

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

## Keyworth Term Dates 2022-2023

September 2022						
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March 2023						
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April 2023						
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May 2023						
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August 2023						
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School Holidays

Inset Days

Bank Holidays

Tutorial Day

Other Closures

## Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
15.03.23 at 9:10am	Year 4 multiplication tables check workshop	01.03.23	4EB
15.03.23	Possible NEU strike	08.03.23	RCM
16.03.23	Possible NEU strike	15.03.23	1HE
20.03.23 at 9:10am	Year 6 SATs workshop		
22.03.23 at 9:10am	Year 2 SATs workshop		

## Celebrations

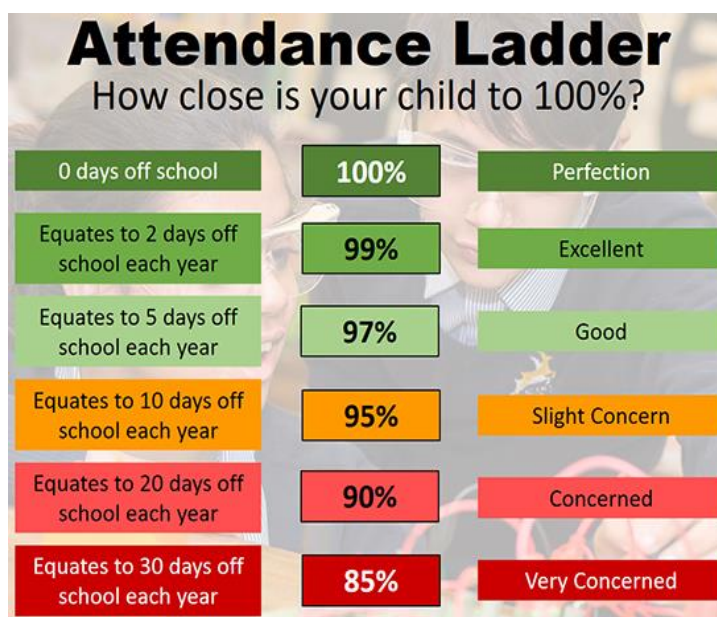
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCM	Lacey	Michelle G	Jayden	Alex	
1AJ	Sonnie	Maida	Ava	Fatima B	Freya
1HE	Reuben	Davena	Mohamed-Alie	Zak	Aviaana
2PH	Princess	Manha	Isa	Isabelle	Ifeoma
2CS	Kallum	Jeremiah	Luky	Jake	Mariam B

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MK	Jade	Kaelan	Ben	Samet
3AB	Sumayah	Denzel	Othniel	Sophia
4MV	Maddie	Jandira	Kymmani	Tyler
4EB	4EB	Alev	Mohamed	BJ
5BH	Tate	Majid	Bazeet	Cristalera
5JA	Daybel	Davarney	Jay	Jhesica
6MO	Khaziah	Osman	Kiahya-Rae	Violeta
6JG	Shayla & Ibrahim	Nathaniel	Yasmin	Payshenz

This week's gem winners are....	Diamonds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2PH 5BH

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCM	93.29
1AJ	97.5
1HE	97.5
2PH	98.56
2CS	92.31
3MK	100
3AB	97.22
4MV	91.56
4EB	100
5BH	97.74
5JA	95.31
6MO	91.07
6JG	96
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>95.52</b>
<b>School average (year)</b>	<b>93.21%</b>
<b>National average (year)</b>	<b>92.4%</b>
<b>School target</b>	<b>96%</b>



This week's attendance winners are **3MK 4EB**

Classes with the best attendance this term so far...

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
6JG 96.28%	5BH 94.53%	6MO 94.48%

## Latest News

### Attendance letters

It is a legal requirement that all children attend school regularly, with an aim of every child attending school over 95% of the time. If a child's attendance is below 90%, they are deemed as being persistently absent from school. In the next few days, some parents/carers will receive a letter from the school.

- **Letter 1: for children whose attendance is between 90% and 93%** - this letter is just to make you aware that your child's attendance is close to 90%. If you receive this letter, please note that this is for your information only with the aim of you striving to achieve at least 95% by the end of the academic year.
- **Letter 2: for children who are persistently absent from school** - this letter is to inform you that your child has attendance below 90%, is therefore persistently absent from school and is being monitored as part of the formal attendance process.

Stage	What it looks like	Review stage
Stage 1	A child's attendance is monitored for 6 weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ If a child's attendance significantly improves, there will be no further action.</li><li>➤ If a child's attendance does not significantly improve, they will move on to stage 2.</li></ul>
Stage 2	A child's attendance is monitored for another 6 weeks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ If a child's attendance significantly improves, they will move back to stage 1</li><li>➤ If a child's attendance does not significantly improve, they will move on to stage 3.</li></ul>
Stage 3	Southwark referral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The school will make a referral to Southwark Council who will take over the attendance proceedings.</li></ul>

Whether absence is authorised or unauthorised, all absence is included in the overall attendance percentage i.e. if a child has 6% authorised and 6% unauthorised absence they have a total of 12%, meaning they are persistently absent from school (below 90% attendance).

### Industrial action

On behalf of the teachers, I would like to thank you again for your support and understanding in relation to the continued industrial action being taken by NEU teachers; it is very much appreciated. Please note the upcoming NEU strike dates. No decision has been made yet as to the action, but I will inform you closer to the time once I know what is happening:

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

### Year 6 secondary school allocation - reminder

On Wednesday, parents/carers of children in year 6 were informed of their child/ren's allocated secondary school place.

- No action is required if you want to accept the school offered to your child.
- To reject the offer of a school place allocated to your child, you must notify the school admissions team by email and include your unique application reference number by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Social media

We have had several incidents of children behaving inappropriately when using WhatsApp, TikTok and YouTube at home, including children using inappropriate language and cussing. With social media platforms having age-restrictions, it is parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that any used apps are appropriate and that they are regularly being monitored at home.



As a school, we take the safeguarding of children extremely seriously. Should we be informed of inappropriate social media or online use, we will need to act accordingly - everyone is responsible for the safeguarding of children, so please report to the school should you have any concerns. Further support for parents/carers can be found on the website below:

[NSPCC - social media](#)

## Workshop reminders

For your diaries, please note the dates of workshops we will be hosting in March:

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am - Year 4 multiplication tables check;
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am - Year 6 SATs;
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9:10am - Year 2 SATs.

All workshops will take place in the Community Room.

## Keyworth Friends Cake and Clothes sale

The Keyworth Friends Cake and Clothes sale was a huge success, raising £110.70 which will be used towards future projects. The remaining clothes will be collected by Bag2school with items being re-used or recycled. Thank you again to everyone who donated, volunteered and/or purchased at/for the event.





*Community Room  
Launch – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March*

Bring a  
book



Take a  
book



Reminder:

- Make sure the books are in **GOOD CONDITION** and **suitable** for **NURSERY** and **PRIMARY SCHOOL** children
- NOT ACCEPTED: books with writing on them; damaged books

## World Book Day

Today we celebrated World Book Day. There were some great costumes on show!



### Keyworth's pop-up bookshop

To celebrate our love of reading, Keyworth has worked alongside the Children's Book Project to create our very first pop-up bookshop. The children were given a book token to use as payment for two books that they could then take home for FREE. Here is a happy year 1!



### Support for families 1 - fire safety at home check

The London Fire Brigade provide free home safety checks and smoke alarms that you can book by using the link below:

[Book a home fire safety check](#)

### Support for families 2 - National Lottery Open Week

This is not an endorsement for the National Lottery, but I thought I would share that they are working in partnership with lots of venues to offer free and discounted entry to different venues during the coming weeks:

[National Lottery Open Week](#)

### Support for families 3 - FREE Easter holiday cycling courses

At the end of this newsletter is a poster containing details of a free Easter holiday cycling course.

### Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **culture**. Please discuss its meaning with your child/ren and encourage them to share what they have learned with their teachers in school to receive gems. Do they know the origin? Can they use the word correctly in a sentence? Can they identify and explain the meaning of alternative forms e.g., **cultural/culturally**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

Please find below previous words that we have used in school:

<b>Previous words</b>	certain, mourn, congregate, collaborate, community, progressive, convention, respectful, resilient, prevent, rigor, responsible, prejudice, festive, transform, despondent, devoted, prosper, discontent, complement, eulogy
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I would like to wish you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School

# EASTER HOLIDAY CYCLING COURSES



“ The training instructors were amazing. Even continued in the rain. Amazing service and advice. Thank you!

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Southwark parent

## Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are providing **FREE** cycle skills courses for children over the Easter holidays.

Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are available and booking up fast! Training is in small groups with two fully qualified instructors.

All courses take place on Burgess Park (where limited bikes are available to borrow) and Dulwich Park (where bikes are not supplied).

## BOOK NOW

Places are limited so for more info or to book, visit

[www.cycleconfident.com/southwark](http://www.cycleconfident.com/southwark)

or call **020 303 16730**



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