

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Term Dates 2024-2025

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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

## Important dates for your diary

Summer 2			
24.06.25	Sports day - Nursery at 2:15pm - in school	11.07.25	Summer fair at 3:30pm
02.07.25	Transitioning to year 1 parent workshop at 2:45pm	15.07.25	Year 6 production at 5:00pm
02.07.25	Year 1 'stay and play' at 3:30pm	17.07.25	Years 5 and 6 sports day at 9:30am
03.07.25	Current nursery parents to Reception workshop at 2:45pm	17.07.25	Year 6 BBQ - 3:30pm to 5:30pm
03.07.25	Reception 'stay and play' at 3:30pm	18.07.25	Year 6 graduation at 9:10am
09.07.25	Carnival at 2:30pm	21.07.25	Class parties - pm
		22.07.25	Last day of term - 2:00pm finish

## Celebrations

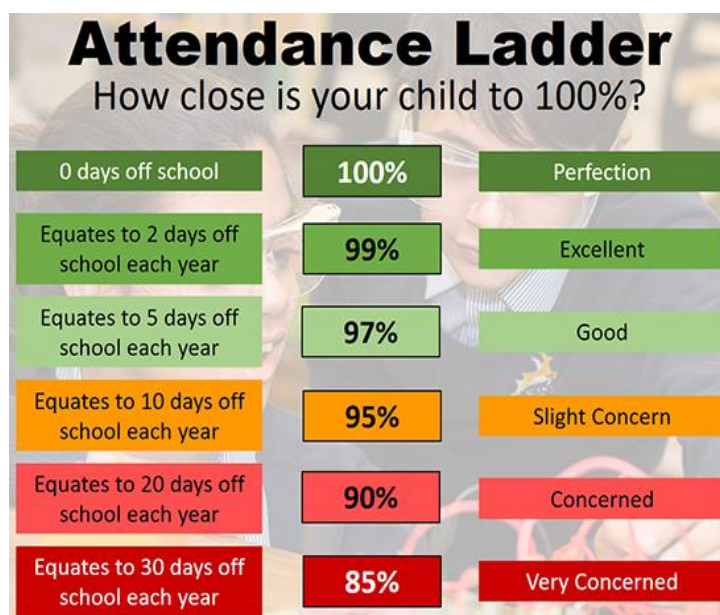
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
Pearls	Whole Class	Xavien	Gabriel	Princess	Summayah
Opals	Zayd	Hannah	Axel	Zarah	Rosie
Moonstones	All of 1ER	Leon	Noah	Cormac	Tanzil
2PH	Misbahu	Muhannad	Khalid	Mekhi	Nicole

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3EB	3EB	Nasir	Freya	Nile
3GC	Eliyeen	Davena	Jasmine	Sadie-Rae
4AB	Shuaib	Amber	Mariam	Nate and Leena
4HE	Manha	Adam	Jeremiah	Nadira
5AA	Kaelan	Jade	Eli	Jahmorei
5BH	Rayaan	Isabella	Othniel	Ava
6CS	Nathan	Sheray	Aza	Ibrahim
6MM	Adrian	Krishiga	Halimo	Joao

This week's gem winners are....	Diamonds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2PH 4HE
This week's healthy lunch winners are...	Ayat NURS Hannah Pearls Nadira 4HE

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
Pearls	93.75
Opals	93.06
Moonstones	93.47
2PH	96.23
3EB	92.95
3GC	95.37
4AB	97.62
4HE	98.64
5AA	93.89
5BH	98.15
6CS	98.08
6MM	89.1
Whole school	95.1
School average (year)	93.01%
National average (year)	94.9%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are 4HE 98.64

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5BH 97.17	6CS 96.91	4AB 96.00

## Latest News

### Term time absence requests

We have been inundated with term time absence requests. Please note the following guidance provided by the Government around school attendance and the role of parents/carers:

#### **The law on school attendance and right to a full-time education**

10. The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.

11. Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

Regular attendance to school has a target of 96% in an academic year. When it comes to holidays in term time, the Government guidance states:

#### **Holidays in term time**

A holiday is generally not considered an exceptional circumstance. You cannot usually take your child away during term time.

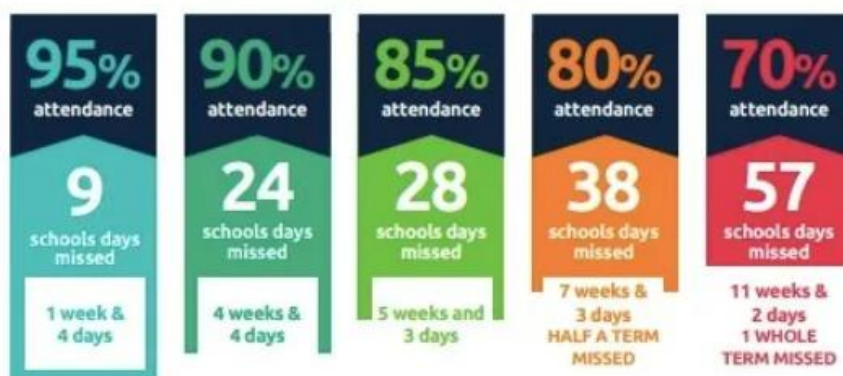


**You can be fined or face legal action for taking your child on holiday during term time.**

If a family request an absence from school by using the “*Request for Term Time Absence Form*” on the school website, the School will consider each request on an individual basis. **Absences from school will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, where a child has excellent attendance to school and for a few days only.**

Further details around exceptional circumstances can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### **Every day in school counts...**



### **and every minute counts...**





### Keyworth Friends' Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is fast-approaching! Please contact Keyworth Friends to volunteer your time on the day and/or to support the organising before then.



THANK  
YOU

For all those that  
took part in our

20  
25  
Challenge

Year 2 asked us to reopen their  
2025 Challenge. We raised a  
further **£418**


















### Safeguarding - online safety at home

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility so please ensure that you do your part by reviewing what your child/ren has/have access to online when outside of school. Further support can be found by clicking on the links below:

[NSPCC](#)

[Safer Internet](#)

As a reminder, below are the minimum age requirements for children accessing various apps:

13+		16+	
 Facebook	 Snapchat	 WhatsApp	
 Instagram	 Twitter		
 TikTok	 Kik		
 YouNow	 Yubo		
 House Party	 Monkey		
		17+	18+
		 Sarahah	 MeetMe
		 YOLO	 LiveMe

### Times Tables Rock Stars

As a reminder, all children from year 2 up have a Times Tables Rock Stars login. By the end of year 4, all children are expected to know all of their times tables to 12x12. Please support your child/ren at home by giving them regular opportunities to practise their times tables. Contact your child/ren's class teacher/s should you need the login/password details for TTRS.



<https://ttrackstars.com/>

## IntoUniversity

Keyworth is very happy to be the base for IntoUniversity Kennington. IntoUniversity Kennington deliver workshops and Academic Support tutoring to Keyworth children and the children of other local schools.



Academic Support encourages young people to become active, curious and independent learners, and is offered to eligible children from KS2 through to the end of secondary school. This is a FREE programme that takes place after school once a week and is delivered by trained staff. They can support children in completing their homework, provide support around the core subjects and offer advice to children about their future aims and aspirations.

Should you be interested in your child attending the IntoUniversity Academic Support Programme, you can either contact them by clicking on the link below for contact details or by going to them directly (they are located next to the school office):

[IntoUniversity Kennington](#)

*\* Please note, there may be a waiting list.*

## Year 6 Fieldwork Fortnight

For Fieldwork Fortnight, Year 6 analysed how Elephant and Castle has changed over time. This included an in-person visit to Elephant Park.





## Sports days

Our sports days began this week with much sporting talent on show! We were slightly hampered by the unseasonably sweltering weather but we ploughed on and it was very pleasing to see the children's best efforts and the support they received from parents/carers.

The new provisional date for the year 5 and 6 sports day is **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am in Kennington Park.**



## Sports days - Nursery

Subject to the weather, please note the date and time of Nursery's sports day next week and refer to a letter that was provided by Ruby which contains further information.

<b>24.06.25</b>	Sports day - Nursery at 2:15pm - in school (Faunce Street gate)
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**Please provide your child/ren with a labelled water bottle and appropriate sun protection.**





### **Year 6 visit Battersea Park**

As part of our focus on health, Year 6 visited Battersea Park where they reflected on how walking, physical activity and nature supports health and wellbeing.



### **Support for families 1 - Sustainability workshops**

Science Owl are running free workshops where children can get creative, learn about the environment, and turn old toys into something new. Click on the link below for further information:

[Science Owl events](#)



## Support for families 2 - FREE girls football camp

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August (week 1)
- Monday 4 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August (week 2)

Michael Faraday Primary School, Portland St, London SE17 2HR - 9:30am till 3:30pm

The sign-up window is now OPEN! Please follow the link below to register your child. Alternatively, you can click onto the QR code to register.

[Registration Form \(Free Football Camp\) - The PE & School Sports Network](#)

**YEAR GROUPS 1-7**

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL CAMP 2025**

WILD CATS THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK BARCLAYS GIRLS' FOOTBALL PARTNERSHIP

@Michael Faraday Primary School, Portland Street, SE17 2HR

Please contact [joe@lpspn.org.uk](mailto:joe@lpspn.org.uk) for more information or to answer any questions. Alternatively you can go to our website [www.lpspn.org.uk](http://www.lpspn.org.uk).

**WK1: 28<sup>TH</sup> JUL - 1<sup>ST</sup> AUG**  
**WK2: 4<sup>TH</sup> AUG - 8<sup>TH</sup> AUG**

Please scan the QR code on the left to register your place.  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. ADVANCED BOOKING IS ADVISED.

ROAR WITH POWER



### Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **individual**. 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. **individually / individualisation**. Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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

<b>Previous words</b>	accompanying, variety, frequent, sincere, appreciating, tolerant, immediate, guarantee, occupying, amateur, foreign, queue, parliament, developing, bargain, communication, prejudice, attached, aggressive, symbol, available, sufficient, system, rhythm, criticise, identity, governed, bruise, occurring, leisure, conscious, physical
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I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School

## Schools absence guidance

### What are exceptional circumstances?

The Headteacher may only grant leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Examples of any exceptional circumstances where leave may be granted during term time are as follows:

- If a parent is service personnel and is returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays;
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue;
- The death or terminal illness of a close relative, only if Headteacher is satisfied that the circumstances are truly exceptional;
- Out of school programmes such as music, arts or sport operating at a high standard of achievement. Documentary evidence of this event will be required;
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a close relative if the Headteacher is satisfied that the circumstances are truly exceptional. Leave should only be authorised for this purpose when a Headteacher is satisfied that there is a persuasive reason for holding the wedding during term time and there WILL be an onus on parents to show clear evidence that this absence is absolutely an exceptional circumstance.

In difficult family situations the Headteacher may use his/her discretion in granting leave and each case should be addressed on its individual merits, considering the overall welfare of the child. Where there are exceptional and unforeseen circumstances that fall outside of the above, the Headteacher can agree to consult with the governing body prior to any authorisation being given to the parent. Evidence would be required in each case. If a request meets the above exceptional circumstances but falls within the following times, the Headteacher must be convinced that absence from school is the only option:

- 1) The first half term of any academic year (applies to all pupils).
- 2) Year six transition day (for pupils in year six).
- 3) Year six SATs week (for pupils in year six).

When considering exceptional term time leave requests, the following factors may help to reach a decision:

- Time of the academic year when the leave has been requested;
- Duration of the absence - number of school days being missed;
- The child's current attendance and punctuality rate;
- Exceptional Term time leave requested/taken in previous academic years for a similar purpose;
- Whether parent/carers have considered limiting the amount of time the child would be absent from school e.g. wrapping around school holiday;
- Have alternative care arrangements been considered by the parent/carer to limit the time away from school;
- Impact on any interventions, assessments or referrals being undertaken with the child or family e.g. family support, social care assessments, CAMHS, SEN;
- The impact that the absence will have on the child;
- Whether it falls within any key stage national tests or exams.

### What is not exceptional?

Examples of circumstances NOT considered as exceptional:

- Holidays abroad for the purpose of visiting a sick relative, excepting where that person is seriously ill. Medical evidence may be requested;
- Holidays taken in term time due to lower cost/parental work commitments.