



Dragon's Roar- March - 22/05/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! We are reflecting on what has been a fantastic summer term so far, filled with great learning experiences and many opportunities for our pupils to grow and thrive.

We are delighted to share some very special **baby news**, and we also want to say a huge **well done to our Year 6 children** for their fantastic effort during SATs last week. Across the school, pupils have been getting active during **Walk to School Week**, showing great enthusiasm and community spirit.

There is plenty more to enjoy, including our creative **Doodle-tastic** work, a look ahead to our **Musical Showcase**, and highlights from the ever-popular **Grow Wild Forest School Club**. You'll also find updates from the **Friends of KPNS**, important information about **Free School**

Meals and Universal Credit, as well as useful **safeguarding tips** and **Family Hub highlights** for local families.

Finally, don't forget to check the **dates for your diary** so you don't miss any upcoming events!

We hope you enjoy reading all about what we've been up to and have a very happy half term!

Warm regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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The Keyworth Code





Baby News!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Ahmed safely welcomed a baby boy on Tuesday. Both mother and baby are now home and doing well. He has not yet been named, but we look forward to hearing all about him soon.

We are sure you will join us in congratulating Mrs Ahmed, and we send our heartfelt love and best wishes to the whole family.

Well Done Year 6!

We would like to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 children following their SATs last week. They showed wonderful focus, determination, and resilience throughout.

Every single pupil gave 100%, and we could not ask for anything more than that. Their positive attitude and hard work were truly commendable.

Well done, Year 6—you should all be extremely proud of yourselves!

Walk to School Week- Thank You and Reminder.

Following the success of our recent Walk to School Week, we would like to say a big thank you to all pupils and families who took part by walking, cycling, or scooting to school. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and support for this fantastic cause.

In partnership with the School Council, the Friends of KPNS launched this sponsored event to help raise funds for our new trim trail. Pupils used their Walk to School Week Trackers to record their efforts throughout the week, and we were so impressed with everyone's participation.

Reminder: Please can all sponsorship money be brought into school after half term. All entries must be submitted by **Monday 1st June**.

Thank you once again for your support—we can't wait to see how much we have raised together!



Doodle-TASTIC!

A huge well done to the following pupils for completing the Spring Doodle challenge over the Easter Holidays. They all proudly collected their pin badges in assembly this week.

Doodlemaths: Akeilagh, Claire, Alfie C, Amelia, Arlo L, Daniel, Elliot, Ellis R, Griff, Hana, Isaac H, L'Mahri, Oscar, Rayan, Raye, Reuben, Rita, Yordana and Zlata.

Doodleenglish: Akeilagh, Arlo L, Claire, Elliot, Griff, Isaac H, L'Mahri and Zlata.

Musical Showcase 2026!

It was fantastic to see so many people come along to support and celebrate our children at the musical showcase, where they had the opportunity to perform and demonstrate the progress they have made while learning their musical instruments. It was wonderful to hear the choir singing and to watch our Year One samba drummers, alongside children performing on the piano and guitar, as well as the drummers from Rockley. It was a great evening, and I'm sure you would agree that we have a very talented musical group of children.

Change for Change – Let’s Make a Difference Together

Week commencing **8 June 2026**, all schools across Equals Trust will take part in **Change for Change** – a simple fundraising project supporting **Framework**, a Nottingham charity working to tackle homelessness.

This year’s campaign has a special connection across our Equals Trust family and reflects the way our schools work together to support one another. We are proud to be supporting Lewis, a former pupil of Netherfield School who is now 14 and serves as a youth patron for Framework. Lewis has already led a range of fundraising activities and is inviting children across our Trust community to join him in making a difference.

The idea is simple: children can choose to complete one or more helpful jobs or chores at home for family members or family friends and, if they wish, collect a small donation in return. Lewis’s challenge suggests just **£1 per task and perhaps aiming for around £3 overall** – but families can take part in whatever way feels right for them. Even small amounts can make a real difference when lots of children join together.

Taking part is entirely optional and will happen at home, so families can simply decide whether they would like to get involved.

Closer to the launch, we will share more about the campaign in a school assembly, including a message from Lewis explaining why this cause matters and how children can take part.

If your child chooses to get involved and would like to make a donation, contributions can be made:

- in cash via the school office, or
- online through **Arbor** (further details will follow).

We hope many of our children will enjoy taking part in a small act of kindness at home while helping to support people in our local community.

Every bit of change can help change lives.

Grow Wild Forest School Club

We’re delighted to introduce our brand-new *Forest School Club* here at KPNS!

Led by our wonderful Mrs Rowe and Mrs Price (also known to many of you as Amy, our PTA Chair, and Harrison and Rory’s mum), this exciting new venture brings their fantastic teaching expertise outdoors, making full use of our lovely school grounds.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to explore, learn and develop new skills through hands-on experiences in nature.

Please see the attached image for full details, and you can book your child's place via Arbor.

And don't worry if your child isn't in Years 3–6 just yet... your turn will come! 🌱



Grow Wild
FOREST SCHOOL

EXPLORE * PLAY * LEARN

GROW WILD
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Y3–Y6

TUESDAYS 3.30 – 4.30PM

STARTING 9th JUNE 6 WEEKS

£7 PER SESSION 40 FOR THE FULL 6 WEEK BLOCK

BOOKINGS AVAILABLE ON ARBOR

WHAT WE'LL DO:

- CAMPFIRE SNACKS
- DEN BUILDING
- TOOL USE
- NATURE CRAFTS

Sessions build on skills and confidence each week through hands-on outdoor learning.

COLLECTION
Children will be collected from the school office at the end of the session.

WHAT TO BRING
Please bring either a clothing or wellies and a coat if we're expecting rainy weather.

SESSIONS LED BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND FOREST SCHOOL PRACTITIONERS. GROUPS WILL BE KEPT SMALL SO THERE WILL BE LIMITED SPACES.

@growwild.fs

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](#)
- This year we are replacing our annual Summer Fair with a Summer Festival! It will take place on Saturday 13th of June 10-3pm and promises to be a fun and exciting day for the whole family. **Put it in your diaries!!**

- In partnership with the School Council, we are holding a sponsored walk, scoot or ride to school week to raise funds for a new Trim Trail. We will send out more information over the next couple of weeks. See above!



Free School Meals and Universal Credit: Important Information for Families

From September 2026, the government plans to expand eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM) so that all households receiving Universal Credit will qualify. The current earnings cap of £7,400 a year will be removed.

This change is expected to make more than half a million additional pupils eligible nationally and could save families around £495 per child each year in school lunch costs.

There is one particularly important point for families to understand:

Even if your child already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, parents and carers must still formally apply for Free School Meals through the local authority.

This registration is very important because it can help schools secure additional funding through the Pupil Premium system. That funding supports extra teaching, pastoral care, interventions and wider opportunities for pupils.

Although FSM eligibility is expanding, not all newly eligible pupils will automatically attract Pupil Premium funding, so completing the application process remains essential.

If you receive Universal Credit, we encourage you to check your eligibility and apply when the new arrangements begin.

Further guidance will be shared with families as more information becomes available.

You can read more here: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/06/expanding-free-school-meals-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Safeguarding Tips for Parents

Keeping Our Children Safe: A Reminder About Car Seat Safety

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about the importance of using appropriate car seats for children when travelling.

Recent concerns have highlighted that some young children may not always be travelling with the correct restraints. As a school, we are committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of every child, and travelling safely is an important part of this.

What the Law Says

In the UK:

- Children must use a child car seat until they are **12 years old or 135 cm tall** (whichever comes first).
- After this, they must wear an **adult seat belt**.
- Children under 3 **must not travel without a proper car seat**, except in very limited circumstances (such as licensed taxis).
- Car seats must be suitable for a child's **height and weight**.
- It is recommended that children under 12 travel in the **rear seats**, as this is safest.

Why This Matters

Using the correct car seat greatly reduces the risk of serious injury in the event of an accident. Ensuring children are properly restrained—no matter how short the journey—is essential for their safety.

Working Together for Safety

We kindly ask all parents and carers to:

- Ensure children use the correct car seat for their age, height, and weight

- Check that car seats are **properly fitted and used on every journey**

If you need support or advice on choosing or installing a car seat, we are happy to help point you towards reliable resources.

Half Term Safety: Enjoying the Sunshine Safely

With half term approaching and warmer weather forecast, many children will be spending more time outdoors, visiting friends and enjoying extra independence. A few simple steps can help keep children safe and well.

- **Keep water nearby.** Encourage regular drinks, especially during active play. Children often do not notice they are getting hot.
- **Think sun safety.** Use sunscreen, hats and light clothing, and encourage breaks in the shade during the warmest parts of the day.
- **Know the plan.** If children are playing out or visiting others, agree where they are going, who they are with and when they will be home.
- **Balance screens and sunshine.** Holidays often mean more device time and less routine — keep checking that apps, games and TV remain age-appropriate.
- **Keep conversations open.** Remind children they can always contact you or another trusted adult if plans change or something doesn't feel right.

For further advice, visit:

- UK Government: *Beat the Heat – Staying Safe in Hot Weather*
- NSPCC Online Safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Small routines and regular conversations help children enjoy a safe, happy half term.

Family Hub Highlights for Local Families

Family Hub Support for Keyworth Families

May Half Term and June–July 2026

The Rushcliffe Family Hub offers free, confidential support for parents and carers. Families do not need a referral and can ask for help early — whether they have a quick question, need reassurance, or would benefit from more regular support.

Local support in Keyworth

Family Hub Drop-In and Baby Self-Weigh – Keyworth Health Centre

- Monday 8 June
- Monday 13 July
- 1.30–2.30pm

This is a local opportunity to speak with Family Hub staff about everyday concerns such as feeding, sleep, behaviour, routines, child development or family wellbeing.

May half-term support and activities

Self-Weigh Drop-In – Bingham Family Hub

- Tuesday 26 May to Friday 29 May
- 9.30am–3.30pm

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support – West Bridgford

- Wednesday 27 May
- 1.30–2.30pm
- West Bridgford Young People’s Centre

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- Thursday 28 May
- 10.00–11.00am
- Bingham Family Hub

Under 5s Outdoor Play Event – West Bridgford Park

- Thursday 28 May
- 1.30–3.00pm
- Meet behind the Young People’s Centre, next to the tennis courts
- Older siblings are welcome
- Please dress for the weather **Support available nearby from June**

Under 5s Stay & Play – East Leake

- Tuesdays, term time, from 2 June
- 9.45–11.00am
- Lantern Lane School, East Leake, LE12 6QN

Under 1s Group – Bingham Family Hub

- Tuesdays, term time, from 2 June
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub, Eaton Place, Bingham

Under 5s Stay & Play – Bingham Family Hub

- Thursdays, term time, from 4 June
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub


B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support

- East Leake – Tuesdays, term time, from 2 June, 9.45–11.00am
- West Bridgford – Wednesdays from 3 June, 1.30–2.30pm
- Bingham – Thursdays from 4 June, 10.00–11.30am

Family Hubs support families with children aged 0–19, and up to 25 for young people with SEND. Support includes:


- Preparing for your baby
- Child development and communication
- Behaviour, routines and sleep
- Feeding, weaning and breastfeeding
- Emotional wellbeing
- Parenting confidence
- Domestic abuse support, in partnership with Women’s Aid
- Volunteering opportunities
- Help finding wider local services

Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub

 0115 977 3749

 FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk

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

 Virtual Family Hub: <https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/directory/services/rushcliffe-family-hub-bingham-rushcliffe-family-hub-network>

 Search **Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe** on Facebook

Dates for your Diary



Monday 25th May- Friday 29th of May-HALF TERM

Monday 1st June- Back to School

Tuesday 2nd June- Y2 Library Visit

Friday 5th June- Y6 Bikeability session start

Monday 8th June- Y5 Library Visit

Wednesday 10th-12th June- Y6 Residential to The Mill

Saturday 13th June- KPNS Summer Festival (Summer Fair)

Monday 15th- 19th June- Healthy Living and Sports Week (Children in PE Kit all week)

Friday 19th June- Sports Day (9:15- 11:30ish) for Years 1-6

Monday 22nd June- INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Tuesday 23rd June- Class Photos

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.