

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



**Keyworth Primary School**

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## Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023						
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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

Polling Day

## Important dates for your diary

Event - Summer term 1	
15.04.24	INSET day
16.04.24	Children return
23.04.24	Nursery reading and moving workshop at 2:00pm
02.05.24	Polling day - school closed to children
03.05.24	Class photos
06.05.24	Bank holiday - school closed to children
13.05.24 - 16.05.24	KS2 SATs week
15.05.24	Reception eye tests
24.05.24	Last day of the half-term

## Celebrations

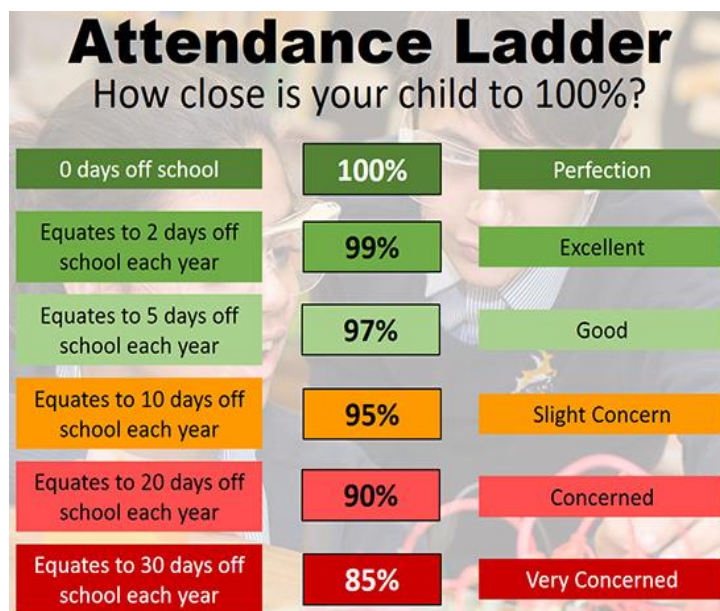
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	Ethan	Emiola	Leon	Axel	
1AJ	Abdella	Jolade	Benyamin	Ali	Nariah
1HE	Fatma	Muhannad	Kai	Lacey	Khalid
2PH	Abdul Ahadh	Viktor	Tyler	Matilda	Nile
2ER	Freya	Sade	Kayleigh	Ian	Elyes

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MR	Jafari	Zack	Abib	Ifeoma
3GC	3GC	Ashley	Elise MQ	Mariam
4AB	Othniel	Arthur	Amy Jane	Zaynab
4EB	Nubiali	Ava	Tawiah	Samet
5BH	-	-	-	-
5AA	Maxi	Nhyira	Mohammed	Hawa
6MV	Ayeyi	Tate	Joseph	Qhalil
6CS	Albie	Taqwa	Oliver R	Jay

This week's gem winners are....	Sapphires
This week's treasure chest winners are...	1AJ 6CS

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	89.57
1AJ	98.13
1HE	95.63
2PH	97.02
2ER	93.08
3MR	92.05
3GC	96.33
4AB	100
4EB	94.74
5BH	90.06
5AA	96.04
6MV	95.06
6CS	96.15
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>94.67</b>
<b>School average (year)</b>	<b>94.77%</b>
<b>National average (year)</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
<b>School target</b>	<b>96%</b>



This week's attendance winners are **4AB**

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>
3GC 97.32	4AB 95.91	4EB 95.19

## Latest News

### Polling day

We have been informed that Keyworth will again be used as a polling station on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, meaning that the school will be closed to children. As I have said previously, we have requested not to be used as a polling station but this request was rejected as we are a site owned by the Local Authority. I would like to apologise for the inconvenience this closure will cause our families.

### Class photos

Class photos will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. Please ensure that your child/ren is/are wearing full school uniform on this day. Should your child/ren be absent on this day, there is no other opportunity for them to be in their class photo.

### Communicating with school

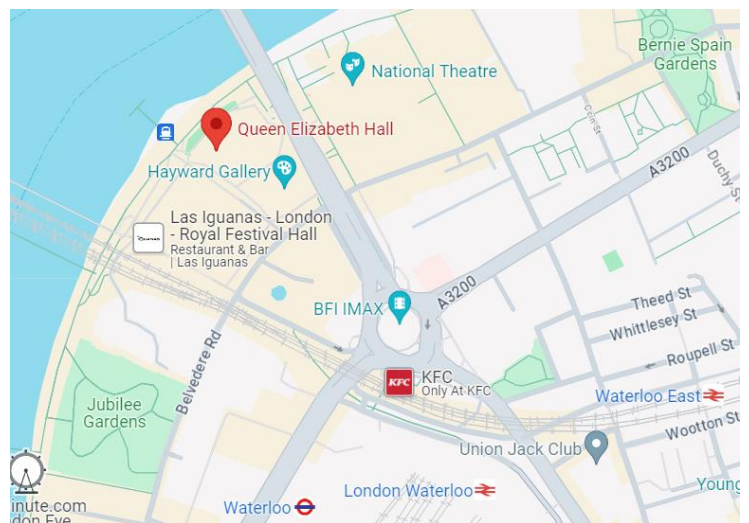
As a reminder, please use the correct channels of communication when needing to speak to school staff. If you contact the school requesting to speak directly to me about matters that should be managed by someone else, then you will be directed to them.

In the first instance, the majority of questions and queries can be resolved by your child/ren's class teacher/s. Anything to do with administration outside of the classroom should be directed to the school office. Please note the following communication channels:



### Year 4 ukulele performance - Southbank Centre

Year 4 will be performing at the Southwark Music Ukulele Festival on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00pm**. The performance will take place at **Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre** and will last for around 45 minutes. All parents/carers of children in year 4 are invited to attend the performance and, as the performance is open to members of the public, we advise that parents/carers arrive early. Parents/carers (and family members) do not need tickets to attend the performance. Parents/carers can take their child/ren home after the event - all other children will return to school with staff.



We look forward to seeing you there to support the children!

### Reception eye tests

Kings College Hospital Optical Services will be coming into Keyworth on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** to meet Reception children as part of the National Eye Screening Program. Each year all Reception aged children are invited to have their eyes checked as part of this program. These checks help to ensure a child's eyesight is developing normally. Vision screening takes place at this age so any problems can be picked up early. Look out for further information sent to your email.

### Emotion coaching for parents/carers - message from Lori

We are excited to announce an upcoming Emotion Coaching Workshop facilitated by educational psychologist Lucy Stone. Emotion coaching is a valuable skill that empowers parents and caregivers to support their children's emotional development effectively.

During this workshop, you will learn practical strategies for understanding and managing children's emotions, fostering resilience, and strengthening parent-child relationships.

Spaces for this workshop are limited, so we encourage you to express your interest and secure your place by contacting Lori Knight via email at [lknight@gemfed.co.uk](mailto:lknight@gemfed.co.uk). Please provide your name and contact information to confirm your attendance.

**EMOTION  
COACHING  
WORKSHOP**

A 1 hour introductory workshop about 'Emotion Coaching'.

**MONDAY 29TH APRIL**

9-10AM, Keyworth Primary School

Learn about "Emotion Coaching" and how you can support your children children to understand and regulate their emotions.

Dr Lucy Stone, Educational Psychologist

## Keyworth Science Week

Next week is Keyworth Science Week where the children will become scientists using their problem-solving and creativity skills to make class experiments. Here are some exciting challenges we would like you to do at home including some inventive home experiment ideas and a poster competition. Prizes will be given in next Friday's celebration assembly.

# SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

Design a poster of an inspirational scientist or inventor from history or the present day. We would love to see some from different cultures and backgrounds.

You must include:

- Details of their lives
- What they created/discovered
- Why they are so important

Make them as bright and colourful as you can!

Prizes will be given in Friday's assembly for the best poster in each year group!

*We can't wait to see them!*



**Deadline – Friday 3rd May 9:00am**

**Submit to Alex in 4AB**



## Science week home experiment ideas

### Wizards brew

**You will need:** Containers, vinegar, food colouring, glitter, washing-up liquid, bicarbonate of soda.

**How to do it:** Add all the ingredients together and watch the results!

### Zooming Balloons

**You will need:** String, plastic straws, two fixed points (chairs), balloons, tape, bulldog clip.

**How to do it:** Thread the straw onto the string and secure the string between two fixed points. Blow up the balloon and close the end with the clip. Tape the balloon to the straw and remove the clip. Watch the balloon zoom along!

### Nice Ice!

**You will need:** Ice cubes, table salt, large bowl, spoon, glass, orange juice.

**How to do it:** Fill a glass  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with your juice, and place in centre of the bowl. Pack ice cubes evenly around the glass. Sprinkle salt into the ice cubes, stir juice every 10 minutes. Watch the results.

### Rockets

**You will need:** Film canisters, stomach seltzer, bi-carbonate of soda, water.

**How to do it:** Crumble a little of the stomach-seltzer into the canister, add the water to the top of the canister, put the lid on and stand back. The time this experiment takes depends on the ratios of ingredients; so you must be patient and stand well back until the reaction has taken place.

### Bouncing Raisins

**You will need:** Fizzy lemonade, raisins, tall containers, food colouring.

**How to do it:** Combine ingredients and watch the raisins bounce up and down. Watch until the raisins become too saturated and too heavy for the bubbles to carry them to the surface.

### Flubber/Goo

**You will need:** Cornflour, PVA glue, food colouring, water, tray, spoon.

**How to do it:** Mix water, food colouring and PVA in the tray. Next, mix warm water and cornflour. Then combine altogether and watch the mixture transform.

### Fish Bowl Spinners

**You will need:** Card and colouring pencils, tape, string.

**How to do it:** Draw a fish on one side of a circular piece of card and a bowl on the other. Hang the card using string and spin. The fish appears to be in the bowl, as an optical illusion!

## Crest Award Home Challenges

Check out the home learning activities on the crest award website below. Key stage one can try some of the 'star home challenges' and key stage two can try 'super star home challenges.'

<https://primarylibrary.crestawards.org/>



### Year 3 visit Pizza Express

Year 3 had the great opportunity to learn how to make a pizza with real Pizza Express chefs! To support their science learning about food groups, the students understood how to put together a balanced meal that included carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and fats. This was also in support of their Design and Technology unit in which they are planning and making seasonable vegetable tarts.



### Year 5 visit Hampstead Heath

Last week, Year 5 went on a Geography field trip to Hampstead Heath. They spent some time hiking and exploring the different physical geographical features of the park. Following this, they spent some time creating detailed observational sketches of different areas of the park.



### Year 1 clay London landmarks

The children in year one completed their art topic by creating clay sculptures of different London landmarks inspired by the work of 'John Bricksels'.





### Year 4 Now Press Play

Year 4 had a great Now Press Play experience for their Science topic on States of Matter. They became aliens taking a bumpy ride to Earth, collecting samples of solids, liquids and gases along the way and turning into tiny alien particles.



### Support for families 1 - SEND short breaks for SEND children

Please see below link for details of afterschool and Saturday sessions available for children with SEND through Southwark's Targeted Short Breaks Service. The criteria for Targeted Short Breaks is:

- Aged 5-19;
- Southwark resident;
- Education Health and Care Plan;
- Child is unable to access universal play/leisure services due to level of need and/or requires additional support to access.

### [Southwark short breaks for SEND children](#)

### Support for families 2 - Dulwich Park Fair (FREE)

Dulwich Park Fair is a free, outdoor, family-friendly event including Vauxhall City Farm, Punch and Judy, a Maypole, interactive performances, a dog show and much more. There will be food, craft, drink, and charity stalls. The fair takes place on **Sunday 12th May**. Further information can be found below:

### [Dulwich Park Fair](#)

### Support for families 3 - Dulwich Festival

Enjoy 10 days of music, dance, literature, art, walks, talks, performance and fairs, taking place at the Dulwich Festival **10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May**, including lots of free events. Further information can be found below:

#### [Dulwich Festival](#)

### Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **profession**. 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. **professional/professionally**. 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, harassed, relevant, definite, category, curious, occurrence, conscious, familiar, mischief, apparent, identity
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I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School