



Dragon's Roar- July- 24/07/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final edition of *The Dragon's Roar* for this academic year.

What a fantastic year it has been! It has been an absolute privilege to watch our children grow in confidence, resilience and independence, while making such wonderful progress in their learning. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved, both inside and outside the classroom. Their enthusiasm, kindness and determination continue to make Keyworth Primary and Nursery School such a special place to learn.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff team, our supportive families and our wider school community. Your encouragement, care and commitment have helped our children to thrive, achieve and become the very best versions of themselves.

Together, we have created another year full of memorable experiences, exciting opportunities and lasting successes.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited about everything that is to come. Before then, please take the time to read this final edition of *The Dragon's Roar* carefully, as it contains important information to help everyone prepare for a smooth and successful start in September.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish all of our families a happy, safe and restful summer break.

Warm regards,

Mr Cresswell and Mrs King

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A Message from Mr Cresswell

Friday 24 July is my final day as Executive Headteacher at Keyworth Primary and Nursery School, after 11 years at KPNS.

I first came to the school in 2015 for what was meant to be a temporary period. I quickly realised, however, that this was a school I wanted to remain part of.

Schools are made special by people. They are remembered not because of buildings or displays, but because of the kindness, care and laughter that people bring every day.

During more than 30 years in education, I have worked in six different schools. I have met few groups of staff as dedicated to children as the team at KPNS. Their care does not end

when the school day finishes. Their care does not stop when the school day ends or the holidays begin. They think about the children, celebrate their successes, worry about them and hope they continue to thrive - throughout their time at KPNS and long after they have left.

The children are obviously a huge part of what makes KPNS so special. Whenever I arrive, they come over, ask how I am and tell me what has been happening. They are warm, confident, funny and full of news. They have always made me feel welcome and quickly drawn me back into the life of the school.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for the goodwill, support and trust they have shown the staff at KPNS throughout my time here.

I leave knowing that Mrs King and the whole team are as committed as ever and well prepared to continue offering the care, love and ambition that first made me want to stay in 2015.

I will miss seeing everyone as often, but I am not disappearing completely. I will return next year to do some occasional work with Mrs King, so I will still be popping in, catching up with staff and children, and checking that everyone is doing well.

Thank you to everyone who has made KPNS such a happy and memorable place for me. I feel extremely proud to have been part of this school and will continue to care deeply about its children, its staff and the whole KPNS community. ❤️

The Keyworth Code





Wishing Our Year 6 Leavers Every Success

Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. For many of them, their journey at Keyworth Primary Nursery School began when they were just two or three years old, making today a particularly special milestone.

We are incredibly proud of the kind, resilient and confident young people they have become. They leave us with happy memories, lasting friendships and the skills to embrace the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

As they begin the next chapter of their education, we wish each and every one of them every success and look forward to hearing about their future adventures and achievements.

Remember, once you're part of the Keyworth family, you'll always have a place here. Our doors will always be open, and you will always have a safe space at Keyworth Primary Nursery School. Good luck, Year 6-we know you'll be amazing!

End of Year Award Winners

Congratulations to all of our award winners, who were recognised for their outstanding achievements and contributions this year.

Achievers of the Year

- **F1:** Eleanor
- **F2:** Ava-Mae
- **Y1:** Savannah and Olivia
- **Y2:** Isaac H
- **Y3:** Portia
- **Y4:** Peggy-Rae
- **Y5:** Georgia
- **Y6:** William B

Special Awards

- **The Joan Gulliver Award** for outstanding progress in reading was presented to **Rose (Y6)** and **Rayan (Y1)**.
- **The Sports Award** was presented to **Ayla (Y6)** for her exceptional contribution to PE and school sport, alongside her leadership and positive sporting role model.
- **The Cresswell Cup** was awarded to **Maleek (Y6)** in recognition of his determination, resilience and commitment to growing both personally and academically throughout his time at KPNS.
- **The Hartley Cup** was presented to **Darcie (Y6)** for her outstanding contribution to school life. As a fantastic role model, she has made a lasting impact through her

involvement in school teams, choir, the School Council and many other aspects of school life.

We are incredibly proud of every one of our award winners. Their hard work, kindness, determination and enthusiasm make Keyworth Primary Nursery School such a special place, and we congratulate them all on this well-deserved recognition.

Grow Wild Forest School!



We are delighted to be expanding our partnership with **Grow Wild Forest Schools** from September. As part of our curriculum, all children in **F1, F2, Year 1 and Year 2** will enjoy regular Forest School sessions, giving them opportunities to explore, discover and learn outdoors.

Key Stage 2 – don't worry, you won't miss out! Grow Wild Forest Schools will once again be running their hugely popular **after-school club** every **Tuesday from 3.30pm–4.30pm**.

The sessions are always great fun and are packed with outdoor adventures, woodland skills, games and nature-based activities.

Please see the attached leaflet for more information and book your child's place via **Arbor**.

If you are interested in booking onto their community sessions on Monday and Friday mornings, 10-11:30, use the following link:

www.bookwhen.com/growwildfs




EXPLORE * PLAY * LEARN

FOREST SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Y3-Y6

TUESDAY 3.30 - 4.30PM

STARTING 8th SEPTEMBER **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.

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



COLLECTION

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



WHAT TO BRING

Please bring wellies and a coat if we're expecting rainy weather.



@growwild.fs









Cricket Success!

A huge congratulations to one of our Year 5 pupils on an outstanding cricket season! He finished as the **top run scorer in his league**, helped **Keyworth Under-10s** win the Farndon tournament, and was deservedly named **Player of the Tournament**.

What a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of the hard work, commitment and determination we love to celebrate. We are incredibly proud of him and look forward to hearing about any more success at his club's end-of-season presentations. Well done!



Here is an update from the Friends of KPNS:



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- What a fantastic year of fundraising our AMAZING Friends of KPNS have done this academic year! We are truly thankful for their time and dedication to raising money and organising events which our children have absolutely loved! We are always on the hunt for new members who can help with events so keep an eye out for the next meeting which we will have in September.
- 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](#)



2026–2027 INSET Days, Holidays and School Calendar

Parents and carers can find the full schedule of school holidays and INSET days for 2026–2027 on our website: [School Holidays Information](#).

You can also keep up to date with everything happening in school by visiting our online calendar: [Calendar of Events](#).

Safeguarding Tips for Parents

Choosing Safe Holiday Clubs and Activities

Summer clubs, sports sessions and community activities can give children valuable opportunities to have fun, make friends and try something new. Before booking, it is worth checking how the provider keeps children safe.

Parents and carers can ask:

- **Who is responsible for safeguarding**, and how can they be contacted?
- **How are staff and volunteers selected and checked?**
- **How will children be supervised, signed in and collected safely?**

- **What happens if a child is injured, worried or wants to report a concern?**
- **What are the arrangements for photographs, videos and online communication?**

A good provider should welcome reasonable questions and explain its safeguarding arrangements clearly. Talk to your child beforehand about who they can approach if they feel worried, and ask afterwards how the activity went.

For further guidance, read the Department for Education's advice for parents using holiday clubs, tutors and community activities. ([GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk))

Taking a few minutes to check these arrangements can help children enjoy their summer activities safely and confidently.

Family Hub Highlights for Local Families

Family Hub Support for Keyworth Families – Summer 2026

The summer holidays can bring changes to routines, additional pressures and a need for affordable activities. The Rushcliffe Family Hub continues to offer free support and opportunities for families throughout the break.

Families do not need to wait until something has become a serious problem. The team can offer advice, reassurance and help you find the right support.

Local support in Keyworth

Family Hub Drop-In and Baby Self-Weigh

- Monday 10 August
- 1.30–2.30pm
- Keyworth Health Centre, NG12 5JU

This is an opportunity to weigh your baby and speak with Family Hub staff about feeding, sleep, behaviour, routines, development or any other questions about family life.

SEND Stay & Play

A relaxed and inclusive play session for children aged eight and under with SEND and their families.

- Tuesday 28 July
- Tuesday 11 August
- 1.30–3.00pm
- Abbey and Lady Bay Family Hub, Tewkesbury Close, West Bridgford, NG2 5ND

The sessions offer:

- fun activities and sensory play
- a welcoming space where children can be themselves
- opportunities to meet other families
- information, advice and support

Places are limited and booking is required. Call **0115 977 3749** to book.

Summer Play Extravaganza

- Wednesday 19 August
- 1.00–3.00pm
- Jubilee Playing Fields, Loughborough Road, Ruddington, NG11 6NH

This is a large, free outdoor event for Rushcliffe families with children aged under eight. Older siblings are welcome.

- No booking required
- Please dress for the weather
- Family Hub staff and partner organisations will be available

Support for parents with babies

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support

- Bingham Family Hub – Thursdays from 30 July, 10.00–11.30am
- West Bridgford Young People's Centre – Wednesdays from 29 July, 1.30–2.30pm
- Please note that there is no West Bridgford session on 19 August

Self-Weigh and Family Hub Drop-Ins

- Bingham Family Hub – Monday to Friday, 9.30am–3.30pm
- Abbey and Lady Bay Family Hub – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1.00–3.00pm
- Cotgrave Health Centre – Tuesday 18 August, 2.30–3.30pm
- East Leake Health Centre – Friday 28 August, 10.00–11.00am

Wider Family Hub support

Family Hubs support families from pregnancy throughout childhood and into young adulthood. Support can include:

- children's behaviour, routines and sleep

- development, communication and emotional wellbeing
- feeding, weaning, breastfeeding and fussy eating
- preparing for a baby and adjusting to life with a new baby
- parenting advice and confidence-building
- SEND information and signposting
- domestic abuse support in partnership with Women's Aid
- volunteering opportunities and help finding wider services

Parents and carers can ask for support by contacting the team, visiting a Family Hub building or completing an online enquiry.

Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub

 **Bingham Family Hub, Eaton Place, Bingham, NG13 8BE**

 **0115 977 3749**

 FHRushcliffe@nottsc.gov.uk

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

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

 Search **Family Hub Network – Rushcliffe** on Facebook for the latest timetable updates and additional activities.

The Family Hub is there for families throughout the summer, not only when things have become difficult. If you need advice, are unsure where to turn, or simply want to find out what support or activities are available, please get in touch.

Please check details before travelling, as sessions can sometimes change.

Nottinghamshire
**Family Hub
Network**

A vibrant, colorful poster for a summer event. The top section features a blue sky with a sun, clouds, and a group of diverse people (including a person in a wheelchair, a pregnant woman, and children) enjoying a park. Below this, the title 'SUMMER PLAY' is written in large, bold, red and blue letters, with 'EXTRAVAGANZA!' in a purple banner underneath. The event details are listed with icons: a calendar for 'Wednesday 19th Aug.', a location pin for 'Jubilee Playing Fields, Loughborough Rd, Ruddington, NG11 6NH', and a clock for '1-3pm'. A paragraph of text describes the event as a big outdoor summer event for families living in Rushcliffe with children under 8. Two checkmarks indicate 'Please dress for the weather' and 'No booking required'. A large red starburst with the word 'FREE' is on the right. The bottom of the poster features a beach ball, a kite, and a bucket with a shovel.

SUMMER PLAY

EXTRAVAGANZA!

 **Wednesday 19th Aug.**

 **Jubilee Playing Fields,
Loughborough Rd, Ruddington,
NG11 6NH**

 **1-3pm**

Join us & partners at our big outdoor summer event.
For families living in Rushcliffe with children under 8
(older siblings are welcome).

 Please dress for the weather.

 No booking required.

FREE

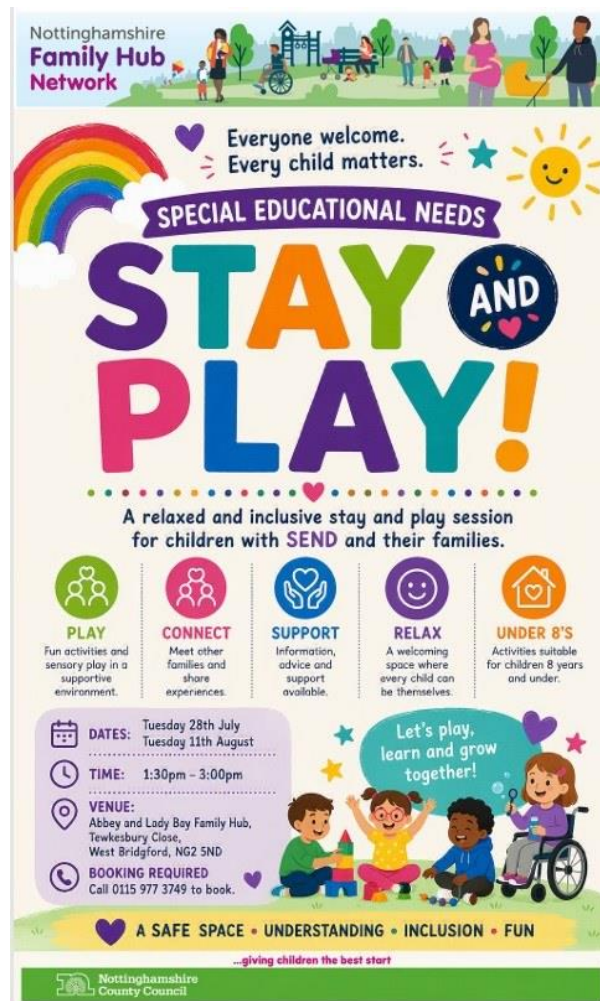
Helping families get the right support at the right time



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

Facebook: scan to view or
search 'Family Hub Network –
Rushcliffe'





Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 1st of September- INSET DAY.

Wednesday 2nd September- All children back in school by 8:50 and meet the teachers after school 3:30-5pm. A chance to do an informal pop in, meet the teachers and ask any questions.

Thursday 17th September- Y6 Partake History Day in School WW2

Friday 18th September (3:10pm)- Year 1 Class Assembly, parents welcome.

Please note: Mrs King and Mrs Buttery have tried to populate the school website for all main school events this year including shows, parents' evenings, trips, events etc. You can see them all here: [Calendar of Events - Keyworth Primary & Nursery School](#)

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 2026-27 academic year are now on the school calendar and can also be found in the [School Holiday](#) section on the website. Please note children are expected back in school on WEDNESDAY 2nd of SEPTEMBER.