



Dragon's Roar-January-13/02/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful half term, and I would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for all the enthusiasm and hard work that has made it such a positive and successful few weeks. We have many exciting activities and events to look forward to in the coming term. After half term, we will be delighted to welcome back Mrs Ahmed, who will be working alongside Mrs Rowe in Year 2 on Thursdays and Fridays. In the meantime, we wish you all a restful (and hopefully dry!) half term break.

Kind regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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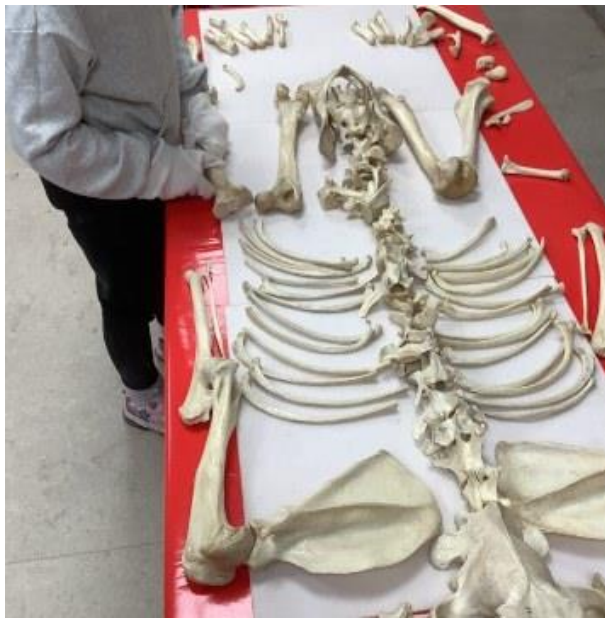
Year 3 Visit to Cresswell Craggs

Year 3 visited Cresswell Craggs, one of the UK's most important prehistoric sites. The limestone gorge contains caves once home to Neanderthals and early modern humans during the Last Ice Age (60,000–10,000 years ago). Arriving on a misty morning made it feel as though we had stepped back in time.

We explored a real Palaeolithic cave overlooking the gorge lake and learnt how early humans survived harsh Ice Age conditions among animals such as reindeer, woolly rhinoceros, mammoth and wild horse. Cresswell Craggs is also home to the northernmost Ice Age cave art in Europe, including over 80 engravings in Church Hole Cave, some around 12,000 years old.

The children crawled through dark cave passages with torches, discovering how Stone Age people relied on fire, teamwork and careful listening to stay safe. After lunch, they built shelters like those used by hunter-gatherers and practised spear-throwing at a model bison, inspired by tools found in the caves.

We ended the day by examining prehistoric remains, including Ice Age animal skeletons and a mammoth tooth. The children's knowledge, curiosity and excellent behaviour made it a fantastic visit.



Art Week Exhibition!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our very first KPNS Art Exhibition. This year, we were inspired by Henri Rousseau's painting *Surprised*. During Art Week, each child created their own individual piece of artwork, which was proudly displayed on Wednesday.

If you were unable to attend, please take a look at the photos below to get a flavour of the wonderful work produced. We are incredibly proud of the creativity and effort shown by all our pupils.







A visit from PC Carlisle

On Wednesday, children in Key Stage 2 took part in an assembly delivered by PC Carlisle. The session focused on staying safe and making positive choices, particularly in relation to how our actions and reactions affect others. She spoke in detail about the impact and consequences of bullying, both in person and online. The children were engaged throughout the assembly and asked a number of thoughtful questions.

World Book Day- Thursday 5th of March.

Quite soon after half term, we will be celebrating **World Book Day**. This year, our theme will be **“Non-fiction”**, and children are invited to dress up inspired by their favourite non-fiction book or a significant real-life person. We are excited to see who inspires our pupils — perhaps famous artists, historical figures, scientific pioneers or sporting heroes. We wonder who will walk through our doors! As this is a change from our usual theme, we wanted to give families plenty of advance notice.

Throughout the day, children will explore a wide range of non-fiction texts and take part in a variety of engaging, book-related activities. We are looking forward to another exciting celebration of reading across the school.

[Acro Club-Sign up on Arbor.](#)



After School Acro Club

Years 1- 3

Friday

3.30pm - 4.15pm

27th February - 27th March

£20 for 5 weeks

Limited spaces available

[Juvenile Arthritis Day- Wednesday 18th of March](#)

Before Christmas, we shared information about Alfie in Year 4, who received a bravery award in recognition of the hospital treatment he has undergone following his diagnosis of Juvenile Arthritis.

Wednesday 18th March is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Day. This year, instead of raising money for Comic Relief, we would like to raise funds for the charity that directly supports Alfie and his family.

Alfie is passionate about sport and wants to show that, even when you face challenges, you can still take part in the activities you love. On Wednesday 18th March, we invite all pupils to come to school dressed in football or the colour blue (this is the charity awareness colour). During the day, the children will take part in a special assembly delivered by a member of

the Paediatric Rheumatology Team, and each class will participate in a football session led by Alfie and his football coaches.

We kindly ask that children bring a donation (suggested £2) for Paediatric Rheumatology Team on the day. There will also be various activities and refreshments available to purchase at the bandstand at the end of the day. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support of this very worthwhile cause.

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 have 2 discounted Nottingham Panthers matches available: Sign up early to avoid disappointment. [Nottingham Panthers Vs Manchester Storm - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#) and [Nottingham Panthers Vs Cardiff Devils - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#)

Safer Internet Day Assembly

This week, children took part in our **Safer Internet Day** assembly. This year's focus for Safer Internet Day was **artificial intelligence (AI)** — what it is, how it is used, and how children can use technology safely, responsibly and kindly. We talked about:

- what AI means and where children might already see it
- how AI can be helpful, but also get things wrong
- the importance of kindness and checking information
- telling a trusted adult if something online causes worry or upset

We will also be sharing the slides used in the assembly so you can look through them together at home.

Questions you might ask your child (with helpful answers):

- *What does AI stand for?* Artificial intelligence — computers designed to do **some** things that human brains can do.
- *Can AI think or feel like people?* No. AI can spot patterns and give answers, but it doesn't have feelings, emotions or imagination.
- *Can AI ever be wrong?* Yes. AI can make mistakes, so it's important to check information and ask an adult if unsure.
- *Can AI ever be harmful or used in a bad way?* Sometimes, yes. AI can be used unkindly (for example, to make upsetting messages or images), or it can give wrong or confusing information. That's why we should always use it carefully and tell a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right.
- *When is AI a good choice to use?* When it helps learning, communication or creativity **without** being unkind, unsafe or unfair.
- *What should you do if something online worries you?* Tell a trusted adult — at home or at school — straight away.

These short conversations really help children make sense of what they hear and build good habits around technology. Thank you for continuing to work with us to keep children safe, thoughtful and confident online.

Family Hub Highlights for Local Families

February & March 2026

The Rushcliffe Family Hub offers free, confidential support for parents and carers. You do not need a referral, and support is available early — whether you have a quick question or need more structured help. Below is what is available locally and nearby after 13 February 2026.

Available in Keyworth

Baby Self-Weigh – Keyworth Health Centre

Monday 9 March

1.30–2.30pm

Drop-in session. If you have a baby and would value reassurance or a quick check-in, this is available locally.

General Support for All Families

The Family Hub supports families with children aged 0–19. This includes help with:

- Child development and communication

- Emotional wellbeing
 - Behaviour support
 - Feeding, weaning and fussy eating
 - Building parental confidence
 - Parenting programmes
 - Support relating to domestic abuse (in partnership with Women's Aid)
- Families can contact the team directly, walk into a Family Hub building, or complete an online service request form.

Available Near Keyworth NEW: Under 5s Stay & Play – East Leake (term time only)

Tuesdays from 24 February

9.45–11.00am

Lantern Lane School, East Leake (LE12 6QN)

No booking required (maximum room capacity applies)

.Under 1s Group – Bingham Family Hub

Weekly from 24 February

10.00–11.30am (term time only)

Under 5s Stay & Play – Bingham Family Hub

26 February, 12 March, 26 March

10.00–11.30am (fortnightly, term time only)

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support

West Bridgford – weekly from 25 February (1.30–2.30pm)

Bingham – 5 & 19 March (10.00–11.00am)

East Leake – 27 February, 13 & 27 March (10.00–11.00am)

Early Years Drop-In – East Leake Library

Monday 9 March

2.30–3.30pm

No appointment needed.

Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub 📞 0115 977 3749

✉️ FHRushcliffe@nottsc.gov.uk

🌐 <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub-networks>

📱 Search “Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe” on Facebook The Family Hub is there to help families get the right support at the right time. Even a short conversation can make a real difference.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 13th February- INSET DAY- School closed to all children.

16th-20th February- Half Term

Monday 23rd February- Children back in school

Tuesday 24th February- Year 2 Library Visit

Friday 27th February- Year 3 Residential meeting at 3:30pm.

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day!

Monday 9th of March- Science Week!

Wednesday 11th March- Year 1 trip to Manor Farm

Thursday 12th March- Mothers' Day Morning. Information to be confirmed by FoKPNS.

Tuesday 17th March- Year 4 Dentist Visitor

Wednesday 18th March- Juvenile Arthritis Day.

Thursday 19th -Friday 20th March- Year 3 Residential to Beaumanor Hall

Friday 20th March- Year 5 Partake Tudor Day.

Monday 23rd March- Year 6 Junior STEM Day.

Monday 23rd March- Year 2 Victorian Day.

Monday 23rd and Thursday 26th March- Parents' Evening.

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.