



Dragon's Roar- Oct- 2/10/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and exciting couple of weeks at Keyworth Primary! We've had lots happening across school, including our **first-ever Colour Run**, some fantastic visitors to our Reading Lair, and Year 1 enjoying a wonderful afternoon learning all about toys from the past.

There's lots more to look forward to over the coming weeks, so please take a few minutes to read the newsletter carefully and catch up on everything that's been happening across our school.

As always, please don't forget to check the **important dates at the bottom of the newsletter**. These will help us all keep up to date with what's coming up and make sure we don't miss anything.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are really pleased with how well the children have settled into the new school year and the positive start they are making. They continue to make us very proud!

Best wishes,

Mrs King

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The Keyworth Code





Parents' Evenings- 12th and 15th October

Parents' Evening 12th and 15th of October 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming you all for our first Parents' Evening of the academic year. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and discuss their children's progress in person with the class teacher. Parents and carers will also get the

chance to look at some of their children's work. When booking and coming into school, please be mindful that:

- appointments last 10 minutes and teachers will need to end them promptly to reduce waiting time and congestion.
- we have allocated enough 'slots' for each child to have **one** 10-minute appointment. If you feel you need more time than this, please contact the school office and we will discuss this with you.
- you can let your child's class teacher know if you have any specific questions before the meeting via the school office.

To book your appointment, please log in to your Arbor parent portal or app, select Guardian Consultations, and follow the instructions. **Bookings will open at 6:00 PM on Friday 2nd October, 2026**

On parents' evening you will receive an interim report which will offer you specific targets for your child accompanied by a snapshot of where they currently are in terms of the areas which that have the biggest impact on their progress:

- Attendance
- Effort
- Behaviour
- Engagement with homework

Harvest Festival- All Invited!



We are delighted to invite parents and families to join us for our **Harvest Festival Assembly on Monday 5 October at 9:10am.**

The assembly will last approximately **30 minutes**, and we would love for you to join us as we celebrate the Harvest together. 🍂

As part of our Harvest Festival, we will also be collecting **donations for our local food pantry/food bank**. This is a lovely opportunity for our children to think about supporting others in our community and sharing what we have.

If you would like to make a donation, children can bring in **non-perishable food items**, such as:

- 🥫 Tinned vegetables, fruit, beans or soup
- 🍝 Pasta and pasta sauces
- 🍚 Rice
- 🥞 Breakfast cereals
- 🫘 Tinned beans and pulses
- 🥔 Tinned potatoes

-  Tinned meat or fish
-  Noodles
-  Long-life fruit juice
-  Long-life milk
-  Biscuits and crackers
-  Tea and coffee
-  Peanut butter and other spreads
-  Jam and other preserves

Please only send items that are unopened and within their use-by/best-before date. Children bring these in and give them to their class teachers. Our super School Council will then collect all the donations.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. We look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival and celebrating together! 🌿 🍎

Communication at KPNS

We want to reassure parents and carers that we really do value open and positive communication between home and school. Our door is always open, and we encourage you to speak to us if you have a concern, a question or something you would like to discuss.

As a school, however, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of emails and requests coming into school. We thought it would therefore be helpful to clarify our approach to communication and response times.

Our priority, first and foremost, is **teaching and learning and providing the best possible provision for the children in school**. This is where the majority of our time and attention needs to be focused during the school day.

We aim to respond to parent and carer enquiries **within five working days** which is inline with Trust and School policies. We appreciate your patience with this. This allows staff to give their full attention to the children during the school day, while also ensuring that enquiries are given the appropriate time and consideration rather than receiving a rushed response.

There are also a number of ways you can speak to us directly:

- **Mrs Jones, Mrs Gerrard and Mrs King** are often available around the back playground at the beginning and end of the school day, so please do come and speak to us if you need to. We are always happy to help.
- If you would like to have a conversation with your child's class teacher, please contact the **school office to arrange an appointment**. This helps us to make sure the teacher is able to give you their full attention and that the conversation does not take place when they are responsible for teaching the class.

Also, please remember that the **school office is not always staffed during lunchtime**. At this time, our available staff, including Mrs Buttery, are supporting children with lunchtime routines and supervision.

We really appreciate your support and understanding. We want to maintain an open, approachable school where parents feel comfortable raising concerns, while also protecting the time and focus our staff need to provide the very best education and care for your children.

Thank you, as always, for working with us as a school community.

Y2 Worked with the Keyworth Abundance

As part of our Year 2 Science enquiry question, *"How are bulbs and seeds different?"*, we enjoyed a fantastic outdoor learning session with Tracey from the Keyworth Abundance Team.

Tracey brought along a range of bulbs, including daffodils, crocuses and bluebells. We carefully examined the bulbs, looking closely at their different layers and discussing how they grow.

Before planting, we had an important job to do. Working in small groups, we followed instructions carefully and teamed up to dig out weeds from the flower beds. We then layered the soil and planted the bulbs at different depths so that they will flower at different times throughout the spring.

The children showed excellent teamwork, listening skills and determination as they worked together to transform our school flower beds and pots.



A MARATHON EFFORT!

Well done to one of our super Year 2 children who took part in the Robin Hood Mini Marathon at the weekend. We are proud of you! Don't forget, if your child does something they are proud of out of school, we'd love to hear about it.



Here is an update from the Friends of KPNS:



Last Friday was our CRAZY COLOUR Run- it was so much fun- thank you School Council for making the suggestion.

We have a couple of events coming up:

- **Tuesday 6th of October** is our AGM at 7pm. All are welcome to come and join- we love seeing new faces. It will be held at KPNS and please come through the main office. We will talk about the year ahead, fundraising priorities, events and how we can continue to support our school.
- **Thursday 8th of October** is our Halloween Disco. Book your children in through Arbor.
- 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](#)



Safeguarding Tips for Parents

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Is Your Child Livestreaming?

Ofcom, the UK's online safety regulator, updated its research into children and livestreaming on 10 September. Its research shows that livestreaming is now a relatively common part of children's online lives and highlights particular safeguarding risks because everything happens in real time.

Many children enjoy watching live videos of gaming, hobbies, challenges and other activities online. But did you know that some apps, games and platforms also allow users to **broadcast live themselves?**

Unlike recording a video first, livestreaming gives children little opportunity to reconsider what they have shown or said. They could accidentally reveal their school, location or other personal information, interact with people they don't know, or feel pressured by comments from viewers. A livestream can also be recorded by somebody else and shared afterwards.

A few useful things to check:

- **Ask your child whether they ever “go live”**, not just what videos they watch.
- **Look together at the apps and games they use** and find out whether they include livestreaming.
- **Check privacy and location settings** and who can watch, comment or make contact.
- **Talk about what should never appear on camera**, including personal information or anything that identifies where they live or go to school.
- **Reassure them that they should stop and tell you** if anybody online asks them to do something that makes them uncomfortable.

Livestreaming can be creative and enjoyable. The important thing is knowing when children are using it and helping them understand that **“live” can quickly mean public — and what happens on camera may not disappear when the stream ends.**

For further advice:

CEOP Education – Live streaming: a parents and carers guide

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

NSPCC – Livestreaming and online video apps

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

Family Hub Highlights for Local Families

The Rushcliffe Family Hub offers **free support, information and advice for parents and carers**. You do not need to wait until a problem becomes serious: families can contact the team directly for advice, reassurance or help finding the right support.

Support in Keyworth

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

- **Monday 12 October**
- **Monday 9 November**
- **Monday 14 December**
- **1.30–2.30pm**
- Keyworth Health Centre, NG12 5JU

These monthly sessions provide a convenient local opportunity to use the baby self-weigh facilities and speak with Family Hub staff.

What can the Family Hub help with?

Family Hubs are **not just for families with babies**. They provide a route into support for families throughout childhood and into young adulthood. Parents can ask for help with:

- behaviour, boundaries, routines and sleep
- children's emotional wellbeing
- child development, listening and communication
- feeding, weaning and fussy eating
- parenting and family life
- preparing for a baby and support with new babies
- finances, benefits and employment
- finding specialist or additional support
- domestic abuse and keeping families safe
- meeting other parents, building confidence and volunteering

Support can be offered individually or through groups and courses, and staff can help families find more specialist services where needed.

Free groups near Keyworth

East Leake – Under 5s Stay & Play & Family Hub Drop-In

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

Bingham – Under 1s Group

- Tuesdays during term time
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub, Eaton Place, NG13 8BE

Bingham – Under 5s Stay & Play & Family Hub Drop-In

- Thursdays during term time
- 10.00–11.30am
- Bingham Family Hub

B.A.B.E.S Breastfeeding Support is also available weekly in **East Leake, Bingham and West Bridgford**.

Contact the Rushcliffe Family Hub

Bingham Family Hub is open Monday–Friday, 8.30am–5.00pm. Parents and carers can contact the team themselves — a professional referral is not required.

 **0115 977 3749**

 **FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk**

 **Rushcliffe Family Hub, Bingham – Your Notts Directory**

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

 **Nottinghamshire Family Hub Networks**

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

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

If you are not sure whether the Family Hub is the right place to ask, it is still worth getting in touch. The team can listen, offer advice and help you find the right support for your family.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 5th October- Harvest Festival (9:10- Families welcome to join us).

Tuesday 6th October- Year 4 Trip to the Deep

Thursday 6th October- Friends of KPNS AGM- all welcome. See details above.

Tuesday 6th October- Year 1 Library Visit

Tuesday 6th October- Y2 Keyworth Field Trip

Thursday 8th October- Friends of KPNS Halloween Disco.

Friday 9th October- Year 5 Mining Trip.

Monday 12th and Thursday 15th of October- Parents' Evening

Wednesday 14th October- Individual School Photographs

Thursday 15th October- Year 2 Library Visit

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.

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.