Dragon's Roar- Nov- 13/11/26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the darker nights begin to draw in, it has been lovely to welcome the children back after the October half-term break. They have settled back into school routines brilliantly and we have been busy with lots of learning and celebrations.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have marked Remembrance, enjoyed our Bonfire Night celebrations and explored Black History Month, giving the children opportunities to learn, reflect and celebrate together.

We are looking forward to another busy few weeks at KPNS! Next week, we will be coming together to celebrate **Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need**, before beginning rehearsals for our much-anticipated Christmas performances.

Please take a little time to read through this edition of the Dragon's Roar carefully, as there is lots of important information and key dates to look out for over the coming weeks.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs King

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The Keyworth Code






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Remembrance Day!



This week, we came together for a special Remembrance Day assembly, where the children learnt about Armistice Day, why we wear poppies and the importance of taking time to remember those who have served and sacrificed for others. At 11 o'clock, the whole school joined together for a two-minute silence, which the children observed beautifully. During Forest School sessions, the children have also been busy creating some wonderful woodland poppies, which are now proudly displayed outside the Forest School entrance. A special thank you goes to two of our lovely Year 6 girls who, over the past week and a half, have braved the freezing temperatures to sell poppies and other remembrance merchandise. They have done a fantastic job, and we are incredibly proud of their kindness and commitment. Well done, girls!




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Christmas- Everything you need to know!



There's lots to look forward to this December! Please pop the following dates in your diary:

Friday 27th November – Christmas Performance Costumes

Please ensure that all costumes are in school by today, in a named plastic bag. Take a look at the attached image to see what your child will be wearing for their Christmas performance.

Friday 4th December – Christmas Fair (3:30–5:30pm)

Join us for our Christmas Fair! Don't forget to book your tickets to see Santa via Arbor. Children can come to school in non-uniform and bring a contribution for our **chocolate tombola**.

Saturday 5th December – Keyworth Festivities Day

Our school choir will be spreading some Christmas cheer with a performance at **2pm in the Village Hall**. Our wonderful Friends of KPNS will be selling mulled wine and other treats nearby on the day.

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

We look forward to welcoming families to our morning performance. Tickets are available to purchase via Arbor.

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Performances

We have two opportunities to enjoy our Christmas celebrations:

- Afternoon performance – 2pm
- Evening performance – 6pm

Tickets for both performances are available via Arbor.

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day!

A whole-school festive favourite! Children can wear their Christmas jumpers and enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner together.

Tuesday 15th December – Whole-School Pantomime Trip

A special festive treat! Children from F2 to Year 6 will be heading out together to enjoy this year's pantomime. Look out for a panto blog coming out soon.

We are looking forward to a wonderful festive few weeks filled with Christmas cheer, laughter and lots of special memories! 🎅🎄



For our Christmas Performance 2026, KPNS will be taking you on a global tour looking at Christmas around the world!

We are looking forward to putting on a fantastic performance. Please help make it special by providing your child with a costume as outlined below. All costumes to be in school no later than *Friday 27th of November* in a **named** carrier bag.

Years 1 and 2 are representing Poland!

We would like them to dress like stars in silver/gold. This can be a simple star t-shirt or a star costume or a super sparkly star outfit!



Children in EYFS are representing China!

We would like them to wear red and gold clothing or red traditional Chinese costumes.



Year 3 and Year 4 are representing Australia!

We would like them to wear Summer beach shorts and bright shirts! Santa hats and sunglasses would make great accessories!



Year 5 are representing Africa!

We would like them to wear bright colours and/or African patterns.



Year 6 are representing Ireland

We would like them to wear green in line with the Irish national colours. This can be any shade of green, a dress, shorts, stripy socks.



We will be sending information about how you can book your tickets over the next couple of weeks. But in the meantime, put the following dates in your diary:
Tuesday 8th December- Morning Performance (9:30am)
Wednesday 9th December- 2pm and 6pm (Please put the evening performance in the diary so all the children can attend).

Here is an update from the Friends of KPNS:



We have a couple of BIG events coming up:

- **Friday 4th of December** is our Christmas Fair- more information coming out soon. On Friday 4th the children are also invited to come in non uniform and bring a donation for the chocolate tombola.
- **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. ;-)



📖 Bronze Reading Awards – A Little Reminder!

On Monday, we were delighted to present our **first round of Bronze Reading Awards** in assembly! It was wonderful to celebrate the children who have already completed their challenges and earned their certificates and personalised bookmarks. Well done to everyone!

A little reminder that our aim is for **every child to have completed their Bronze Reading Award by Christmas**, so there is still time to get involved!

Please take a few minutes to check your child's Home School Book and see how they are getting on:

- **EYFS & Key Stage 1:** Every time your child reads a book, remember to tick off one of their Bronze Award stepping stones at the back of their reading book. Please encourage regular reading at home.
- **Key Stage 2:** Check the Bronze Award challenges at the back of your child's reading book and support them in completing any that are still outstanding.

🎉 Once completed, every child will receive one of our **brand-new Bronze Award certificates and a personalised bookmark!**

We can't wait to celebrate even more reading achievements over the coming weeks! Remember, we are working towards Bronze first, with our Silver Award challenges launching in the Spring Term after Christmas.

Happy reading, everyone! 📖

Safeguarding Tips for Parents

Safeguarding Tips for Parents – Walking to and from School in the Dark

As the evenings become darker, we would like to remind families of the importance of keeping children safe when travelling to and from school. Please encourage children to wear bright or reflective clothing, use reflective accessories, and always use well-lit routes and designated pedestrian crossings where possible. Younger children should be accompanied by a responsible adult, while older children should be reminded to stay alert, avoid distractions such as mobile phones and headphones, and never take shortcuts through poorly lit or unfamiliar areas. It is also helpful to remind children about stranger safety and what to do if they feel worried or unsafe. A few simple conversations and reminders can make a real difference in keeping everyone safe.

Useful advice for families:

- Child Accident Prevention Trust – Pedestrian Safety
- RoSPA – Staying Safe When Walking

You could also include a reminder that being bright is good, but being reflective is even better in the dark!

Family Hub Highlights for Local Families

Rushcliffe Family Hub – Free Activities, Advice and Support for Families

Did you know that the **Rushcliffe Family Hub** offers much more than baby groups and play sessions?

Whether you have a new baby, younger children at home, children at school or a mixture of ages, the Family Hub offers a wide range of **free activities, practical advice and support** that could be useful to your family.

You don't need to be experiencing serious difficulties to get in touch. Sometimes a little advice or reassurance is all that's needed, while other families may benefit from more regular support.

What could the Family Hub help you with?

You might be surprised by the range of services available, including:

- **Babies and new parents** – breastfeeding support, baby self-weigh, feeding, weaning and baby development.
- **Sleep, behaviour and routines** – advice about managing everyday challenges with children of different ages.
- **Children's emotional wellbeing** – support with understanding and responding to children's needs.
- **Parenting and family life** – parenting programmes, one-to-one support and help with communication and relationships.
- **Money and wider family pressures** – help finding financial advice and other local services.
- **Meeting other families** – free Stay & Play sessions, Under 1s groups and other opportunities to meet parents and carers.
- **Additional or specialist support** – help finding the right services when families need more specific advice.

Coming up in Keyworth

The next **Family Hub Drop-In and Baby Self-Weigh** takes place at:

Keyworth Health Centre, NG12 5JU

- **Monday 9 November, 1.30–2.30pm**
- **Monday 14 December, 1.30–2.30pm**

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

Free groups and activities nearby

The Family Hub has published an updated timetable covering **2 November to 18 December 2026**.

Regular term-time activities include:

- **Bingham:** Under 1s Group on Tuesdays and Under 5s Stay & Play on Thursdays.
- **East Leake:** Under 5s Stay & Play and breastfeeding support on Tuesdays.
- **Cotgrave:** Crafts and Family Hub Drop-In on Mondays.
- **West Bridgford:** Breastfeeding support and baby self-weigh on Wednesdays, with **Under 5s Stay & Play now taking place on Thursday afternoons**.

There are also Family Hub drop-in and baby self-weigh opportunities at other venues across Rushcliffe.

Find out what is available to your family

Rather than listing every activity, we'd encourage parents and carers to explore the Family Hub information for themselves. You may discover a group, course or support service you didn't know existed.

Rushcliffe Family Hub, Bingham – Your Notts Directory

Find out about the services offered by the Bingham Family Hub, including support for parents and children.

Latest November–December timetable – Family Hub Network Rushcliffe

See the updated timetable for specific activities, locations, dates and times.

Nottinghamshire Family Hub Networks

Explore the wider range of family support and services available.

Need some advice or support?

You can contact the Family Hub directly. You don't need to be referred by school or another professional.

Rushcliffe Family Hub

Telephone: **0115 977 3749**

Email: **FHRushcliffe@nottscc.gov.uk**

If you're not sure whether the Family Hub can help, it's worth having a look at the information or getting in touch. There may be support available that you weren't aware of.

Please check the latest timetable before attending, as sessions can occasionally change.

Dates for your Diary



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!

Friday 18th December- Last day of Term.

Monday 4th January- ALL children back in school.

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.