 9 March

Time: 1.30–2.30pm

These sessions are informal and do not require an appointment.

What Else the Family Hub Can Help With

In addition to local drop-ins, the Rushcliffe Family Hub can support families with:

- Child development and early communication
- Play ideas and learning at home
- Feeding, weaning and fussy eating
- Sleep routines
- Emotional wellbeing and parenting support
- Confidence-building and volunteering opportunities

Wider Rushcliffe Support

A wide range of groups and courses also run across the Rushcliffe area, including Stay & Play sessions, Under-1s groups, New Parents courses and parenting programmes. Families who

are able to travel, or who would like to explore further support, can find full details through the Family Hub directly.

How to Find Out More or Get Support

Phone: 0115 977 3749

Email: FHRushcliffe@nottsc.gov.uk

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

Facebook: Search *Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe*

The Family Hub is there to help families get the right support at the right time, whether you need quick advice or more ongoing help.

Safeguarding Tips for Parents and Carers

Keeping Children Safe at Christmas

Christmas is a joyful time for families, but changes to routines can bring new safety challenges. A few simple reminders can help keep children safe and reassured over the festive period.

- **New devices and games.** If children receive phones, tablets or gaming consoles, take time to set parental controls and talk about safe online behaviour.
- **Visitors and outings.** Remind children about the PANTS rule and to stay close to trusted adults when out shopping or visiting busy places.
- **Online kindness.** More screen time can mean more messages and group chats. Encourage children to speak up if they see or receive anything that worries them.
- **Reassurance matters.** Let children know they can always tell you or another trusted adult if something doesn't feel right.

For further advice, visit:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Wishing all our families a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas.

Equals Trust Autumn Term Update



Dear Parents, Carers, and Colleagues,

As we reach the end of the autumn term, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a busy and exciting start to the academic year for Equals Trust.

Autumn is always a time of new beginnings, and this year has been no exception. We have welcomed many new children into our schools across the Trust, and it has been wonderful to see them settling in so well and thriving within their new communities.

This term has also marked a significant milestone for Equals Trust, with two new schools joining our family, bringing us to **18 member schools**. The addition of **Kinoulton Primary School** and **Wadsworth Fields Primary School** strengthens our Trust community and enhances the opportunities we can provide for all pupils. We are grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to ensure these transitions have been smooth, supportive, and positive.

On a personal note, as the new Chief Executive Officer – though not new to the Trust, having previously served as Executive Headteacher of Burton Joyce and Cropwell Bishop Primary Schools – I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I have received during my first term. It has been a privilege to visit schools and meet staff across the Trust. Your commitment, professionalism, and care for children are inspiring, and I remain fully committed to the strong ethos and values that define Equals Trust.

As Chair of the Equals Trust Board, I am proud of the way our schools and teams work together to support one another and uphold the principles that underpin our success as we grow. The Trust Board remains firmly committed to ensuring that every child across our schools has the best possible opportunities to learn, flourish, and succeed.

As we look ahead to the new year, we are excited by the opportunities to continue working together to ensure every child thrives. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and for everything you do to make our schools such vibrant, inclusive, and caring communities.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Kind regards,

Jenny Cook

Chief Executive Officer

Peter Foale

Chair of the Trust Board

Dates for your Diary



Monday 5th of January- All children back in school for the Spring Term.

Tuesday 6th January- Y2 Library Visit

Monday 19th January- Art Week

Tuesday 20th January- EYFS Library Visit

Tuesday 20th January- FoKPNS Movie Night

Thursday 22nd January- Y2 Trip to Tamworth Castle

Monday 26th January- Y5 Library Visit

Thursday 29th January- Y3 Library Visit

Friday 30th January- Y3 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.