

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 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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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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## Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
20.09.23	Reception Celebration Day - 1:30pm	04.10.23	6MV
21.09.23	Year 1 Celebration Day - 9:00am	11.10.23	3MR
26.09.23	Reception phonics and reading workshop - 9:10am	18.10.23	5BH
27.09.23	Year 6 secondary school application meeting - 9:10am	08.11.23	2PH
28.09.23	Year 1 phonics and reading workshop - 9:10am	15.11.23	1AJ
02.10.23	Year 2 parent workshop - 9:10am	22.11.23	4AB
04.10.23	Years 3 and 4 parent workshop - 9:10am		
10.10.23	Parents' evening		
11.10.23	Parents' evening		
11.10.23	Year 6 parent workshop - 9:10am		
18.10.23	Year 5 parent workshop - 9:10am		
20.10.23	Last day of the half-term		

## Celebrations

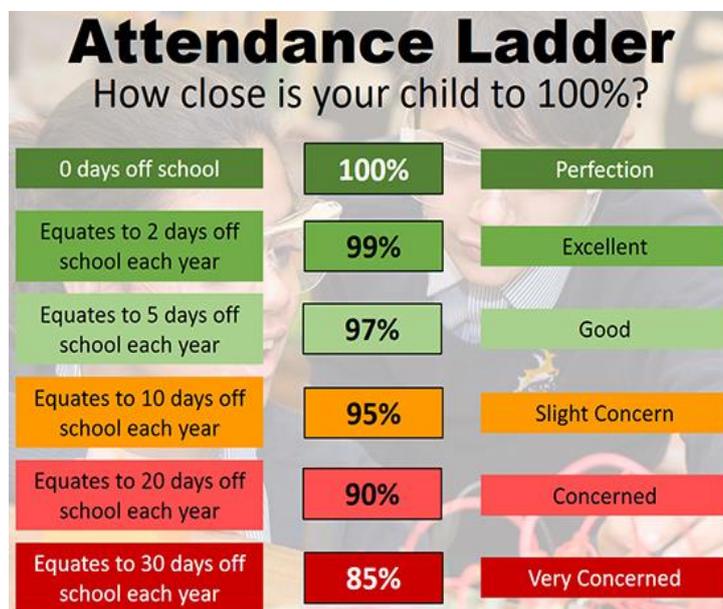
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	-	-	-	-	
1AJ	Abdella	Alex	Michelle	Sulaim	Freddie
1HE	Fatma	Zaheem	Nicole	Saint	Savannah
2PH	Nasir	Leyan	Jaime	Tajay	Ami
2ER	Noel	Fedor	Sonnie	Davena	Kayleigh

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MR	Princess	Jamelia	King	Alayna
3GC	Jayda	Raymand	Alan	Leena
4AB	Denzel	Othniel	Zaynah	Arthur
4EB	Ava	Petr	Ben	Tilly
5BH	Maddie	Kaycee	Meriem	Awo
5GT	Forry	Lucas	Anas	Aza
6MV	Millie	Jhesica	Dylan	Adjoa
6CS	Albie	Kenza	Conor	Abdul

This week's gem winners are...	Rubies
This week's treasure chest winners are...	1HE 6MV

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	80.00
1AJ	92.66
1HE	97.65
2PH	92.22
2ER	97.04
3MR	95.83
3GC	94.03
4AB	95.88
4EB	96.67
5BH	90.87
5GT	98.99
6MV	93.46
6CS	91.08
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>94.03</b>
<b>School average (year)</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>National average (year)</b>	<b>92.5%</b>
<b>School target</b>	<b>96%</b>



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

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>
5GT 98.79%	1HE 98.11%	2PH 97.99%

## Latest News

### KS2 SATs 2023

Keyworth is a highly-inclusive school where everyone is welcome. Having this ethos brings many challenges but we strive to provide the best level of schooling for all children no matter their individual needs. As I have said previously, SATs are not everything and are only one measure by which to judge a child's success. However, they are used as a key measure to judge the effectiveness of schools, despite the obvious differences between schools. I am pleased to share with you Keyworth's 2022-23 KS2 results below:

	Percentage performing at or above the expected standard				
	Writing	Reading	SPaG	Maths	RWM combined
<b>Keyworth</b>	78%	85%	80%	83%	74%
<b>National</b>	71%	73%	72%	73%	59%

Parents/carers play an essential role in a child's education so please support your child/ren by bringing them to school everyday and on time, as well as completing some learning at home which includes their daily reading, Times Tables Rockstars, spellings etc.

### Attendance update

Below you will see the latest national school attendance data for the academic year 2022-23 and Keyworth figures for comparison:

	National average	Keyworth
<b>Overall attendance</b>	92.5%	93.8%
<b>Persistent absence (below 90%)</b>	22%	20%

While Keyworth is seemingly doing OK, we want to do much better and need the support of families in order to achieve this.

Reasons for absence:

1. **Unauthorised term-time holidays** - it is illegal to take children on unauthorised term-time holidays. During 2022-23, the families of 23 children were reported to Southwark Council for taking unauthorised term-time holidays.
2. **Persistent absence** - during the academic year 2022-23, 67 children were persistently absent (below 90% attendance) from Keyworth, meaning they missed at least 1 month of school.

In more positive news, 173 children attended school at least 95% of the time during the 2022-23 academic year.

**Please support your child/ren's education and wellbeing by bringing them to school every day unless absolutely necessary.**

### Year 6 secondary school applications

All parents/carers of children in year 6 need to apply for a secondary school place by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Assistant Headteacher Melissa will be hosting a parent/carer workshop about the application process on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9:10am in the Community Room**.

Further information about the secondary school application process can be found on the following websites:

[Southwark](#)

[Lambeth](#)

## Vision and Values

This week the school value we focused on was being “**Self-aware and Supportive**”. During our assembly we read the book *Grumpy Monkey* and talked about how in school we have tools to help us to recognise and name our emotions - naming our emotions is the first step towards regulating our emotions and identifying triggers. Being in control of your emotions also helps you to understand how others are feeling and how you can be supportive. Below you will find a link to the book *Grumpy Monkey*:

[Grumpy Monkey](#)

## Workshops

The following workshops will be taking place next week. The purpose of the workshops is to provide parents/carers with support and information about their child/ren’s education, so I would encourage everyone to attend if they can. **Please arrive via the school office ready for a 9:10am start. Workshops will take place in the Community Room.**

- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - Reception phonics and reading workshop.
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 1 phonics and reading workshop.

## National Poetry Day - Thursday 5th October (message from Jaime)

### **This year's theme: Refuge**

To celebrate National Poetry Day, we are encouraging children to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends. You will have seen a letter addressed to parents/carers inviting children and families to create and share a video of themselves performing a poem. This can either be related to the theme of 'Refuge' or can simply be one of your child/ren's favourite poems, or something that the children have created.

In order for you to get involved, parents/carers have been asked to create a video of their child/ren performing a poem (adults are welcome to join in too!) and upload this to their year groups *Google Classroom* page by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. There will be an assignment entitled 'National Poetry Day'.

Teachers will then, on that day, share these videos with their class. We would also love to put some of these performances on the school website. We look forward to celebrating poetry day with you!

Below you will find a link to poems that you can perform at home:

[National Poetry Day Poems](#)

## **Self-aware and Supportive**

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

~

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.

## **Take A Deep Breath**

by Joseph Coelho

Close your eyes,  
imagine the sea.

Take a deep breath...  
and let it out.

Close your eyes,  
imagine the waves splashing your feet.

Take a deep breath...  
and let it out.

Close your eyes,  
imagine your toes in the sand.

Take a deep breath...  
and let it out.

Close your eyes,  
imagine the sun on your face.

Take a deep breath...  
and let it out.



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# Welcome Cake Sale

Friday  
29th September  
@3:30pm

We're raising funds  
for the school library  
management system



We would appreciate any donations of cakes & biscuits, either homemade (please provide list of ingredients) or shop bought. Please make sure the donations DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS.

*Donations can be taken to the school office  
on Thursday or Friday morning*

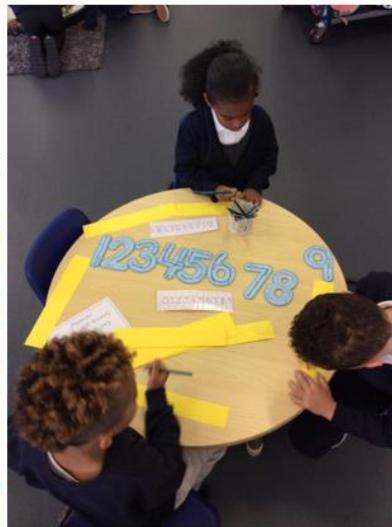
## Year 6 residential

Last weekend, Year 6 visited Marchants Hill for their residential. They had an incredible time and got to experience a jammed-packed menu of activities including making shelters, building fire with flints, orienteering, abseiling, archery, zip-wire and trapeze.



### Year 1 celebration day

Children in year 1 invited their parents/carers into school for their Maths celebration day. The children really enjoyed showcasing their Maths skills across a range of activities - thank you to all parents/carers who attended.



### Year 1 computing

In Year 1's computing lesson this week the children have been perfecting their mouse control skills by creating digital pieces of art. Below are artworks created by Afia, Yusuf and Ionie.



### Support for families - Bell House Dyslexia Fair

At the end of this newsletter you will find a poster containing information about the upcoming *Bell House Dyslexia Fair*.

### Word of the Week

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

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

<b>Previous words</b>	defensible, corresponded
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I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School

 FREE EVENT



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# DYSLEXIA FAIR 2023

## CELEBRATING STRENGTHS

SUPPORT

DYSLEXIA  
FAIR

RESOURCES

30th September  
10am - 4pm

AWARENESS



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