

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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## Important dates for your diary

Spring 1		Spring 2	
04.01.22	INSET day	21.02.22	Children return to school
05.01.22	Children return to school	24.03.22	Early Years Celebration Day TBC
27.01.22	Reception vision screening	01.04.22	Last day of term
07.02.22	Tutorial day (school closed to children)	04.04.22-18.04.22	Full-term
11.02.22	Last day of term	19.04.22	INSET day
14.02.22-18.02.22	Half-term	20.04.22	Children return to school

## Celebrations

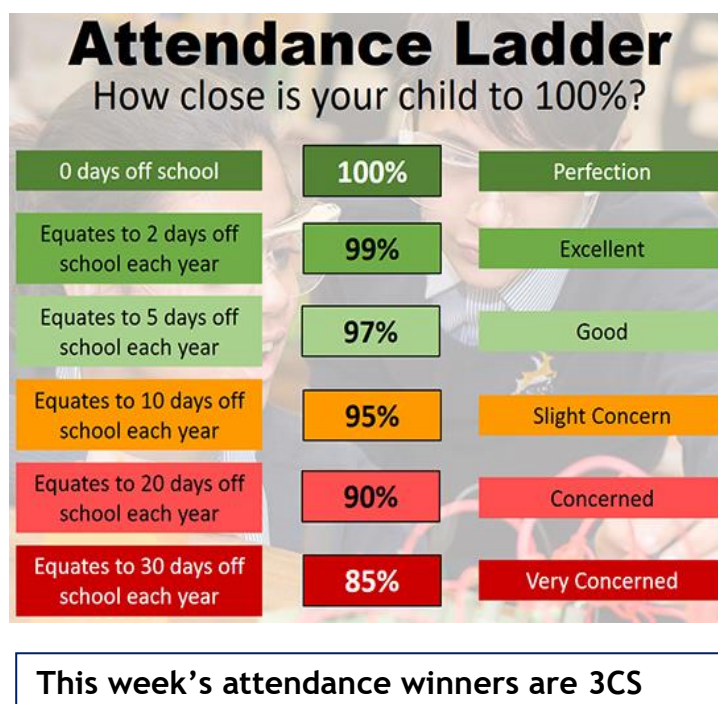
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week
RCC	Sonnie	Mabrukah	Fatimah	Alana
RSP	Freya	Carolina	Adam	Alice

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
1CM	Leena	Malik	Idris	Jayda
1AJ	Luky	Jadiel	Lily-Mai	Jamelia
2PH	Ayaan	Tilly	Sana	Ava
3MK	Angel	Erin-Rose	Manuella	Jayne
3CS	Ismail	Genesis	Ethan-Miles	Cinar
4JA	Honyar	Sara	Bazeet	Keishana
4MV	Jay	Davarney	Dylan	Michelle
5JG	Joanna	Adam	Cecilia	Benite
5BH	Joanna	Adam	Cecilia	Benite
6JA	Miya	Salma	Abrar	Domenica
6JB	Jay	Peter-Wilson	Mansour	Adama

This week's gem winners are....	1AJ and 4MV
This week's treasure chest winners are...	Rubies

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
RSP	88.78%
RCC	70.05%
1CM	92.27%
1AJ	84.77%
2PH	91.81%
3MK	96.08%
3CS	97.47%
4JA	92.86%
4MV	94.44%
5JG	96.76%
5BH	93.52%
6JA	95.48%
6JB	90.99%
Whole school	90.62%
School target	96%



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## Latest News

### Home reading

You will know that at the start of the academic year we relaunched our expectations in relation to home reading. I am pleased to report that, having recently completed an audit, home reading at Keyworth has significantly improved with more children reading regularly and returning their signed reading record to school every day.

- Children should be reading ideally every day but at least 4 times a week, with reading records being signed every time a child has read. Please ensure that your child/ren bring/s their book to school every day.
- If children are reading from the reading scheme (Collins Big Cat), they will be asked to read the same book several times - they will not be able to change their book until they have been able to do each of the steps shown below:
  1. **Decoding** - using phonics and other strategies to read the book, including for unknown words;
  2. **Understanding and comprehension** - reading again to understand the text and answer questions;
  3. **Fluency** - reading again for good reading flow and to develop their expression.

**Home reading is a really important way families can support their child's learning!**



## **10 Benefits of Reading**

### **1. Children who read often and widely get better at it**

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do and reading is no different.

### **2. Reading exercises our brain**

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brains connections and builds NEW connections.

### **3. Reading improves concentration**

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story/text when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

### **4. Reading teaches children about the world around them**

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

### **5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills**

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

### **6. Reading develops a child's imagination**

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

### **7. Reading helps children to develop empathy**

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

### **8. Reading is fun**

A book doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere - you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag!

### **9. Reading is a great way to spend time together**

Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

### **10. Children who read achieve better in school**

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

## **Allergies and intolerances**

We aim to provide a healthy school lunch to all children in school, while being aware of the different allergies and intolerances that the children have. As I am sure that you can imagine, there are numerous possibilities in relation to this and we will endeavor to do the best we can

to meet all of the children's dietary needs. However, we do need to be realistic so I would like to make you aware of the procedures that we have in place:

- All children with identified allergies and intolerances wear a lanyard at lunchtime. The lanyards are observed by staff; however, we can only do our best to control what food the children are given if the ingredients are obviously in a dish i.e. some food may contain traces of different ingredients;
- We will only be able to provide individualised lunches for children who have written evidence of a medical diagnosis, for example, someone who has an EpiPen.

We know that children dislike many types of food but please do not add their dislikes to our allergy and intolerance list. Additionally, please inform the school office if you have medical evidence that you have not previously provided about your child's allergies/intolerances.

### Tutorial day - reminder

Tutorial day will be taking place in school on **Monday 7th February 2022 from 8:00am until 6:00pm**, with Keyworth being closed to children. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child/ren's teacher/s as well as looking at what your child/ren has/have been doing in school this year. There will be an additional Tutorial day for nursery children on **Tuesday 8th February 2022 from 12:30pm until 3:30pm** - Nursery will be open to children all day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

**Please go to your Magic Booking account to book an appointment to meet with your child/ren's teacher/s.**

### NSPCC Number Day

**NSPCC**  
**Number Day 2022**  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

KS2 and KS1 Dress up

- Come to school dressed as your Times Table Rockstar avatar and raise money for NSPCC!
- Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed!
- Please bring a donation of 50p or more.

Some ideas:



EYFS Dress up

- Come to school dressed in your favourite colour!
- Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed!
- Please bring a donation of 50p or more.



Activities

The children will be spending the day completing fun and practical maths activities. They will develop their problem skills, investigative skills and most importantly, have fun!

### Year 4 Imperial War Museum trip

The children had a fantastic visit to the Imperial War Museum on Wednesday. They learnt all about our topic this half-term, World War II. Highlights included seeing the models of fighter jets, submarines and Spitfires! We even got to test out an Anderson and Morrison shelter.



### Times Table Rockstars Champion

Congratulations to Aminah in year 6 who has taken the title as the new Times Table Rockstars Champion - who will be next to challenge for the title?

### Support for families 1 - free childcare for beginners course

At the end of this newsletter, you will find details of a free childcare for beginners course. Using the link below, you can find other courses being offered in Southwark:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/adult-learning/our-courses>



### Support for families 2 - Young Mums Support Network (financial support)

The Young Mums Support Network have partnered up with IncomeMax to deliver its very first place-based community initiative 'Mums and Money', funded by British Gas Energy Trust Enhancing Community Support programme. Together, IncomeMax and YMSN are providing on the ground financial support and advice to vulnerable families that can often be hard to reach. Further information can be found by clicking on the link below:

<https://ymnsn.co.uk/moms-money/>

### Support for families 3 - online safety training for parents/carers

Parent Zone Local offers a range of free live events for parents/carers. Events include online safety, misinformation, screen time, gaming, and even a virtual family quiz event. Click on the following website link to find out more:

<https://www.pzlocal.org.uk/events>

### Word of the Week

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

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

<b>Previous words</b>	euphoric, disclosed, premature, alleviate, gullible, bamboozle, elite, corrupt, vigour, penultimate, rebuff, contemplate, euphoria, malleable, temporarily, nausea, vulnerable, isolated
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I would like to wish you a lovely weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School

# Free Childcare for beginners

## (Literacy & development in Childcare)

Dates and weeks	(5 weeks)
Day and time	Monday or Friday 10am - 3pm
Venue	Online (zoom) or Face to face



### Who is it for?

For people who have no previous experience of working in a childcare setting and have no childcare qualifications.

### What will I learn on the course?

### What age range will I learn about? 0-5 years of age

#### Functional literacy skills around:

- Child care and child protection
  - Health and safety
- How to make story time exciting
- How to plan interesting activities for children

How will I be assessed? You will have individual learning goals to achieve There are no exams or assignments on this course

What other qualifications can you do when you finish this course? Cache Level 1 Introduction to Early Years Settings

Will there be work experience during the course? No

What jobs can I apply for? Voluntary or paid work in any childcare setting

Entry Requirements Entry E3 or above

**ZOOM DETAILS WILL BE SENT WHEN REGISTERED**

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