

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 27th September 2024

Term Dates 2024-2025

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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
18.09.24	Reception celebration day at 1:30pm	16.10.24	6MM
19.09.24	Year 1 phonics and reading workshop at 9:05am	23.10.24	2PH
25.09.24	Year 1 celebration day at 9:00am	06.11.24	4AB
30.09.24	Year 2 parent workshop at 9:05am	13.11.24	5BH
03.10.24	Reception phonics and reading workshop at 9:05am	20.11.24	6CS
07.10.24	Year 6 secondary school application meeting at 9:05am		
07.10.24	Parents' evening		
08.10.24	Parents' evening		
14.10.24	Year 5 parent workshop		
17.10.24	Year 3/4 parent workshop		
21.10.24	Year 6 parent workshop		

Celebrations

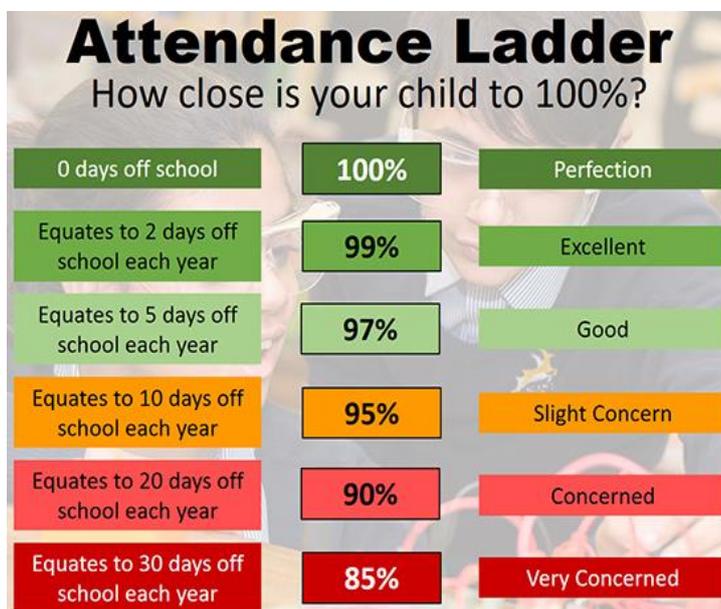
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
Pearls	Abdallah	Stella	Matteo	Isabella	
Opals	Zarah	Sylvie	Adama	Ewole	Lexie-Rose
Moonstones	Leon	Felicia	Ibrahim M	Alissa	Giancarlo
2PH	Ionie	Thomas	Benyamin	Alex	Mikayla

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3EB	Reuben	Ryan	Zak	Kaiyah
3GC	Elyes	Sade	Kayleigh	Syraj
4AB	Muhammad	Kamron	Kayden	Iyad
4HE	Manha	Kallum	Adam	Zaynab
5AA	Keyla	Ayaan	Jahmorei	Tilly
5BH	Sana	Izabella	Frankie	Arsema
6CS	Javel	Sheray	Forry Forry	Mohammed
6MM	Kaycee	Naiyah	Abdul	Annalisa

This week's gem winners are....	Emeralds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	R1AJ 4HE
This week's healthy lunch winners are...	Mekhi 2PH Freddie Opals

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Pearls	
Opals	
Moonstones	
2PH	
3EB	
3GC	
4AB	
4HE	
5BH	
5AA	
6MV	
6CS	
Whole school	
School average (year)	94.5%
National average (year)	92.8%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are

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

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Latest News

Attendance reporting

You will have noticed that I have been unable to report school attendance figures with you during the past few weeks. This is due to the school changing attendance systems and, while the system is being fully updated, I cannot provide you with accurate figures as of yet.

Class assemblies

Our class assemblies will begin later this half-term. Each class will have one class assembly this academic year. All assemblies will take place in the main hall at 9:10am with parents/carers invited to attend the assembly/ies for their child/ren's class/es.

Date	Class
Wednesday 16 th October at 9:10am	6MM
Wednesday 23 rd October at 9:10am	2PH
Half-term	
Wednesday 6 th November at 9:10am	4AB
Wednesday 13 th November at 9:10am	5BH
Wednesday 20 th November at 9:10am	6CS

Reception 25 - applications

Parents/carers of children who will be in Reception in September 2025 should begin to apply for a primary school place for their child/ren with the deadline for applications being **Wednesday 15th January**.

If your child/ren currently attend/s Keyworth Nursery, they do not automatically get a Reception place so you will need to apply for a Reception place for them.

Further information about Southwark applications can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Reception 25 - application](#)

School tour dates - **date changes**

The table below shows the dates for our upcoming school tours for Reception 2025. These tours will be led by Jaime and are an opportunity for parents/carers to see the school in action and to ask Jaime questions. For information:

We are welcoming parents/carers to attend our school tours for Reception 2025.

All tours start promptly at 9:15am and last approximately 45 minutes. Please use the Faunce Street entrance to sign in at the office.

If you would like to book a place on a school tour, please email the school office:

keyworth@gemfed.co.uk

Reception school tours 2024

21 st October	11 th November	25 th November	9 th December
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Please share this information with prospective parents/carers. Additionally, we have places throughout the school so again I would appreciate you sharing this within your networks.

Parents evenings

Our parents' evenings will take place on **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th October**. Please use your Magicbooking account to book a 10-minute appointment with your child/ren's class teacher/s. The meetings give parents/carers the opportunity to discuss how their child/ren have settled back into school and to advise how home and school can work together to ensure a successful year at Keyworth is had by all.

If you have any queries or questions, please contact the school office.

Year 2 parent/carer workshop

We will be hosting a Year 2 parents/carer workshop on **Monday 30th September from 9:05am**. All parents/carers of children in year 2 are invited (strongly encouraged) to attend. Please head to the school office to sign the register and then go to the Community Room.

Reception phonics and reading parent/carer workshop

We will be hosting a Reception phonics and reading workshop on **Thursday 3rd October from 9:05am**. All parents/carers of children in Reception are invited (strongly encouraged) to attend. Please head straight to the main hall (lunch hall) and sign the register.

Children's photos

Individual and sibling photos will be taking place on **Tuesday 1st October**. If you would like siblings to be photographed together, please go to Faunce Street entrance between **8:00am and 8:50am**. Please ensure children are in full school uniform. If you have any queries or questions, please contact the school office.

Volunteer readers

Help Inspire a Love of Reading!

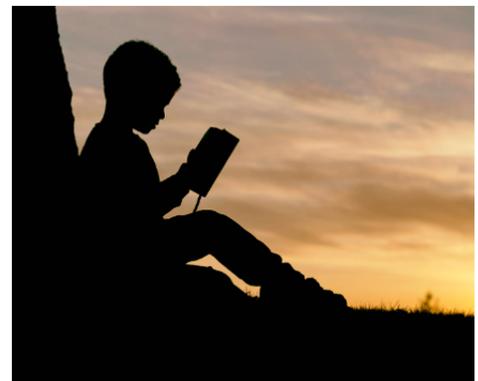
Keyworth Primary School is seeking dedicated volunteers to support our children with their reading.

Do you have a few hours to spare each week? Would you love to make a positive difference to a child's reading progress? We are looking for enthusiastic and patient volunteers to listen to children read, helping them develop their confidence and fluency.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, or a community member, your time and support is invaluable.

No previous experience is necessary – just a passion for helping children succeed. Training and guidance will be provided.

If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer, please contact the school office at keyworth@gemfed.co.uk with an expression of interest and we will contact you to talk about your availability.



Labelled clothing

This week I found at least 10 jumpers/cardigans in the playground - 3 of these were returned to their owners as they were labelled with their name... the others were put into lost property among the sea of navy clothing.

Please label your children's clothing!

Safeguarding - smartphones

Please note the following information for parents/carers about smartphone use in Southwark secondary schools. While Keyworth currently has no specific policy linked to smartphones in school, I wanted to make you aware of what local secondary schools have implemented. At Keyworth, one of our biggest safeguarding concerns is related to what children access online outside of school and I would ask that all parents/carers reflect on their child/ren's online habit/s. Technology can provide many benefits but it can also be extremely harmful to your child/ren.

Headteachers at 17 of the 20 state secondary schools in Southwark have taken the collective action to shift their pupils away from smartphones in the hope of also addressing the downsides of their use outside the school gates.

The other three state schools in the borough are working towards introducing the policy.

The schools will also help families and pupils to understand the well-documented downsides of smartphones and social media use among young people. These include mental health concerns, screen time addiction, the impact on sleep and attention spans, access to inappropriate and graphic content and increased risk of thefts and muggings.

The schools have agreed that if any phone is used by a pupil during the school day, it will be confiscated. If the phone is a traditional mobile phone - without access to Wi-Fi - it will be returned relatively quickly. If the phone is a smartphone however, it will not be returned for up to a week - or until parents collect it themselves.

The measures will impact more than 13,000 young people in one of the highest performing boroughs in London. All secondary schools will impose the policy for children from years 7 to 9. A number of schools in the group are adopting a "whole-school" approach.

The group of secondary headteachers are also in contact with the leaders of primary headteachers in the borough in the hope of establishing a borough-wide approach.

A recent House of Commons education committee report found that extended screen time had become increasingly normal for young children and teenagers with a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022.

According to the report, nearly 25% of children and young people use their smartphones in a way that is consistent with a behavioural addiction.

For further online safety support and advice aimed at parents/carers, please refer to the NSPCC website:

[NSPCC online safety](#)



NSPCC

Harvest Festival - Connected to the Community

"Connected to the Community" is one of our school values. The children will be learning about The Harvest Festival and the importance of helping others in whatever way you can. Keyworth will be hosting our very own harvest festival, with donations being collected and then shared with a local foodbank. If you can, we would appreciate donations which can either be taken by the children to their class or left in the school office.

Keyworth Primary School

Harvest Festival



Coming Together as a Community

All Donations Gratefully Received

Donations can be brought
to school up until Friday
25th October

Thank you!

Please donate non-
perishable items, e.g.
tins, cartons, dry
goods etc.

Flu Immunisation at Keyworth - Southwark Immunisation Team

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please complete one consent form for each child to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Our team will visit your school on **Thursday 24th October 2024**.

Southwark Immunisation Team

Flu Immunisation Consent Form 2024

Would you like your child to have the flu immunisation at school?

Please scan the QR code below using your smartphone camera to direct you to the consent form website

Please do not fill out another form if you have already

Southwark Schools



This form should take no longer than 2 minutes to complete.

If you have any queries, please contact the Southwark and Lambeth
Immunisation Team 0208 614 5496 / 5495

Hrch.ImmunisationTeamMailboxSouthwark@nhs.net

Hrch.ImmunisationTeamMailboxLambeth@nhs.net

Southwark and Lambeth School Age Immunisation Team

Keyworth Friends presents

the *Magic Show*

Amigo's
Magic



Weds 16th October
3:45 pm - 4:45pm



Main School hall



Adult & Children Ticket Prices
£6 each via your magicbooking account
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

International Magician of the World Famous Magic Circle
will be providing 60 Minutes of Magic, Mayhem and
Comedy

Limited spaces so book early to avoid disappointment

PLEASE CONTACT
KEYWORTHFRIENDS@GMAIL.COM FOR FURTHER
INFO

Keyworth Friends **BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

30 Sept- 11 Oct

HELP US PROVIDE ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

what we need?

- Role play equipment & furniture
- Construction equipment
- Small world activities
- Dressing up clothes
- Board games
- Puzzles
- Audio books
- Music



Drop off locations

The School office



Thank you!

Donate new or gently used school supplies from the above list for the lunchtime club. Volunteer your time to help sort and organize donations. Let's work together to ensure every student starts the school year with confidence and the tools they need to succeed. Your support matters!



Keyworth Friends Instagram

Please follow us on social media to be kept in the loop and continue to support us! Click below:

[Keyworth Friends Instagram](#)

Keyworth Friends - raising money for Keyworth Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind - a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our PTA, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between **2nd September and 30th November 2024**, every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there - Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed).
2. Choose our primary school - either searching by name or postcode.
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.

Asda does the rest... all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. We are aiming to spend our donations on educational equipment and activities to benefit our school children.

Remember, anyone can sign up - so start spreading the news to friends and family, and raise funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper - so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit www.asda.com/cashpotforschools

Many thanks,

Keyworth Friends

The graphic features a green background with the text 'INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below this, it says 'Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate £££ to schools.' A yellow shield-shaped logo with 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' is shown next to a smartphone displaying the Asda Rewards app interface, which includes a QR code and the text 'Only with ASDA Rewards' and 'Download and opt-in today'. To the right, a white notepad titled 'HERE'S HOW' lists three steps: 1. Download the Asda Rewards app & sign up today; 2. Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and follow the steps in your app; 3. Shop, scan and we donate. An orange pencil is drawn across the bottom of the notepad. At the bottom left, it says 'With Parentkind'. Small text at the bottom provides details about store availability and terms.

Parent 1:1 coaching support

At the end of this newsletter is an opportunity for parents to receive coaching support in relation to children's behaviour or general parenting. Should you be interested, please email Lori at lknight@gemfed.co.uk.

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 orienteering, abseiling, archery, zip-wire, rock climbing, a giant swing, team problem-solving games and a disco.



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.



Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **frequent**. 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. **frequently/frequency**. Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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

Previous words	accompanying, variety
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Support for families 1 - managing emotions parent workshop

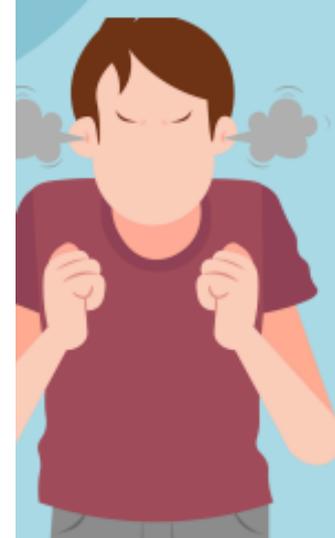
Please email lknight@gemfed.co.uk if you wish to attend the workshop scheduled on **Monday 18th November between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

PARENT WORKSHOP

DOES IT EVER FEEL LIKE YOUR
CHILD'S EMOTIONS GET TOO BIG TO
HANDLE, TOO QUICKLY?



NOT SURE
WHAT TO DO?



COME ALONG FOR A
SESSION WITH THE
SCHOOL EP TO FIND OUT
ABOUT THE ESCALATION
CYCLE AND HOW TO
DEAL WITH IT.

AT 9-10AM, WITH TIME
AFTERWARDS FOR QUESTIONS
ON MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER



Are you a parent/carer of a child who has difficulties with attention or hyperactivity, or a diagnosis of ADHD?

**Help us to understand more about what support parents need by answering a short survey:
Scan the QR code to find out and take part!**



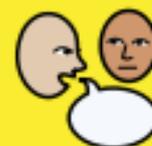
Through my training to become an Educational Psychologist, I am currently researching how parents who have a child with ADHD/or related difficulties (no need for a formal diagnosis) can be better supported by professionals and would love for anyone who feels that they fit into this group to take part in a short survey. There is also the option to add details for a further interview, but you can just fill in the survey if you prefer, in which case your response will be completely anonymous. Follow this link to find out more and take part - thank you!

https://qualtrics.ucl.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_6xp8pHJexK0mCVM

I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful weekend!

Ray Capper
Head of School

Parent 1:1 Coaching Sessions – Support for You and Your Family



Would you like to talk to someone about parenting confidentially?

If you're feeling anxious about your child's behavior or just need some support with general parenting concerns, we are here to help. Our 1:1 parent/carer coaching sessions, in partnership with Groundworks, have been running successfully for 2.5 years.

What's on offer?

- **Trained practitioners** who provide tailored support for you, either face-to-face in school or remotely via MS Teams.
- **Flexible sessions:** 5 – 9 one-on-one sessions during school hours, designed around your needs.
- **Focused support:** All sessions centre on managing anxiety, challenging behavior, and general parenting concerns.

Important: This service is not suitable if you are already working with external services like CAMHS, family early help, or autism support.

What parents are saying:

"It was one of the best things I did, and it was nice as a parent to get 1:1 support and advice. I was apprehensive at first, as I've been to other group parenting classes that can feel general, but this was specific to my own child. The sessions were structured, and we recapped and adjusted strategies each week. The support gave me so much more confidence in managing my son, and it helped me as his mother to understand his sometimes complex needs."

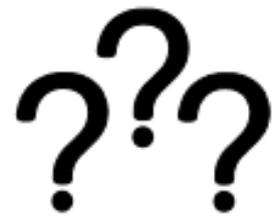
— Parent, Summer Term 2024



Interested?



To enquire about the support, preferably email Lori at lknight@gemfed.co.uk. Please include responses to the questions [Listed below]. However, if you would prefer, we can arrange a telephone call to discuss these questions instead - just email to request a call back.



- Child's name and Class
- Presenting concerns (e.g. Behaviors you are concerned about in relation to your child's anxiety or common behavior problems)
- Any previous or current support for the issue (e.g. child has previously accessed counselling support)
- Any triggers for the problem (e.g School drop off time, bed time, busy places, social situations)
- How long the issue has been going on for?
- Is there anything else that you think might be helpful for us to know about your family?

