

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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## Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
04.12.23	Flu vaccinations	08.11.23	5BH
07.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day	15.11.23	2PH
08.12.23	Enterprise Fair	22.11.23	Year1
12.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - years 4, 5 and 6	29.11.23	4AB
13.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - years 1, 2 and 3		
13.12.23	Christmas lunch		
14.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - Reception		
15.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - Little Stars and Nursery		
15.12.23	Winter Fair		
19.12.23	Class parties		
20.12.23	Last day of term - 2:00pm finish		
09.01.24	Children return		

## Celebrations

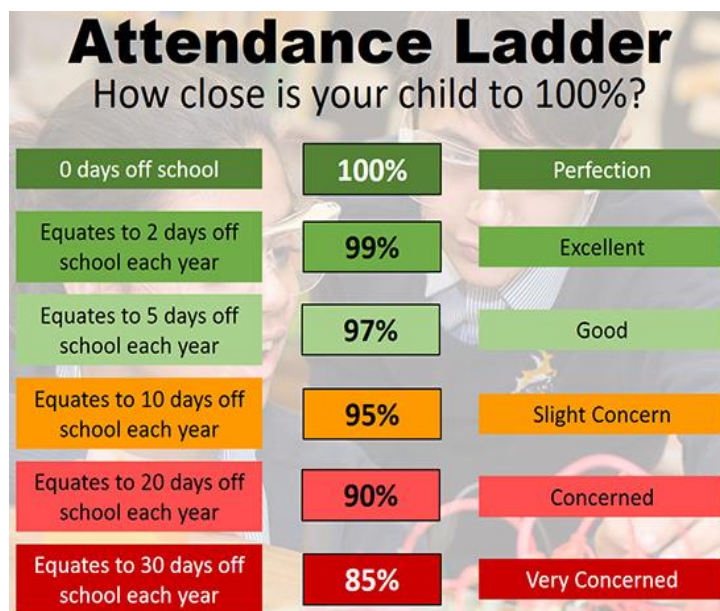
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	Ethan	Ananya	Anela	Kyrie	
1AJ	Michelle	Romario	Benyamin	Abdella	Jaiden
1HE	Olamilekan	Fatima	Jayden	Khalid	Emily
2PH	Abdul Ahadh	Evazi	Ellie	Avianna	Eden
2ER	Sonnie	Shahid	Kayleigh	Jasmine	Syraj

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MR	Kayden	Ifeoma	Alayna	Amanah
3GC	Sebastian	Jeremiah	Mariam	Nadira
4AB	Nora	Arsema	Teddy	Sophia
4EB	Aaradhya	Hamja	Eymen	Eli
5BH	Adrian	Joao	Maddie	Valentina
5AA	Hawdyar	Jayme	Lucas	Asly
6MV	Michelle	Qhalil	Yalda	Martin
6CS	Lucretia	Aiden	Oliver C	Abena

This week's gem winners are....	Rubies
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2ER 3GC

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	82.05
1AJ	97.59
1HE	88.82
2PH	88.40
2ER	97.01
3MR	95.39
3GC	91.58
4AB	98.42
4EB	94.44
5BH	98.09
5AA	99.06
6MV	97.31
6CS	91.54
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>94.06</b>
<b>School average (year)</b>	<b>95.41%</b>
<b>National average (year)</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>School target</b>	<b>96%</b>



This week's attendance winners are **5AA**

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

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
5AA 96.92%	2PH 96.65%	3GC 96.23%

## Latest News

### Attendance

Regular school attendance is extremely important. As you will know, the School frequently reminds parents/carers of this... not because we have nothing better to do with our time but because we know the value of education in changing children's lives and futures.

The School invests a lot of time managing and encouraging good attendance. As you can see from the data below, this investment is having a positive impact:

	Attendance 2023-24	Persistent absence (below 90%)
Keyworth Primary School	95.53%	13.1%
National average	93.7%	22.3%

Despite these improvements, we still need better for the children...

### What is impacting children's attendance to school?

1. **Unauthorised term-time holidays** - families are still taking their child/ren on unauthorised holidays during term-time. Any family who decides to do so, will be referred to Southwark Council as it is illegal to do so. However, the School may authorise the odd day should a family make a request in advance and their child/ren already has/have excellent attendance to school.
2. **Persistent absence** - even though it is better than the national picture, there are still far too many children who do not attend school regularly and, as a result, are persistently absent from school (attendance below 90%). All children who are persistently absent from school are not performing to their best standard and the majority of persistently absent children at Keyworth are working below the age-related standards.

Please support your child's education by ensuring that they come to school every day unless absolutely necessary... **every day matters!**

Attendance %	Days absence	Learning hours lost
100%	0	0
99%	2	10
95%	9.5	47.5
94%	11	55
91%	17	85
90%	19	95
89%	21	105
86%	27	135
85%	28.5	142.5
81%	36	180
80%	38	190

*The table shows information for one school year.*

Below is a link to research showing how children who have poor attendance to school do worse with their GCSEs:


[The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4](#)

## Assembly - Universal Declaration of Human Rights

This week during our weekly themed assembly, we learnt about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and considered why rights are important.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

### Articles 1 & 2



We are all born free.  
We all have our own thoughts and ideas.  
We should all be treated in the same way.

These rights belong to everybody,  
whatever our differences.

Artist: John Burningham

We Are All Born Free. Amnesty International/Frances Lincoln Children's Books

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

### Article 3



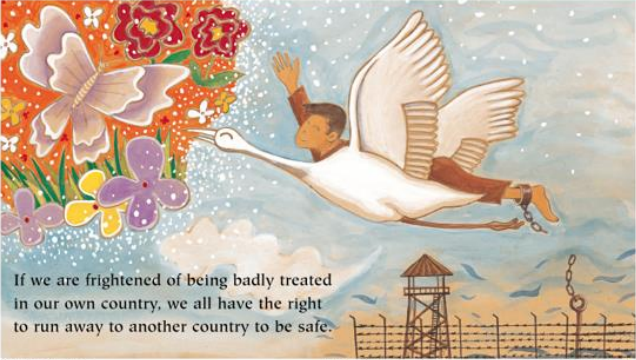
We all have a right to life  
and to live in freedom and safety.

Artist: Niki Daly

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### Article 14




If we are frightened of being badly treated  
in our own country, we all have the right  
to run away to another country to be safe.

Artist: Hong Sung Dam

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### Article 18

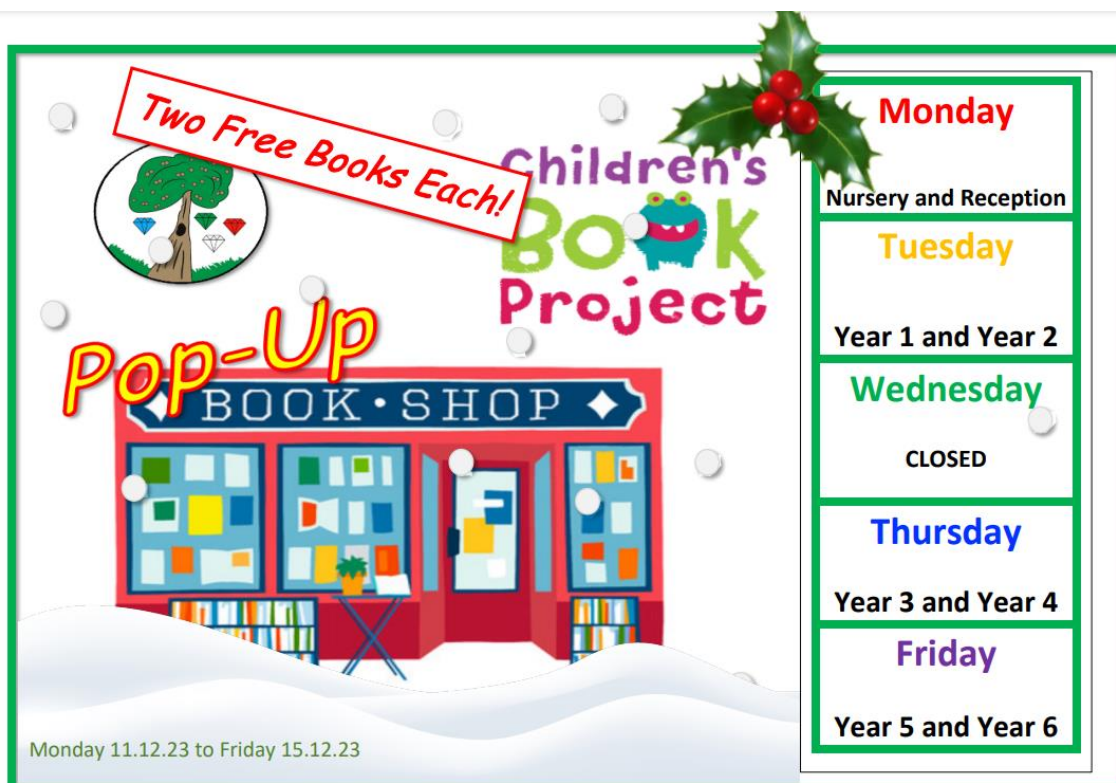


We all have the right to believe in whatever we like,  
to have a religion, and to change it if we wish.

Artist: Jessica Souhami

We Are All Born Free. Amnesty International/Frances Lincoln Children's Books

## Keyworth's pop-up bookshop



**Two Free Books Each!**

Children's **Book Project**

**Pop-Up BOOK SHOP**

Monday 11.12.23 to Friday 15.12.23

<b>Monday</b>
Nursery and Reception
<b>Tuesday</b>
Year 1 and Year 2
<b>Wednesday</b>
CLOSED
<b>Thursday</b>
Year 3 and Year 4
<b>Friday</b>
Year 5 and Year 6

## Maths Enterprise Fair

Your children have been busy researching, designing and making their products to sell at the Maths Enterprise Fair that takes place **today from 3:30pm**. The fair will take place in the lower and middle halls of the main school building - we hope to see you there!

## Christmas events

Another Christmas is fast approaching! Please make note of the following dates:

12.12.23	Christmas performance at 9:10am - years 4, 5 and 6
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## Christmas lunch

Our Christmas lunch will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Below you will find the menu:



**CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU**

**Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy**  
or  
**Tomato & Mozzarella Puff**  
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**Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas**  
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**Chocolate Ice Cream Log**  
or  
**Fresh Fruit**

We hope to see your child for a fun festive lunchtime experience!

ISS Classification - Restricted - Internal



Feeding Hungry Minds

### Keyworth Friends Winter Fayre - items needed

We need donations of quality books and soft toys. Also, we would appreciate donations of Christmas sweets/chocolate items and bottles of alcohol. Please take donations to the office.

### Keyworth Friends Winter Fayre

Our Winter Fayre takes place on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. It is one of the highlights of the school year for the children and is an important part of our school value "Connected to the Community".

Without parent/carer volunteers, it would not be possible. Keyworth is not just about the staff and children who attend/work here, but about the whole community, including parents/carers, extended families and friends. **If you are able to volunteer your time to help organise, set-up, run stalls and/or tidy-up after, your support will be extremely appreciated.** Please contact Keyworth Friends directly to offer your support to the School (see poster).



  
KEYWORTH PRIMARY  
SCHOOL FRIENDS  
ASSOCIATION

# Winter Fayre

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER  
3:30-5PM

- \* FUN & GAMES
- \* SANTA'S GROTTTO
- \* TEMPORARY TATTOOS

- \* RAFFLE
  - TOP PRIZE £50
  - BOX OF CUPCAKES
  - FOOD HAMPER
  - MANY MORE PRIZES

- \* STALLS
- \* TOMBOLA
- \* FOOD
- \* DRINKS

WANT TO HIRE A STALL FOR YOUR SMALL BUSINESS?  
WANT TO VOLUNTEER? PLEASE CONTACT US:  
KEYWORTHFRIENDS@GMAIL.COM,



## Sports clubs and swimming

All sports clubs and swimming lessons will end on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Magic Breakfast visit

On Wednesday, our breakfast provision was visited by representatives from G-Research who fundraise for Magic Breakfast. Magic Breakfast are a registered charity aiming to end hunger as a barrier to education in UK schools through the provision of healthy breakfasts to children living with food insecurity. Magic Breakfast provide food to our school breakfast club, our morning bagel station and Early Years breakfast tables. Our visitors observed all areas of our breakfast provision (which they were very impressed by) and provided donations of toys to our breakfast club, which we are very thankful for!

*G-Research is a leading quantitative finance research company based in London. The partnership with Magic Breakfast started in November 2022 and every November, G-Research employees come together to raise as much money as possible for their charity partners. The month involves a combination of fundraising events, activities and challenges (organised by the company) and individual/group efforts made and led by employees at G-Research. Last year they raised £87k for Magic Breakfast and are hoping to raise a similar amount this year.*

## Bowling trip

Congratulations to our bowling team who retained their title from last year when competing against 15 other primary school teams in a bowling competition. There was more great news for the Federation as Bessemer finished in second! Well done to everyone who represented the school!



## Christmas Jumper Day

Yesterday, we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day - thank you to everyone who took part and for their donations!

*Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond) put on a festive knit at their workplace, school or with friends and donate to help give children the magical future they deserve. By dressing up and being silly, participants help kids facing serious issues like war, hunger and poverty.*

Please note the children can also wear their Christmas outfits for our Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** and for their Christmas performance.



## Year 2 art

Year 2's art unit this half term is collage. Taking inspiration from famous collage artist Kurt Schwitters, year 2 children went on a walk through Kennington Park to find unconventional materials to use in their artwork e.g. leaves, conkers, sticks etc. They will use the natural things that they collected to make a giant collage of the Great Fire of London.





## Support for families - FREE drama programme



# THEATRE TROUPERS



**Drama groups for wellbeing**  
For 7-11 year olds in Southwark and Lambeth

Have fun  
Make friends  
Build your confidence  
Forget about your worries for a while

Wednesdays from January 31st 2024  
4-5.30pm  
Southwark Playhouse Elephant  
Dante Road  
SE11 4RX



**THEATRE TROUPERS** is a group for children in Years 4,5, and 6 who like drama, or want to give it a go, and may be going through things that are a bit difficult at the moment. We know lots of children are struggling, especially since COVID & we want to do something about that!

Theatre Troupe are experts in providing high quality arts programmes for young people who have emotional difficulties, so all Troupers will be in a safe, supported environment designed to make everyone feel they can participate.

We welcome anyone who'd like to meet other people, have fun and have a break from their worries for a while.

There is no charge for the programme. Pizza, sandwiches and other refreshments are provided.

For more information, and to book your place, please contact Emily on: [emily@theatretroupe.org](mailto:emily@theatretroupe.org)  
07951 047015

[www.theatretroupe.org](http://www.theatretroupe.org)  
Registered Charity No. 1197879

### Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **convenient**. 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. **conveniently/convenience**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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

<b>Previous words</b>	defensible, corresponded, exaggerated, recommended, determined, hinder, accommodated, controversy, sacrifice, persuade, awkward, thorough
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## RIP Benjamin Zephaniah



### People Need People

To walk to  
To talk to  
To cry and rely on,  
People will always need people.  
To love and to miss  
To hug and to kiss,  
It's useful to have other people.  
To whom to moan  
If you're all alone,  
It's so hard to share  
When no one is there.  
There's not much to do  
When there's no one but you.  
People will always need people.

To please  
To tease  
To put you at ease,  
People will always need people.  
To make life appealing  
And give life some meaning,  
It's useful to have other people.  
If you need a change  
To whom will you turn.  
If you need a lesson

From whom will you learn.  
If you need to play  
You'll know why I say  
People will always need people.

As girlfriends  
As boyfriends  
From Bombay  
To Ostend,  
People will always need people-  
To have friendly fights with  
And share tasty bites with,  
It's useful to have other people.  
People live in families  
Gangs, posses and packs,  
It seems we need company  
Before we relax,  
So stop making enemies  
And let's face the facts,  
People will always need people,  
Yes  
People will always need people.

—Benjamin Zephaniah

## GOOD HOPE

### ✉ I believe

There is enough food  
On this planet  
For everyone.

### ☪ I believe

That it is possible  
For all people  
To live in peace.

### ☆ I believe

We can live  
Without guns,  
I believe everyone  
Is important.

### † I believe there are good Christians

And good Muslims,  
Good Jews  
And good not sures,  
I believe  
There is good in everyone  
I believe in people.

### ➡ If I did not believe

I would stop writing.



### I know

Every day  
Children cry for water,  
And every day  
Racists attack,  
Still every day  
Children play  
With no care for colour.

So I believe **there is hope**

And I hope  
That there are many believers  
Believing  
There is hope,  
That is what I hope  
And this is what I believe,  
I believe in you,  
**Believe me.**



I would like to wish you and your family a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School