

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 4th April 2025

Term Dates 2024-2025

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School Holidays

INSET Days

Tutorial Day

Bank Holidays

Important dates for your diary

Events - Summer term 1

22.04.25	INSET day - school closed to children
23.04.25	Children return
01.05.25	Nursery reading and moving to Reception workshop at 2:30pm
02.05.25	Class photos
05.05.25	Bank holiday - school closed to children
12.05.25 to 16.05.25	KS2 SATs week
23.05.25	Last day of the half-term

Celebrations

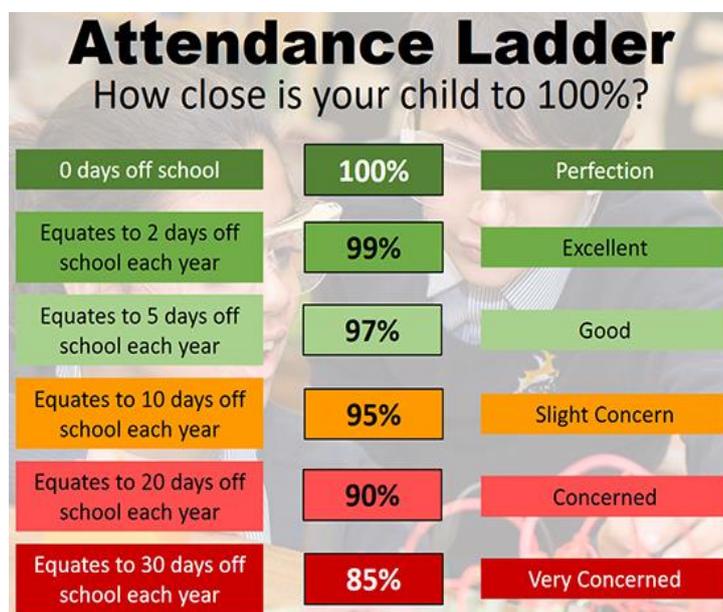
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
Pearls	Danny	Mateo F	Asmah	Ibrahim	Kylan
Opals	Zarah	Rosie	Ayyoub	Daniel	Hannah
Moonstones	1ER	Bethania	Cormac	Giancarlo	Alissa
2PH	Jaiden	Emily	Nicole	Misbahu	Raed

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3EB	Ellie	Kaiyah	Nasir	Jaime
3GC	Syraj	Adam	-	Kayleigh
4AB	Alayna	Yusra	Idris	Kayden
4HE	Elise M	Ivy	Malik	Mariam
5AA	Shakib	-	-	-
5BH	Rayaan	-	-	-
6CS	Hawdyar	Asly	Maxwell	Nathan
6MM	Azra	Kaycee	Genesis	Cinar

This week's gem winners are....	Rubies
This week's treasure chest winners are...	Moonstones 3EB
This week's healthy lunch winners are...	Alex Nursery Mikayla 2PH Yusra 4AB

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Pearls	88
Opals	89.58
Moonstones	86.81
2PH	65.44
3EB	85
3GC	71.15
4AB	77.78
4HE	75.93
5AA	75
5BH	70.83
6CS	91.35
6MM	83.01
Whole school	81.8
School average (year)	93.01%
National average (year)	94.9%
School target	96%



This week's attendance winners are 6CS

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

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3EB 94.45	4HE 92.9	5AA 92.69

Latest News

First day back after the break

The children return to school after the break at **8:57am on Wednesday 23rd April.**

Safeguarding - attendance

Schools have a legal obligation to know where children on its roll are every day. **Parents/carers need to ensure that the school is communicated with every day a child is absent**, even if the absence is continuous, as not being able to locate a child is a safeguarding concern. Please ensure that you contact the School daily when a child is absent, either by calling the school office or adding a note on the Compass app. Should the school receive no communication, we will need to conduct a home visit.

Keyworth data

	Keyworth	National
Percentage of children eligible for Free School Meals	52.5%	25.9%
Percentage of children whose first language is not English	36%	22.8%
Disadvantaged children achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of Year 6	59%	46%
Disadvantaged children achieving greater depth in Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of Year 6	11%	3%
Total attendance of children to school	93.2%	94.1%
Children persistently absent from school (attendance below 90%)	20.2%	16.2%

To summarise the table above and to provide further information, **Keyworth is performing in the top 10% of similar schools in the country.** We have significantly higher levels of children eligible for Free School Meals and whose first language is not English, but are closing the attainment gap for pupils who meet these criteria. **For all groups of children leaving year 6 (except for those with poor attendance), outcomes are consistently strong across all areas and over a number of years.**

For children who had consistently poor attendance to school (persistently absent - below 90%), around half of them did not meet the expected standard in all areas at the end of Year 6 last year. Additionally, **overall school attendance and persistent absence figures** show that Keyworth is **significantly below** other schools in the country - this is really impacting children's learning and whole school outcomes.

Persistent absence - national data

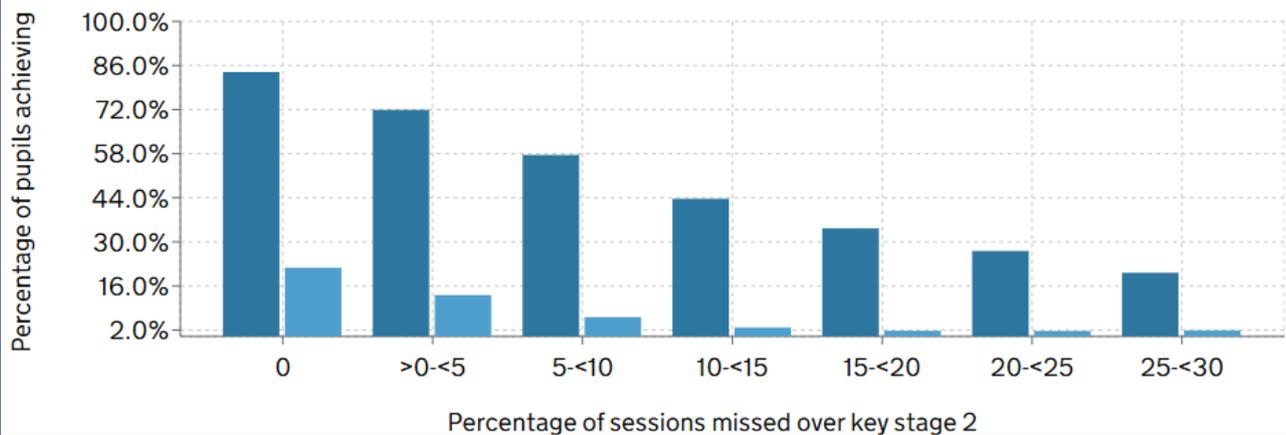
A pupil is considered persistently absent if they miss 10% or more of their possible sessions over a year/key stage. Pupils who were **persistently absent had lower levels of attainment** at the end of KS2 than other pupils:

- Of those who were persistently absent, 40.2% achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and Maths compared to 83.9% of pupils with no missed sessions and 71.9% who missed between 0 and 5%;
- Similarly, 2.5% of persistently absent pupils achieved the higher standard compared to 21.8% of pupils with no missed sessions and 13.1% who missed between 0 and 5%.

(.gov data, 06.05.2022)

To summarise, **nearly 60% of children who were persistently absent from school did not meet the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths by the end of year 6.**

Figure 2: Overall attainment in reading, writing and maths at the end of KS2 by percentage of sessions missed over KS2



The data shows that children who did not come to school regularly were far more likely to leave primary school below where they should be academically.

Attendance	100%	95%+	90%-95%	85%-90%	80%-85%	75%-80%	70%-75%
% meeting year 6+	83.9%	71.9%	57.6%	43.7%	34.3%	27.1%	20.2%
% exceeding year 6	21.8%	13.1%	6.1%	2.8%	1.8%	1.7%	1.9%

You give your child/ren the best opportunity for future success by bringing them to school regularly.

Safeguarding - Smart watches

Please note that Smart watches are not allowed in school as they pose a safeguarding concern.

Term dates - 2025-26

To help you to plan your **non-term-time travel**, below are the term dates for 2025-26:

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2025 Challenge

Keyworth PTA - Amazon Gift List

Instagram

KEYWORTH FRIENDS

Spring 1 2025 PTA Newsletter



News

This half term has been our time of giving back and bringing the community together!! We have arranged for over 100 costume donations for world book day. We also sourced and helped cover the cost of an author to visit the school assembly for WBD. We threw our first Eid & Easter Celebration for free including a raffle. We also held our Mothers day sale

Reminders

[Click here](#) do the 2025 Challenge online.

Please look at [Keyworth PTA – Amazon Gift List](#) to consider gifting directly to our kids

A message from your PTA chair.

Hi everyone, thank you to everyone that has helped with any of our initiatives this term! Next term we have a lot of trips we want to help fund, so please do continue to support our efforts. If you have any particular fundraising ideas please do share them with us.

Happy Easter, enjoy your holidays!



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3GC visit the British Museum

3GC went on a trip to the British Museum this week to look at artefacts that they have been learning about in their Ancient Egyptian units in English and History!

Thank you to all parents/carers who support the School by volunteering to attend trips!



Year 1 visit The London Eye

The children in year 1 had a great time spotting London landmarks from the top of the London Eye last week!



Keyworth Friends Spring Break

Keyworth Friends hosted their Spring Break event in celebration of Eid and Easter. The event was FREE and families were able to take part in a range of craft activities, listen to music, eat snacks, socialise with others and be part of the FREE raffle. Thank you to all involved with Keyworth Friends for organising yet another very successful and enjoyable community event!



Topic homework

Naila in class 4HE wrote her alternative version of “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”. She received a Headteacher’s sticker for her wonderful writing - well done Naila!

Support for families 1 - Southwark Presents

With the Easter break fast approaching, find out about a range of upcoming events taking place across Southwark by clicking on the link below:

[Southwark Presents](#)

Support for families 2 - Southwark libraries

Click on the link below for details of upcoming events/activities taking place in Southwark libraries, including during the Easter holidays:

[Southwark libraries](#)

Support for families 3 - FREE cycling training

Spring is the perfect time to brush up on your cycling skills, gain confidence or learn to cycle. Southwark Council offer a range of free cycle training for all ages and abilities, including cycling lessons for children, families, women and girls. Click on the link below for further information:

[Free cycling training in Southwark](#)

Support for families 4 - FREE Easter holiday clubs

This Easter, the council is funding free holiday clubs for children and young people aged 4 - 16 years receiving benefits-related free school meals. There are 18 locations to choose from and this year’s programme runs from **Monday 7th April to Thursday 17th April 2025**.

Each programme will provide:

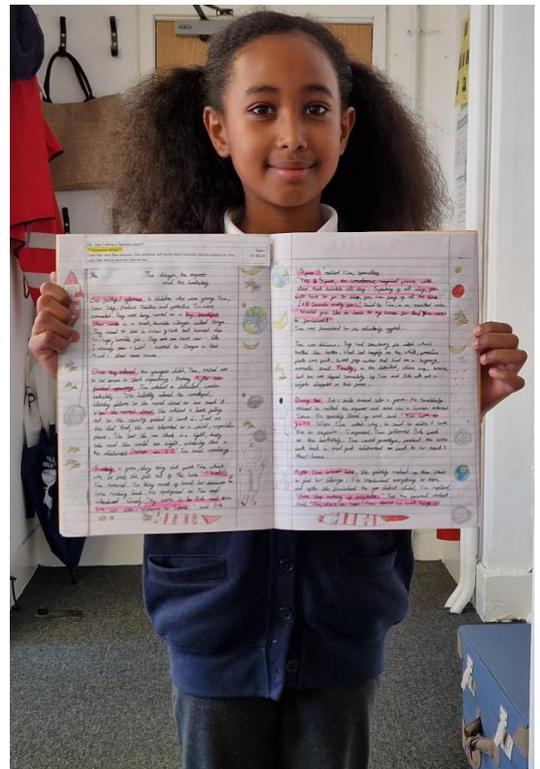
- free, nutritious and tasty food every day;
- fun physical activity sessions;
- a wide range of other exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities;
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families.

A map of all our funded holiday clubs is available at the link below:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1h31P83VesJREtdiwBlpJtfTshH625ymo&usp=sharing>

Parents of eligible children can book a place at www.eequ.org/southwarkfoodandfun.

If families wish to book a place at Damilola Taylor Centre, please ensure they sign up via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/QA1v8L0x6n>.



Support for families 5 - PESSN

PESSN works with Keyworth to provide high-quality physical education in school. Below are several resources that you can use at home to keep your child/ren busy:

- Sensory activities - [sensory activities](#)
- Mindfulness activities - [mindfulness activities](#)
- Recipe videos and nutrition cards - [recipe videos and nutrition cards](#)

Support for families 6 - Mental Health Support Team Southwark newsletter

Attached to this newsletter email is the latest newsletter from the Mental Health Support Team Southwark.

Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **criticise**. 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. **criticism**. Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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

Previous words	accompanying, variety, frequent, sincere, appreciating, tolerant, immediate, guarantee, occupying, amateur, foreign, queue, parliament, developing, bargain, communication, prejudice, attached, aggressive, symbol, available, sufficient, system, rhythm
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I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful end-of-term break!

Ray Capper
Head of School