



Dragon's Roar- Oct- 16/10/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, it is lovely to reflect on what a fantastic few weeks we have had at Keyworth Primary and Nursery School. The children have settled in brilliantly and have already enjoyed so many exciting opportunities, making a wonderful start to the new school year.

It was also lovely to welcome so many of you into school for parents' evenings this week. We really value the opportunity to chat with you about your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and hear how they are settling into school. Thank you for taking the time to come along. Working in partnership with our families is incredibly important to us, and we want to work together to ensure every child receives the very best education and has a happy, positive and memorable primary school experience. If you have any questions or

would like to talk anything through, please do come and speak to us. We are always happy to help!

As always, please take the time to read this edition of *The Dragon's Roar* carefully. You will find all the important dates for next half term at the bottom, so do take a moment to pop them into your diaries!

We hope you all enjoy a lovely, restful half term break and have some time to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November**, ready for another exciting half term!

Best wishes,

Mrs King

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The Keyworth Code





Year 4 Dive into Learning at The Deep!

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to **The Deep in Hull**, discovering more about our oceans and the incredible creatures that live in them.

We began with an educational workshop about plastic pollution, learning how ocean currents trap waste in giant whirlpools and how microplastics travel through the food chain,

harming marine life. The children brought this to life through an interactive activity, using cubes to represent plastic pollution.

We then explored the aquarium, discovering prehistoric creatures like the mighty Megalodon, admiring colourful fish in the coral reef and watching the playful penguins. A fascinating talk about sawfish taught us about their unique snouts and how they catch food.

One highlight was the underwater tunnel, where we spent time watching sharks, rays and other sea creatures glide overhead.

After a brilliant day of learning and exploration, we returned to school. The children were a credit to Keyworth Primary School and represented us brilliantly throughout the trip.

We hope Year 4 enjoyed their adventure as much as the adults did! 🌐👤🐟🐠





Wet Weather and Outdoor Clothing

As the weather gets colder and wetter, please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate outdoor clothing, including a warm, waterproof coat, and hats and gloves when needed. We aim to get the children outside to play in all weathers, even when it is very cold or raining, so suitable clothing is essential. Please remind older children in particular that those without appropriate outdoor clothing will not be able to go outside to play and will need to attend Doodle Club instead. Thank you for your support in keeping our children warm and comfortable.

Harvest Festival- Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Festival last week. The children loved sharing their harvest songs with you, and we were delighted by the generosity of our school community. The School Council brought together a wonderful collection of donations, which have now been collected by Rushcliffe Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make our Harvest Festival so special while supporting those in our local community.

Radio Star!

Last year, we worked with one of our pupils and his family to raise awareness and much-needed funds for Juvenile Arthritis. This year, he's back at it again! 💙

This time, he was interviewed by Radio Nottingham's Sparky, sharing his knowledge and first-hand experience of living with Juvenile Arthritis.

We are so proud of him for using his voice to raise awareness and help others understand more about the condition. What a super-cool thing to do! ★ 🥰



Welcome to our new Governors

We are delighted to announce that Duncan Worster, Jackie Rowe and Olivia Rolfe will be joining our joint governing body with Crossdale. Our school benefits enormously from the commitment and support of our governors, who generously volunteer their time to help ensure that our school continues to provide the very best for our children. We are incredibly grateful to all our governors for their dedication and support, and would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members.

Here is an update from the Friends of KPNS:



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What a busy first half term we have had with colour runs, movie nights, discos and a very successful AGM! Thank you to our amazing volunteers for making these events happen- we appreciate you!

We have a couple of BIG events coming up:

- **Friday 4th of December** is our Christmas Fair- more information coming out soon.
- **Saturday 5th of December** we will be supporting at the Keyworth Festivities Day! Our beautiful school choir will also be singing!
- 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](#)

SHARE THIS LINK AROUND YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. ;-)

Each class has a Friends of KPNS representative who receives and circulates all of the information about the events. Here are the class reps:

F1- Mollie Fothergill

F2- Charlotte Cook

Y1- Hannah Foote

Y2- Jackie Rowe

Y3- Lisa Lavelle

Y4- Jade Richardson

Y5- Fran Wiles

Y6- Olivia Rolfe



Keyworth Library Half Term Fun!

All our children at KPNS regularly take trips to our local library- they love having us and we love going. Over the half term they have some excited events happening. Take a look at the attached flyers.

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Half Term at Keyworth Library

Free activities to keep you busy this Half Term!
No need to book. Ask at the Helpdesk or ring 0115 937 3509 for details.



Tuesday 20 Oct
10.30am – 12noon
The Cheese Thief!
Author reading and event.



Tuesday 27 Oct
10.30 – 12 noon (drop in)
Green Libraries Week
Recycled Egg Box Critters craft – celebrating Green Libraries Week



All through Half-term
A Mystery to Solve
Become a detective and hunt for clues in the library, then make a cipher-wheel to solve the mystery!

Saturday 17 & 31 Oct
10.30 – 12 noon
LEGO Club For ages 3 & over.
(Duplo available for younger kids).

Saturday 24th Oct
10.30 – 12 noon
Games Club – board games (3+)

Thursday 22 Oct
10am – 1pm
Veolia Recycling Roadshow
Learn all about recycling with fun activities to take part in. Suitable for all ages: adults and children.



10.30 – 11am **Storytime & Craft**
Aimed at Under 5s but all welcome.
11am – 4pm (drop in)
Autumn wreath
Embrace Autumn with this seasonal craft. Suitable for all ages.

Thursday 29 Oct
10.30 – 11am **Storytime & Craft**
Aimed at Under 5s but all welcome.
11am – 4pm (drop-in)
Cardboard Tube Characters
Create Creepy Halloween characters. All ages welcome.

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Safeguarding Tips for Parents

Helping Children Stay Safe When Out and About

Following a reported incident near South Wolds Academy this week, we wanted to share a few reminders about helping children stay safe when they are out and about. The circumstances of the report have not been established, but it provides a useful opportunity to reinforce some important safety messages. We will be revisiting these messages with children in school and would encourage families to talk about them at home too. Please remind your child:

- **Adults should ask other adults for help.** If someone they don't know asks them to help find a lost child or pet, they should not go with them or approach a vehicle.
- **It's OK to say no to an adult.** Children should never feel they have to do something that makes them uncomfortable.
- **Move away and find a safe adult.** If something doesn't feel right, they should go somewhere safe and seek help.
- **Always tell someone.** If anything happens that worries them, they should tell a parent, teacher or another safe adult, even if they are unsure whether it was important.

These conversations don't need to be frightening. Most people are kind and helpful, and the aim is simply to give children the confidence to recognise when something doesn't feel right and know what to do.

For further advice: [NSPCC – Helping children stay safe away from home](#)

Family Hub Highlights for Local Families

Free Family Activities This October Half-Term! The **Rushcliffe Family Hub** has organised some free activities for families during the October half-term holidays (19–30 October), including an outdoor play and craft event **right here in Keyworth!** These are opportunities for children to enjoy activities, spend time with other families and have fun without the cost of a day out. Although the activities are aimed at younger children, **older brothers and sisters are welcome too.**

Free Outdoor Autumn Play and Crafts – Keyworth

Wednesday 28 October, 10.00–11.30am

Keyworth Recreation Ground, NG12 5FD

- Join the Family Hub for a free outdoor session with autumn-themed play and craft activities.
- Suitable for children under five, with older siblings welcome.
- No booking required.
- Please dress for the weather.

Free Spooky Party – Bingham

Tuesday 20 October, 1.30–3.00pm

Bingham Family Hub, Eaton Place, NG13 8BE

A free Halloween-themed party with play and craft activities for children under five. Older siblings are welcome, and fancy dress is optional.

No booking required, although numbers are limited by the room's capacity.

Free SEND Stay & Play – Bingham

Tuesday 27 October, 10.00–11.30am

Bingham Methodist Church, NG13 8AE

A free Stay & Play session for children under eight with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Older siblings are welcome.

Booking is required. Please call 0115 977 3749 to reserve a place.

More than just holiday activities!

The Family Hub also offers free advice and practical support throughout the year. This includes breastfeeding and baby support, sleep clinics, children's behaviour, emotional wellbeing, parenting courses, one-to-one family support and help with financial or wider family difficulties. You don't need to wait until a problem becomes serious or be referred by school.

Parents and carers can contact the Family Hub directly. **Find out more** For the full October half-term timetable, including baby self-weigh sessions, visit: [Rushcliffe October Half-Term Activities – Your Notts Directory](#) Scroll to “Half term timetables” and select “Rushcliffe October activities” to open the PDF. For information about the wider support available: [Rushcliffe Family Hub, Bingham – Your Notts Directory](#) [Nottinghamshire Family Hub Networks](#)

Dates for your Diary



Friday 16th October- INSET DAY- School closed to all pupils.

Saturday 17th October- Sunday 1st November- October Half Term.

Monday 2nd November- ALL children back in school after half term.

Thursday 4th November- Reception 2027 Open Evening- 5:30- 6:30pm.

Monday 9th November- Year 3 Library visit

Wednesday 11th November- Remembrance Day

Thursday 12th November- Year 6 Library visit

Monday 16th November- Anti-Bullying Week.

Friday 20th November- Children in Need

Wednesday 25th November- Year 1 Library Visit and Year 4 Roman's Day

Monday 30th November- Year 6 Class Assembly at 3pm

Wednesday 2nd December- EYFS Story Cafe

Friday 4th December- Christmas Fair 3:30- 5:30pm

Saturday 5th December- Keyworth Festivities Day (Choir singing)

Tuesday 8th December- Morning Christmas Performance (9:30am)

Wednesday 9th December- Afternoon (2pm) and Evening (6pm) Christmas Performances.

Friday 11th December- Whole School Christmas jumper and dinner day!

Tuesday 15th December- Whole School Trip to the Panto!

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.