

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Keyworth Term Dates 2022-2023

September 2022						
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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	
09.12.22	Keyworth Friends' Winter Fayre	05.10.22	6JG
12.12.22	Christmas concert at 9:10am - years 4, 5 and 6	12.10.22	3MK
13.12.22	Christmas concert at 9:10am - years 1, 2 and 3	19.10.22	4MV
14.12.22	Christmas concert at 9:10am - Reception	02.11.22	5JA
14.12.22	Christmas lunch	09.11.22	2PH
15.12.22	Christmas concert at 9:10am - Little Stars and Nursery	16.11.22	5BH
15.12.22	Class parties	23.11.22	2CS
16.12.22	Last day of term - 2:00pm finish		
03.01.23	INSET day		
04.01.23	Children return to school		

## Celebrations

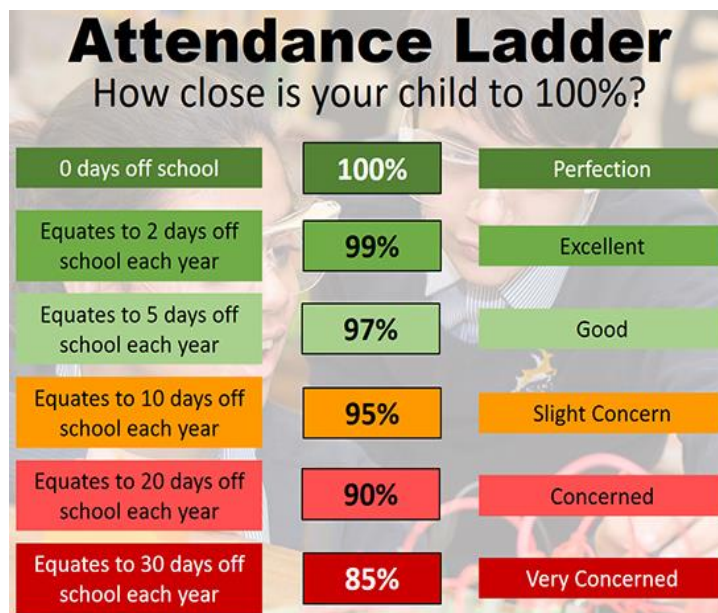
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCM	Sulaim	Raed	Wendy	Khalid	
1AJ	Fatima	Mabruka	Shahid	Jasmine	Sonnie
1HE	Sofia	Ellie	Ryan	Aidan	Ami
2PH	Whole of 2PH	Alayna	Erick	Zack	Ifeoma
2CS	Francesco	Yousef	Anniya	Jeremiah	Zeynab

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MK	Sana	Jade	Hamja	Tawiah
3AB	Yahya	Sumayah	Zaynab	Denzel
4MV	Kaycee	Jayne	Abdul	Hawa
4EB	Elijah	Anas	BJ	Lillie
5BH	Keeva	Mahdi	Albie	Matais
5JA	Oliver	Taqwa	Kenza	Jay
6MO	Zach	Azim	Yacine	Samiya
6JG	Ezekiel	Rachel	Cianna	Nathaniel

This week's gem winners are....	Diamonds	
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2CS	3MK

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCM	96.36
1AJ	95.02
1HE	97.04
2PH	90
2CS	94.23
3MK	96.88
3AB	86.59
4MV	99.03
4EB	95
5BH	93.01
5JA	96.06
6MO	96.67
6JG	100
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>95.07</b>
<b>National average</b>	<b>94.3%</b>
<b>School target</b>	<b>96%</b>



This week's attendance winners are **6JG**

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

1st	2nd	3rd
6JG 97.65%	4MV 96.71%	2CS 96.03

## Latest New

### Vision and values

This week, we focused on the value **Respectful**. During an assembly, the children explored the idea of being respectful using the text "My mouth is a volcano" by Julia Cook. Should you wish to explore it further, you can do so at home using the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/597318766>

Next week, we will be focusing on our final core value: **Self-aware and Supportive**.

### Attendance and punctuality

As you will know, children's attendance and punctuality to school has a direct impact on their academic performance, social skills, friendships, life skills, future prospects and general wellbeing. The aim is for all children to attend school at least 95% of the time. Thank you to all families whose children come to school regularly and on time.

If your child is persistently absent from school (attendance below 90%), the school will be contacting you to discuss this. Should your child's attendance not improve when we review attendance again next term, we may have to make a referral to Southwark's Attendance Team.

*An attendance rate of 90% might sound quite good but would mean that a child is absent for 4 weeks in the school year. If this rate remained the same throughout the years a child is legally expected to attend school, then he/she would miss more than one year of their schooling life.*

If your child arrives late to school and after the register is taken, this will be included in your child's overall attendance percentage and be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Managing children's attendance and punctuality is a massive job for all schools, so I would appreciate all families support in working with the school in order that all children can achieve their very best and improve their future prospects.

### Christmas dates

Below are the dates for our upcoming Christmas events:

Date	Event
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Keyworth Friends' Winter Fayre
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas concert at 9:10am - years 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas concert at 9:10am - years 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas concert at 9:10am - Reception
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas concert at 9:10am - Little Stars and Nursery
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Class parties
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term - 2:00pm finish

Year 6 fundraising - cake sale

## Self-aware and Supportive

**We are kind to ourselves and caring of others.**

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We nurture engagement in learning, positive relationships and greater empathy by helping children develop:

- emotional literacy** - managing their feelings;
- social skills** - being aware of others' emotions;
- resilience** - having the tools to deal with challenges and new things.

Attendance Rate	Days Absent in School Year	Weeks Absent in School Year
100%	0	0
95%	10	2
90%	20	4
85%	30	6
80%	40	8

On **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**, year 6 will be hosting a bake sale to help raise money for their trips at the end of year. Please bring your appetites and your coins!

### Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. On **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, the children can come to school wearing odd socks to highlight and celebrate what makes us unique - no donation is required. The children will also be listening to an anti-bullying assembly as well as completing activities/discussions in class. Below you will find a link to a resource for parents/carers containing advice around bullying and supporting your child/ren:

[Anti-Bullying Parent Pack](#)

The poster features a green background with a large black arrow pointing right. At the top, the Anti-Bullying Alliance logo is displayed. Below it, the text reads 'This ANTI-BULLYING WEEK we are holding'. The main event is 'ODD SOCKS DAY on MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022'. A smaller logo for 'Odd Socks Day' is shown next to the text 'Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!'. A pink arrow points to the date. At the bottom right, a pink arrow contains the hashtags #OddSocksDay, #AntiBullyingWeek, and #ReachOut. The bottom section shows a group of diverse children playing instruments. At the very bottom, there is fine print and logos for the Anti-Bullying Alliance, Reach Out, and Odd Socks Day.

**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
we are holding

**ODD SOCKS DAY** on  
**MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**Odd Socks Day**

Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

**#OddSocksDay**  
**#AntiBullyingWeek**  
**#ReachOut**

**Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week!**

To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that you wear **odd socks** to school on **Monday 14th November 2022.**

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**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**  
ORGANISER

**REACH OUT**  
#ANIBULLYINGWEEK

**ODD SOCKS DAY**  
PARTNER

Children in Need



On **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be taking part in *BBC's Children in Need* appeal. On the poster below, you will see that children can come to school wearing spots and/or stripes, and that we will be taking donations of 50p to £1.00 as part of the campaign. Additionally, on the day we will be taking part in *BBC Moodbusters Live* where famous faces will lead a short series of interactive, dynamic and imaginative activities for pupils to get involved with so they can have fun and boost their moods.

# WE'RE RAISING MONEY

## FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

### WHAT?

The theme this year is **SPOTacular!**

Children can come to school wearing **SPOTS** and/or **STRIPES**

*\*Donations can be made at the school gates or handed to the class teacher on the day of the event.*

**Suggested amount: 50p-£1**

### WHEN & WHERE?

**KEYWORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2022**

 **BBC Children in Need** |   
Official Education Partner

[bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools](http://bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools)

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## ProStrike event

On **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** the children will be taking part in a sponsored *Speed Challenge* to fundraise for the year 6 residential trip. There is no fee for participation and all children can take part.



The speed challenge involves a giant inflatable football goal with an integrated speed camera system. When a pupil (or staff member) takes a shot at the goal, the speed is displayed on a digital screen for all to see. All children will receive a personalised certificate showing their top speed on the day of the event.

Like many fundraising events, funds are raised via pupil sponsorship; children will ask friends and family members to sponsor them to take part in the speed challenge. The school is not the only ones who can benefit from one of these fundraising events as pupils have the opportunity to win prizes for their fundraising efforts. The more each child can raise, the more prizes they will win. Prizes include drinks bottles, gym bags, wristbands, medals, trophies and footballs! Keyworth will receive 50% of all the money raised and all costs associated with running the event will come out of the remaining 50%.

## Year 6 - Matilda the Musical

Year 6 visited Cineworld in Leicester Square to watch a preview of Matilda the Musical. They had a fantastic time and got to meet some of the makers of the film - several of the children were also interviewed for promotional material!





## Cooking

Our cooking group made guacamole with coriander, garlic and onions. They then used it as a dip for cucumber and red pepper crudités.



## Support for families - cost of living

In case you have not seen it, I have copied to the end of this newsletter an email sent by Southwark Council to its residents with details of support offered to families in relation to food, energy and other costs.

## Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **resilient**. 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., **resilience/resiliently**? 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
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I would like to wish you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School

# Check what money you're entitled to

About 30,000 low-income Southwark households got support in August and September 2022 from our £5m Cost of Living Fund. We will announce more support through our Cost of Living Fund soon.

## 1. Check if you could get a Council Tax reduction

You could get Council Tax reduction if you're on a low income or claim benefits. Your bill could be reduced by up to 100%, depending on your circumstances.

>> [See if you're eligible for a Council Tax reduction](#)

## 2. Check what benefits you're entitled to

Answer a few quick questions about your personal circumstances and check you're getting all the benefits and other financial support you're eligible for.

>> [Check you're getting all the benefits you're entitled to](#)

If you're housebound or have a vulnerable person in your home, [we can check you are getting all the welfare benefits you can](#) and help you make a claim.

## 3. Get help in an emergency or crisis

We run an emergency support scheme if you're facing a crisis, and a hardship fund if you're in debt with bills. There is also support available from local charities.

>> [See what support is available if you need help urgently](#)

[Get more help to find out what money you're entitled to](#)

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# Help with energy bills

More than 100,000 eligible Southwark residents have now received their £150 Council Tax rebate to help with energy bills. More help is detailed below.

## 1. Which home appliances waste the most energy?

The Energy Saving Trust has information about which appliances in your home use the most electricity and tips on how to use them as efficiently as possible.

>> [Check which home appliances use the most energy](#)

## 2. Get a home improvement grant to help reduce your winter fuel bills

You could get a grant of up to £25,000 to improve your home and save money on your energy bills, through the Mayor of London's Warmer Homes scheme.



>> [See if you're eligible for a home improvement grant](#)

### 3. Get energy saving advice and free gadgets

If you are vulnerable or on a low income, Groundwork's Green Doctors can help you make energy-saving improvements in your home. You can get advice on the phone, or they visit your property. They may even give you some free energy-saving gadgets!

>> [Register for your free energy-saving consultation](#)

### 4. Join our green savers mailing list

Join our green savers email list to get regular tips to help you save money and reduce your carbon footprint.

>> [Join our green savers email list now](#)

[Get more help with energy costs](#)

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## Use our leisure centres, free of charge

### 1. Free swim and gym in Southwark

Southwark residents can use swimming pools and gyms at our leisure centres, free of charge, at certain times as part of our Free Swim and Gym programme.

>> [Register for free swim and gym](#)

### 2. Get a free leisure centre day pass

Get a free day pass to the gym, exercise classes and swimming pool at your local leisure centre in Southwark. (This offer is for new customers only.)

>> [Get your free leisure centre day pass now](#)

### 3. Use the free outdoor gym equipment in our parks

Lots of our parks also have outdoor gym equipment you can use free of charge.

>> [See which parks have outdoor gym equipment](#)

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## Get help with food

### 1. Help to get food if you can't afford or access it

You can get help in Southwark if you're struggling to afford food. There are low-cost food pantries, community fridges, fruit and veg vouchers schemes for families and other support services available.

>> [Find out about a range of food support schemes in Southwark](#)

## 2. Free school meals for primary-aged children

All children in maintained primary or nursery schools in Southwark can get a free school meal. You can choose a free healthy school meal for your child instead of a packed lunch.

>> [Read more about free school meals in Southwark](#)

## 3. Free healthy food and milk for your young child

If you get Universal Credit or Child Tax Credit, and have a child under four (or are at least 10 weeks' pregnant), you may be able to get a Healthy Start Card, with money on it, which you can use to buy milk and healthy food in some shops.

>> [Apply for a Healthy Start card for free healthy food for your child](#)

[Get more help with food and childcare costs](#)

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# Enjoy free films, books and Wi-Fi and computer use with your library card

## 1. Free: become a library member now

To get free films, borrow books, computer access and a range of other things, become a library member now. You'll get a temporary membership number straight away. You'll then need to bring ID to a library to confirm your membership.

>> [Become a library member now](#)

## 2. Use a computer and get free Wi-Fi at libraries

We offer free Wi-Fi in all of our libraries. If you're a library member, you can book a computer online up to a week in advance.

>> [Book to use a library PC now](#)

## 3. Stream films free of charge

Stream classic cinema, world cinema, indie film, and top documentaries with our free film streaming service. You just need your library card number.

>> [Stream films free of charge](#)

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# Other cost of living support

## 1. Find mental health and wellbeing support

If the increased cost of living is affecting your mental health there is help available.

>> [Find mental health support in Southwark](#)

## **2. Help to find a job and career advice**

We work with Southwark Works who can help you find a job and give you career advice. There are also lots of other local organisations that can help too.

>> [Get help to find a job and get employment advice](#)

## **3. Save money with our reusable nappy packs trial**

Real nappies are reusable nappies for your baby. You can save you up to £500 per child – and help reduce your household waste by nearly half. We're offering a free trial for Southwark parents, where we post a set of real nappies to you.

>> [Request a free trial pack of reusable nappies](#)

## **4. Get medicines or health care advice free from your local pharmacy**

You can get professional health care advice, treatments, and medicines for common illnesses from your local pharmacy, without the need for an appointment. If you don't pay for your prescriptions, any medicine recommended to you will be free.

>> [Find out about free advice and medicines from your local pharmacy](#)

## **5. Cheaper broadband and phone packages if you get benefits**

If you get Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits you might be able to cheaper broadband and phone packages.

>> [Find out about cheaper broadband and phone packages](#)

## **6. Domestic abuse and how to get help**

If you're experiencing any kind of domestic or sexual abuse, help is available from the Southwark Advocacy and Support Services. They support people aged 16 and above, who live in Southwark, at risk of domestic or sexual abuse.

Call 020 7593 1290 or email [southwark@solacewomensaid.org](mailto:southwark@solacewomensaid.org).

>> [Get help and advice on domestic abuse](#)