

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



Part of The Gem Federation

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## Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023						
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April 2024						
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August 2024						
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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

Polling Day

## Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
08.01.24	INSET day	24.01.24	6CS
09.01.24	Children return	31.01.24	4EB
17.01.24	Reception celebration day at 9:00am	07.02.24	2ER
24.01.24	Reception reading workshop at 9:00am - part 1	06.03.24	Year1
31.01.24	Reception reading workshop at 9:00am - part 2	13.03.24	5AA
05.02.24	Year 1 reading workshop and celebration at 9:00am	20.03.24	3GC
07.02.24	Reception reading workshop at 9:00am - part 3	27.03.24	RCJ
19.02.24	Tutorial day - school closed to children		
13.03.24	Year 4 x-table check parent/carer workshop at 9:10am		
20.03.24	Year 6 SATs parent/carer workshop at 9:10am		
28.03.24	Last day of term		
16.04.24	Children return		

## Celebrations

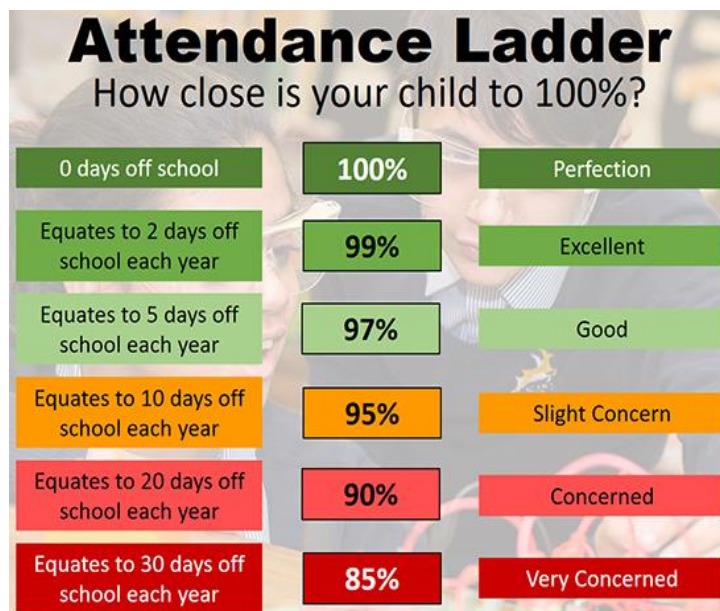
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	Yussuf	Ibrahim	Noah	Freddie	
1AJ	Michelle	Alex	Thomas	Abdulla	Wendy
1HE	Fatma	Misbahu	Ionie	Kai	Olamilekan
2PH	Reuben	Matilda	Ami	Ryan	Ibrahim
2ER	Adam	Sonnie	Freya	Mabrukah	Yasmina

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MR	King	Francisco	Alayna	Idris
3GC	Zahara	Adam	Malik	Jase
4AB	Jahmorei	Zaynah	Rayaan	Teddy
4EB	Frankie	Ayaan	Sana	Tilly
5BH	Erin	Aylin	Naiyah	Francis
5AA	Hana	Forry Forry	Sheray	Manuella
6MV	Matias	Adjoa	Martin	Glenn
6CS	Davarney	Albie	Aiden	Ariella

This week's gem winners are....	Emeralds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	1AJ 4EB

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	98.21
1AJ	94.12
1HE	96.43
2PH	91.67
2ER	93.05
3MR	95.88
3GC	93.88
4AB	98.05
4EB	100
5BH	89.81
5AA	98.81
6MV	97.25
6CS	97.27
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>95.05</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 **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>
5AA 96.85%	1HE 96.48%	6MV 96.17%

## Latest News

### Welcome back

The staff of Keyworth welcome all children and families back to school, and wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

### Behaviour and Self-regulation Policy

We have updated our *Behaviour and Self-regulation Policy*. Full details of the policy can be found on the school website. Below you will find details of our updated behaviour plan:

## The Gem Federation Behaviour Plan

### Sanctions

1. Verbal warning
2. Amber card x2
3. Miss 5 minutes of Golden Time
4. Miss a further 5 minutes of Golden Time (-10)
5. Red card – Detention (5 detentions result in a letter home and an Internal Exclusion)
6. Sent to Senior Leaders which is followed by a one-day Internal Exclusion.
7. External Exclusion

*Children should be given verbal warnings between each card change to remind them of the behaviours we are looking for.*

### Examples of card changes

- Talking or calling out when you have been asked not to
- Getting out of your seat when you have been asked not to
- Distracting others from their learning
- Graffitiing your work, book or school property
- Not trying your best with your work
- Not walking silently around the school
- Not standing still when the bell goes or running to the line
- Teasing another child
- Using inappropriate language

### Examples of reasons to go straight to a Red Card (detention)

- Offensive name-calling
- Swearing at someone else
- Disrespecting adults
- Purposely damaging property
- Not telling the truth
- Playfighting or being dangerous
- Pushing and shoving

### Examples of reasons to go straight to an Internal Exclusion

- Fighting or physically attacking another child
- Using discriminatory language intentionally to offend
- Purposely taking other people's or the school's property
- Destroying property in anger

### Examples of reasons to go straight to an External Exclusion

- Hurting an adult on purpose
- Being out of control

## The Gem Federation Behaviour Plan

### Rewards

1. All staff congratulate children verbally for appropriate, kind and considerate behaviour.
2. Children in KS1 and KS2 receive a brilliant behaviour sticker for exceptional behaviour during that day (ending the day on gold).
3. Each week we nominate one child from each class to receive a commendation for impressive work or behaviour. Each child receives a Star of the Week certificate and 3 gems. Their name is displayed on a communal board and in the weekly newsletter.
4. Each week we also nominate one child from each class to receive a commendation for their effort or attainment in mathematics, the presentation of work and writing. Each child receives a certificate and 3 gems. Their name is displayed on a communal board and in the weekly newsletter.
5. Each child from Years 1 to 6 belongs to a house (Diamonds, Rubies, Emeralds and Sapphires). Improvement, effort and achievement in work or behaviour is rewarded with a gem. At the end of the term, the winning house is rewarded with a trip.
6. Following the Golden Rules throughout the week is rewarded with 30 minutes of Golden Time on Fridays. Children can choose from a menu of activities offered across each year group.
7. Each class from Reception to Year 6 can earn Treasure Chests if the whole class is behaving well. The class in each key stage with the most Treasure Chests in a week are awarded 15 minutes extra play. The Reception class with the most treasure chests each week is awarded Lenny Lion in assembly.
8. Children are awarded a leaf on The Values Tree when they demonstrate behaviour in line with The Gem Federation's core values.



### Possible reasons to get a gem

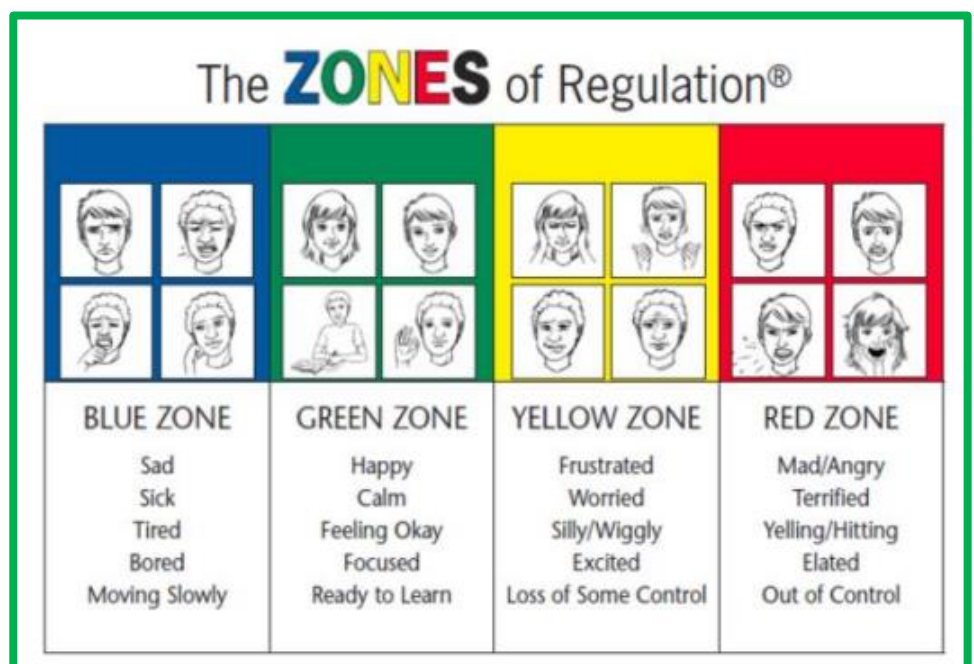
- ✓ You complete an excellent piece of work
- ✓ You try very hard
- ✓ You are kind to someone
- ✓ You are helpful
- ✓ You line up and move around the school sensibly
- ✓ You show excellent listening skills

We will also be teaching the children the importance of understanding their feelings and giving them strategies to help manage their emotions using The Zones of Regulation.

Please refer to the pdf document attached to this newsletter email.

The full school policy can be found by clicking on the link below:

[School policies](#)



## Gates

As a reminder, children should be dropped off at the gates in the morning and parents/carers should not be cutting through the school, unless special arrangements have been agreed with the school.

If your child is in Nursery or Reception, we advise that you use Gaza Street gate. We have implemented this strategy in the morning as it saves on learning time and ensures a smooth transition for the children in starting their school day. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Reading volunteers

# Parent/carer volunteer readers urgently needed!

Excellent reading is paramount to success in school.

Can you commit to an hour or two each week to listen to Keyworth children read?



Please contact the school office to communicate your interest. A member of the reading team will then be in touch to organise a suitable time.

## School finances and clubs

As you will be aware, schools across the country have been struggling financially as a result of falling numbers of children and rising costs, which have been combined with falling budgets. At Keyworth, we have made numerous cuts to staffing, facilities and provisions throughout the past few years in order to avoid going into debt. Unfortunately, and despite all of the cuts shared above, we are still struggling to balance the books. As a result, we have had to temporarily pause the majority of our free sport club provision with immediate effect. I know that this will be of disappointment to you but we have to protect the core provision between 9:00am and 3:30pm each day. Schools are funded based on the number of children it has and, since September 2023, 24 children have left Keyworth (mostly due to housing) resulting in £125,000 of our assigned budget being lost.

We are currently looking into other extra-curricular opportunities and will be in touch with any updates in the near future.

## Class assemblies

In a school year, each class will have one class assembly to showcase their learning in school. Please refer to the assembly timetable - all parents/carers are welcome!

Date	Class
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	6CS
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024	4EB
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	2ER
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Year 1
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	5AA
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	3GC
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	RCJ

## Reception celebration day

Our Reception celebration day will take place from **9:00am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. All parents/carers of children in Reception are welcome to attend. Please access school via Gaza Street.

### Attendance and attendance winners

Congratulations to class 5AA who were our attendance winners last term with the class earning a special treat! The competition for best attendance starts again for this term from now...

During September to November, Keyworth's overall attendance was **very good** and **above the national average**.

During December, Keyworth's overall attendance was **very poor** and **below the national average**.

Please support your child's education and future prospects by bringing them to school every day unless absolutely necessary.

### Reception places

Is your child starting primary school next year? If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, your child is due to start primary school in September 2024. Further information can be found below:

[Southwark Reception 2024 application process](#)

**Deadline: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### Gem winners - years 4 to 6

At the end of last term, our ruby gem winners visited the cinema to watch the film Wonka. Which gem house is going to win the gem prize this term?



## Thank you, Judith Kerr Primary School!

The Gem Federation has been working with Judith Kerr Primary School in recent years to support them in developing their provision. The parents/carers of Judith Kerr Primary School coordinated the gathering of gifts for our gem prize winners who were extremely thankful for the kind gesture! Thank you to Judith Kerr Primary School from Keyworth Primary School!



## Winter Fayre

**“Connected to the Community”** is an important school value: *we have a strong sense of being a part of and having responsibility for our community.* At the end of last term, we hosted our winter fayre - £559 was raised! Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organising and running, as well as everyone who attended. Keyworth Friends will be hosting further events this academic year and will need the support of parents/carers.



### Carol concert

On Sunday 17th December, children from our Christmas choir club sang in The Parish Church of St Mary, Newington for the carol concert. It was lovely to see the children part of the local community. They sang beautifully and had an enjoyable time at the party after to celebrate the festive season.



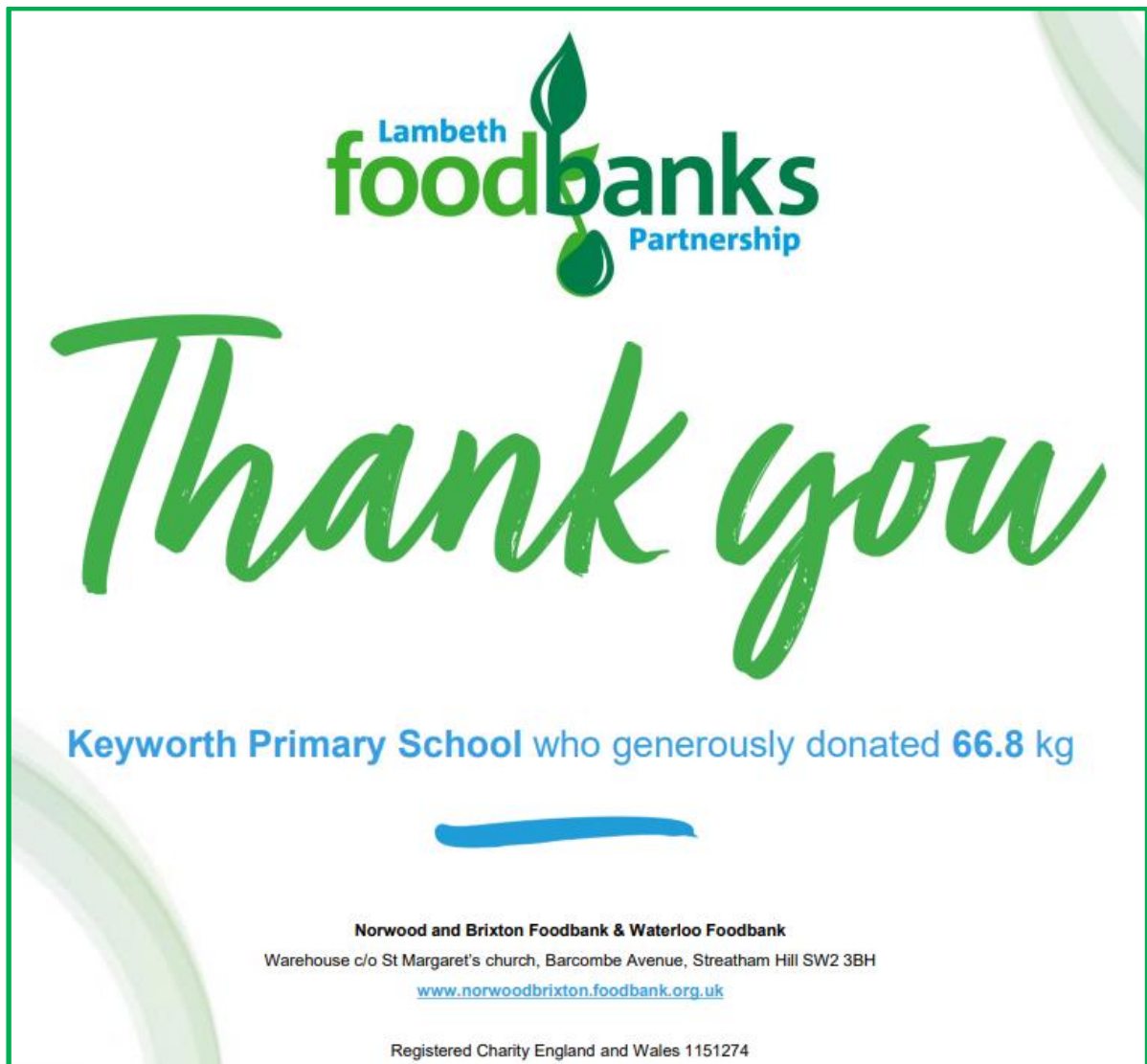
### Keyworth's Got Talent

Congratulations to every child who took part in the Keyworth's Got Talent competition at the end of last term - it was great to see children expressing a different side to themselves.





## Harvest Festival - foodbank donation



## Flu vaccination catch-up sessions



**Children and Young People's Flu Vaccinations in Southwark 2024 - school-aged children flu vaccinations from Reception to Year 11**

Date and Time	Venue
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 9.30am to 1.30pm	Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre 29 Chandler Way London SE15 6DT
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 9.30am to 1.30pm	

No appointment just turn up and wait. Consent can be given on the day.

### Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **harassed**. 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. **harassment/harassing**? 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, convenient, suggested
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I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School