

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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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

Summer 1		Summer 2	
17.04.23	Children return to school	05.06.23	Children return
02.05.23	KS1 SATs begin (whole month)	05.06.23-16.06.23	Year 4 multiplication check
04.05.23	Polling day - school closed	12.06.23-16.06.23	KS1 phonics check
09.05.23	KS2 SATs begin	21.07.23	Last day of term - 2:00pm finish
26.05.23	Last day of the half term		

Celebrations

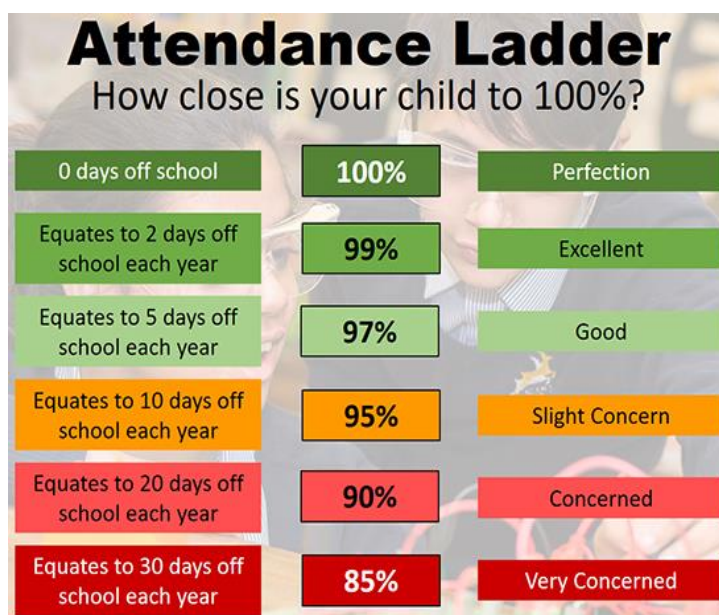
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCM	Zayne	Sara	Nariah	Abdella	
1AJ	Georgina	Suhail	Sonnie	Maida	Adam
1HE	Zak	Reuben	Alice	Ryan	Tajay
2PH	Zahara	Isabelle	Jafari	Leena	Princess
2CS	Jake	Mariam B	Lily-Mai	Adam	Kamron

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MK	Eymen	Zarah	Gibril	Hamja
3AB	3AB	Izabella	Jahmorei	Arthur
4MV	Kymani	Asly	Stephanie	Maddie
4EB	Alev	Meriem	Anas	Ridwaan
5BH	Keishana	Lysander	Glenn	Annabel
5JA	Jay	Annabel	Dylan	Ariella
6MO	Zachary	Zineddine	Azim	Leyla
6JG	Sophia	Ezekiel	Leah	Rapheu

This week's gem winners are....	Sapphires
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2CS 6MO

Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCM	87.19
1AJ	85.2
1HE	87.2
2PH	86.54
2CS	85.93
3MK	90
3AB	85
4MV	93.91
4EB	84.55
5BH	86.94
5JA	87.39
6MO	89.85
6JG	88.24
Whole school	87.19
School average (year)	93.19%
National average (year)	92.6%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are **RCM 4MV**

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

1st	2nd	3rd
6JG 96.11	5BH 94.71	6MO 94.21

*attendance this week is below due to religious observance.

Latest News

Upcoming closures

On Wednesday, Keyworth was contacted by Southwark Council to confirm the proposed teacher strikes will go ahead. Due to the number of teachers taking industrial action, we have been left with no choice but to close Keyworth to the majority of children on these days as there will be serious operational difficulties which could impact the safety and safeguarding of pupils and staff.

- Our Little Stars provision will remain open from 8:45am to 11:45am. Please use Gaza Street gate.
- Year 6 will remain open from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Please use Gaza Street gate. A cooked school lunch will be provided.
- For children not in school, a packed lunch will be available for collection between 12:00pm and 1:00pm on each day. **Please call the school office by Tuesday 25th April to request a packed lunch for each strike day.**
- Afterschool club will be available between 3:30pm and 5:55pm. Children should be dropped-off promptly at 3:30pm via Sharsted Street entrance. **Please book your child/ren's place/s using Magicbooking by Tuesday 25th April.** If your child is in year 6, they will be taken to afterschool club by school staff.

Anyone who had previously booked our afterschool and/or breakfast clubs for these days will be refunded as credit in their Magicbooking account.

For your reference, below contains information about Keyworth closures over the coming weeks.

Week 2	Monday 24 th April	Tuesday 25 th April	Wednesday 26 th April	Thursday 27 th April	Friday 28 th April
	School open	School open	School open	School closed - strike*	School open
Week 3	Monday 1 st May	Tuesday 2 nd May	Wednesday 3 rd May	Thursday 4 th May	Friday 5 th May
	School closed - bank holiday	School closed - strike*	School open	School closed - polling day	School open
Week 4	Monday 8 th May	Tuesday 9 th May	Wednesday 10 th May	Thursday 11 th May	Friday 12 th May
	School closed - bank holiday	School open	School open	School open	School open
Week 5	Monday 15 th May	Tuesday 16 th May	Wednesday 17 th May	Thursday 18 th May	Friday 19 th May
	School open	School open	School open	School open	School open
Week 6	Monday 22 nd May	Tuesday 23 rd May	Wednesday 24 th May	Thursday 25 th May	Friday 26 th May
	School open	School open	School open	School open	School open

I fully appreciate the negative impact that these closures will have on our families and children, but the decision to close has been taken as we cannot operate without teachers.

Keyworth teachers do not want to strike but are doing so as they feel that there is no other option. As I have said previously, teachers are not paid fairly and many are struggling to afford to stay in London, meaning we will not be able to keep/employ the best standard of teachers for your child/ren's education. Additionally, you may have read in local and national newspapers that there is a school funding crisis in Southwark with concerns around closures. While Keyworth is in a relatively strong position due to rigorous financial management, we have

had to make cuts in each of the five years that I have been here and will need to continue to do so should there be no further support with our budget.

For your information, below you will find further details of local education news and the issues schools are facing:

[My London News](#) [Southwark News](#)

Throughout this challenging time, the staff appreciate the support of our families and community.

Polling day - Thursday 4th May

As I said in the last newsletter, we have requested on several occasions not to be used as a polling station but have had our requests rejected. Please note the following:

- While the school will be closed to the majority of children, **we will be open for year 6 children between 9:00am and 12:30pm** to support the children with their SATs revision. Please use Gaza Street gate for drop-off and collection.
- The year 4 performance at The Royal Festival Hall will also go ahead. Melissa will be sending information to year 4 parents/carers soon.

Attendance update 1 - national and school data

Below you will see the latest attendance to school data and Keyworth figures for comparison:

	National average	Keyworth
Overall attendance	92.6%	93.19%
Persistent absence (below 90%)	23.4%	23.15%

While Keyworth is broadly in-line with the national picture, we want to do much better and need the support of families in order to achieve this.

You will see that 23.15% of children are persistently absent from school, which is having a significant impact on their education, wellbeing and future life chances. The school closely monitors attendance and acts, as necessary. However, it is really important that families also take responsibility for ensuring that their child/ren come to school regularly (aiming for 96%+).

Keyworth's attendance figures have improved in recent years. As part of the inspection framework, Ofsted will monitor our attendance and we want to ensure that we showcase the best of our school across all areas.

Attendance update 2 - unauthorised term-time holidays

As I have said previously, **it is against the law for families to go on unauthorised holidays during term-time**. We have still had several families who have taken the decision to ignore this fact and go on holiday anyway. As with previous families, everyone who has taken this decision will be reported to the local authority, with a view to prosecution.



Eid Mubarak

To all our families who are celebrating, we would like to wish you a very happy Eid.

Coffee afternoon

Below you will find details of our next coffee afternoon. Everyone is welcome!



Parents/carers introduction to services and support in Southwark.

Starts at 3:15pm to 4.20 pm in the main school hall

Date: 26/04/2023

Held by: Abena Opong, Family Support Worker

Services that will be attending on the day:

- **Safer Neighbourhood Team**
- **Autism Support Team**
- **Sapphire Community**
- **Housing Manager from Southwark Council**
- **Serena Di Biase From Mercato Metropolitano**

There will be information leaflets from other services that cannot attend. Please spread the word and your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Gardening project - School Food Matters

Gardening has fantastic mental health and wellbeing benefits and is a great way to promote a sense of belonging and community spirit. Keyworth has been working with *School Food Matters*, a charity that promotes healthy eating and lifestyles. As part of this initiative, an expert gardener visited Keyworth to provide a group of students with the opportunity to explore nature in a fun and calm environment, connect with their surroundings and learn new skills. The children selected are new to English and were able to bring a friend along with them to the session, helping them overcome any language barriers and build lasting friendships.

Keyworth will continue to work with *School Food Matters* during the summer term. Further information can be found using the link below:

[School Food Matters](#)



Year 3 Science - visit to Pizza Express

This week, year 3 were lucky enough to see their science learning come to life in a lesson about food and nutrition at Pizza Express. All of the children were able to experience making a fresh pizza from scratch, cook it and take it back to school to enjoy. It was the “best science lesson ever”, apparently...



World Heritage Day

World Heritage Day took place on Tuesday 18th April. During assembly, we discussed the meaning of the word heritage and celebrated our own and that of others. At Keyworth, we encourage children to be progressive by learning about each other and challenging prejudices, stereotypes, intolerance and discrimination - diversity is our strength...



Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **prudent**. 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., **prudence**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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

Previous words	certain, mourn, congregate, collaborate, community, progressive, convention, respectful, resilient, prevent, rigor, responsible, prejudice, festive, transform, despondent, devoted, prosper, discontent, complement, eulogy, culture, equity, empathy, poetic, inherited, heritage
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I would like to wish you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School