

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Term Dates 2024-2025

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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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## Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
07.01.25	Children return	22.01.25	5BH
17.01.25	Reception celebration day at 9:00am	29.01.25	3EB
24.01.25	Reception reading workshop 1 at 9:00am	05.02.25	Year 1
31.01.25	Reception reading workshop 2 at 9:00am	12.02.25	4HE
06.02.25	Year 1 reading workshop and celebration at 9:00am	05.03.25	5AA
07.02.25	Reception reading workshop 3 at 9:00am	12.03.25	3GC
24.02.25	Tutorial day - school closed to children	19.03.25	Reception
10.03.25	Year 4 x-tables check workshop at 9:05am		
17.03.25	Year 6 SATs workshop at 9:05am		
04.04.25	Last day of term		

## Celebrations

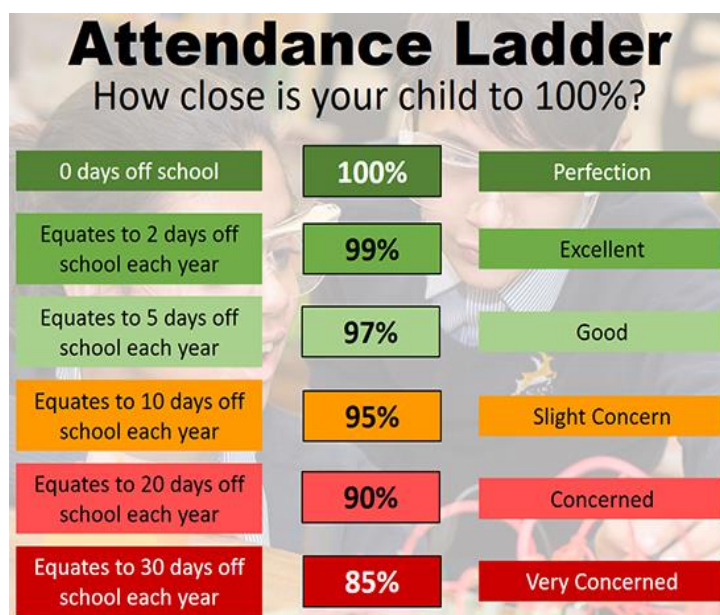
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
Pearls	Matteo M	Mason	Xavien	Mateo F	Maida
Opals	Lexie-Rose	Nayara	Yussuf	Rosie	Zarah
Moonstones	Rafed	Cormac	Tanzil	Naila	Noah
2PH	Abdella	Afia	Cleo	Fatma	Jolade

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3EB	Avianna	Gabriel	Navaeh	Tyler
3GC	3GC	Fatimah	Fedor	Ian
4AB	Mohamed & Kamron	Mariam	Anniya	Alayna
4HE	Sima	Zahara	Romeo	Laith
5AA	Zarah	Amy Jane	Sahr	Kieron
5BH	Sana	Ava	Isabella	Petr
6CS	Kevin	Elijah	Zehra	Manuella
6MM	Uke	Kwame	Limar	Sammy

This week's gem winners are....	Rubies
This week's treasure chest winners are...	R1AJ 6MM
This week's healthy lunch winners are...	Gabriel RJC Manha 4HE

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
Pearls	68.8
Opals	84
Moonstones	82.5
2PH	94.29
3EB	99.17
3GC	98.46
4AB	94.26
4HE	97.68
5AA	97.33
5BH	86.67
6CS	88.46
6MM	92.8
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>90.4</b>
<b>School average (year)</b>	<b>94.02%</b>
<b>National average (year)</b>	<b>94.9%</b>
<b>School target</b>	<b>96%</b>



This week's attendance winners are **3EB**

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>
4HE 97.07	3EB 95.67	5BH 95.02

## Latest News

### Attendance - figures by groups

Last week I shared the names of children who are currently meeting the whole school attendance target of 96%. By coming into school regularly, these children are being given the best opportunity to thrive academically, emotionally and socially. The table below shows the attendance percentage and number of children for each attendance percentage from Reception to Year 6 for this academic year to date:

Attendance %	95%+	90%-95%	80%-90% (persistently absent from school)	50%-80% (persistently absent from school)	Below 50% (persistently absent from school)
Number of children	169	74	57	11	2
Number of days missed in an academic year	0 to 9 days	10 to 19 days	20 to 38 days	39 to 95 days	At least 96 days
Number of days missed at primary school	0 to 63 days	70 to 133 days	140 to 238 days	238 to 665 days	At least 666 days

There are currently 69 children in Reception to year 6 who are persistently absent from school, meaning they are persistently absent. While I appreciate that there have recently been several sickness bugs going around, to be persistently absent at this stage of the year a child would need to have already had at least two weeks off school.

You can check what your child/ren's current school attendance is by logging in to the Compass app. Please support the School in improving attendance.

# Education saves lives!

### Is my child too ill for school?

Below contains information and advice for parents/carers from the NHS in relation to the recommendations for keeping children off school for various illnesses:

### [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Lots of Keyworth children have recently had chicken pox. Children can return to school once all spots have crusted over, which usually takes 5 days.

### School uniform

I have noticed that more and more children are not wearing school uniform to school. While we are not overly strict on enforcing a full school uniform, it is really important for all children to come to school in their uniform ready to learn. I have asked teachers to communicate this directly with parents/carers should appropriate school uniform not be worn.

### Upcoming workshop - date for your diary

Please take note of a workshop that is taking place next week:

Date	Workshop	Location
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March at 9:05am	Year 6 SATs workshop	Community Room



## Choristership at St Mary Newington

Congratulations to the following children who were successful in their audition and interview, and have been offered a Choristership at St Mary Newington:

Amy, 4AB	Frankie, 5BH	Joao, 6MM	Leena, 4AB	Luky, 4HE
Manuella, 6CS	Nate, 4AB	Nhyira, 6CS	Reuben, 3AB	

As part of the Choristership programme, the children will be taught weekly by Dr Edwin Hillier, a Composition and Academic Professor. As part of the Choristership programme, the children will receive:

- **Vocal tuition and music theory lessons**, helping choristers learn to read musical notation;
- **Performance opportunities**, including singing alongside professional musicians;
- **Future concerts and tours**.

## Assembly focus - Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock

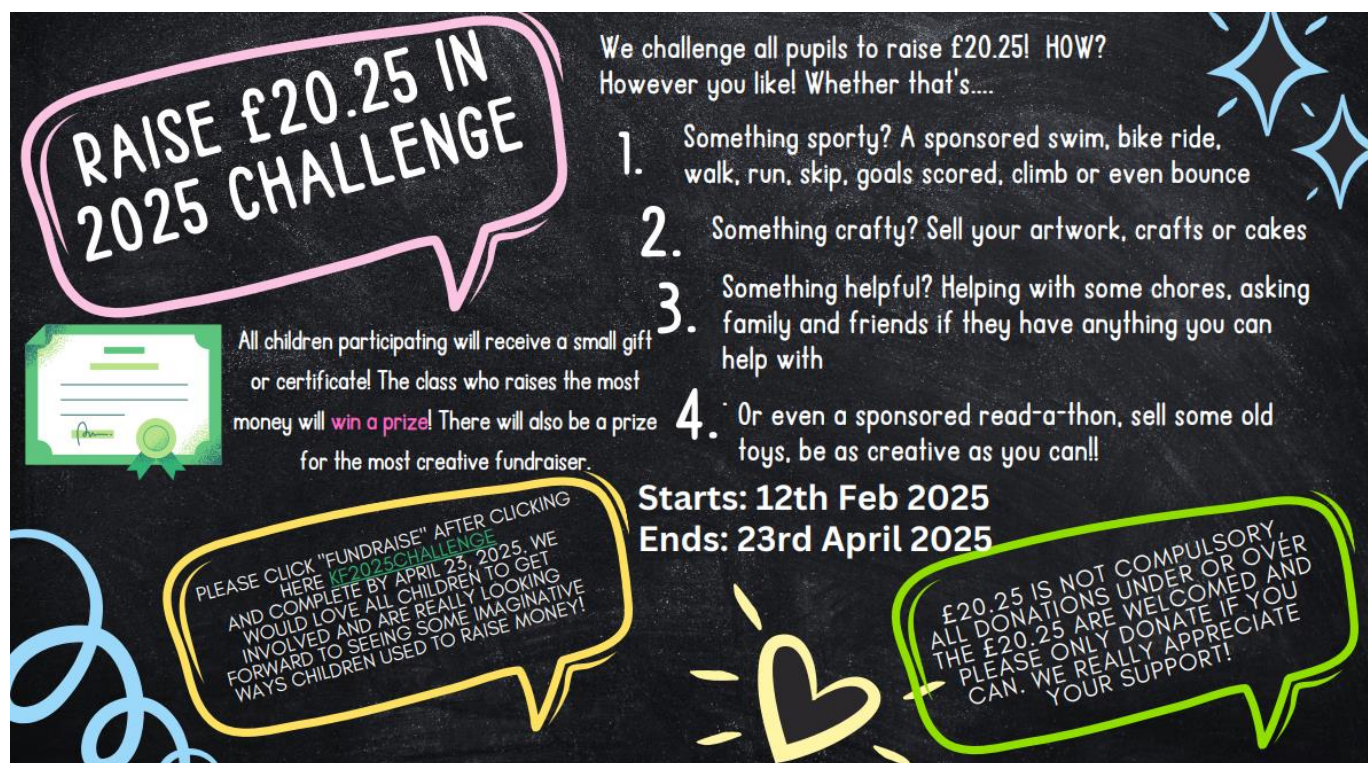
For International Women's Day and British Science Week, our whole-school assembly focused on the British Space scientist, science educator, book author and television presenter Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock. Further information about Maggie can be found by clicking on the links below:



- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YTnTBpOLls>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9p1dKOP7te4>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kVvj7OM3hl>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7u5H7tjrFD8>

## Keyworth Friends fundraising challenge

Further information about Keyworth's fundraising commitment to the School is below. We appreciate any support that you can provide to your child/ren's school:



**RAISE £20.25 IN 2025 CHALLENGE**

We challenge all pupils to raise £20.25! HOW? However you like! Whether that's....

1. Something sporty? A sponsored swim, bike ride, walk, run, skip, goals scored, climb or even bounce
2. Something crafty? Sell your artwork, crafts or cakes
3. Something helpful? Helping with some chores, asking family and friends if they have anything you can help with
4. Or even a sponsored read-a-thon, sell some old toys, be as creative as you can!!

All children participating will receive a small gift or certificate! The class who raises the most money will **win a prize!** There will also be a prize for the most creative fundraiser.

**Starts: 12th Feb 2025**  
**Ends: 23rd April 2025**

PLEASE CLICK "FUNDRAISE" AFTER CLICKING HERE [KF2025CHALLENGE](https://app.goodhub.com/kf2025challenge) AND COMPLETE BY APRIL 23, 2025. WE WOULD LOVE ALL CHILDREN TO GET INVOLVED AND ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING SOME IMAGINATIVE WAYS CHILDREN USED TO RAISE MONEY!

£20.25 IS NOT COMPULSORY, ALL DONATIONS UNDER OR OVER THE £20.25 ARE WELCOMED AND PLEASE ONLY DONATE IF YOU CAN. WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

<https://app.goodhub.com/kf2025challenge>

Keyworth values the support of all parents/carers involved in Keyworth Friends PTA. Should you wish to support your child/ren's school, please email Keyworth Friends:

[keyworthfriends@gmail.com](mailto:keyworthfriends@gmail.com)

Red Nose Day

# Red Nose Day



## Come To School Dressed In Red!

### RED NOSE DAY

Voluntary Donation

£1

Friday

21<sup>st</sup> March

2025

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### **Parent/carer conduct - reminder**

Keyworth has the highest expectations in relation to the conduct of children, staff and parents, with any inappropriate behaviour being challenged and actioned.

As a reminder, any concerns regarding incidents in school must be addressed through the proper channels with school staff and in a calm manner. **Parents/carers should not be going up to other parents/carers as this antagonises others and makes the situation worse.** This is not the type of school that Keyworth is or one that we want for the children to attend.

Our priority is to maintain a safe and respectful environment for all children, parents/carers and staff. Any disputes between parents/carers should be handled away from the school premises and any concerns about incidents involving children should be reported directly to the school for appropriate resolution.

If parents/carers are involved in disputes or confrontations in and around school, this may result in a ban from the school premises. We take this matter extremely seriously and expect all members of our school community to behave in a respectful and responsible way.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that our school remains a positive and supportive community for everyone.

### **Vision screening for Reception children**

Each year all Reception aged children are invited to have their eyes checked as part of the national vision screening programme. 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 with Keyworth hosting a Reception vision screening session on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. Reception parents/carers will receive full details in an email and can find further information below:

#### **Why are eye tests important?**

We want to let you know if your child sees well. Unfortunately, not all eye problems are obvious and only an eye test can spot them.

Age 4 or 5 is the perfect age to do this eye test as the children are old enough to get an accurate result and young enough to treat any problems effectively.

#### **Who are the Eyelook team?**

Orthoptic assistant: Specially trained to do vision tests on 4-5 year old children.

Orthoptists: Are experts who work in the clinic, they are experts at testing vision in children and treating eye problems like squint, lazy eye and the need for glasses.

Paediatric ophthalmologist: the children's eye doctor who works in the eye clinic and will check the health of the eye.

#### **What happens during the school eye test?**

The orthoptic assistant will check your child is seeing well using letters and a matching game. The test is fun to do and only takes a few minutes.

#### **What do parents need to do before the test?**

Keep these details safe so you know how to contact us. Please complete the slip below and return it to school if your child is already under care or you **DO NOT** want your child's vision tested.

#### **What happens afterwards?**

After the eye test, we will send a letter home with your child stating what we found and whether your child needs to be seen in our eye clinic. Clinic appointment letters will then be sent in the post.

#### **What if my child is not at school that day?**

If your child is absent on the day of testing we advise that you take them to your local high street optometrist for a routine sight test.

#### **How often do children need their eyes tested?**

It is advised that children have their eyes tested once between 4-5 years of age. Once we know your child can see well there is no need for regular eye checks. If you notice any change, if a child complains of a change to their vision, or other new problems we advise you take them to your local optician.

## Year 5 visit the Royal Festival Hall

An Unforgettable Musical Experience! 🎵 Year 5 had the incredible opportunity to visit the Royal Festival Hall to watch the Philharmonia Orchestra perform. The highlight of the day was singing along using British Sign Language to a beautiful song, making the experience even more special and inclusive!





## Fix-a-Bike

Pedal Power! 🚲 Year 4 and 5 students had a blast in the Fix-a-Bike workshop, where they learned essential skills like repairing punctures, pumping tyres, and fixing chains and brakes. A great way to keep their bikes in top shape and boost their confidence on the road!



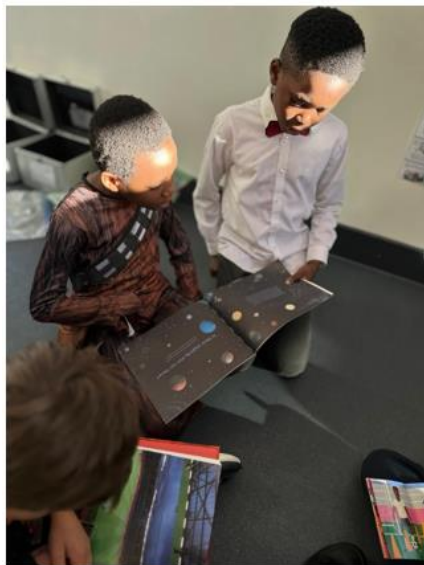


### Years 2 and 3 Polka Theatre visit

Last week the year 2 and 3 children went on a trip to The Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to watch *The Pea and The Princess*, a modern take on the traditional tale, followed by a Q&A with the actors. Everyone had an amazing time and, thanks to the theatre's Curtains Up Program, the children were able to watch this performance for free. Afterwards, they walked to a local park and ate their lunches in the sunshine!



### More from World Book Day...



## World Book Day - author visit

For World Book Day, Keyworth was visited by author Sharika Chauhan, the creator of *Maya's Worldly Wonders Series*. She delivered an assembly where she read some extracts from her books, talked about how she became an author and answered children's questions.

Below you can read more about Sharika's journey and her views on the importance of inclusive storytelling:

### [The importance of inclusive storytelling](#)

Below is a link to the Maya's Worldly Wonder Series website:

### [Maya's Worldly Wonders](#)

## Support for families 1 - parenting sessions

At the end of this newsletter is a poster containing information about a variety of parenting sessions offered by Southwark Family Early Help.

## Support for families 2 - Autism Acceptance Coffee Morning

At the end of this newsletter is a poster containing information about a local Autism Acceptance Coffee Morning.

## Support for families 3 - Groundwork support

Attached to this week's newsletter email is a booklet containing information and mental health support provided by Groundwork.

## Support for families 4 - working parents/carers FREE childcare

You can get 15 or 30 hours of free childcare from April, if you're an eligible working parent with a child aged 9 months to 4 years. Check if you are eligible and apply for your childcare hours by clicking on the link below:

### [Working parents/carers FREE childcare](#)

## Support for families 5 - English for Speakers of Other Languages course (ESOL)

Do you want to improve your English language skills? Join our classes to learn skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing English, giving you the confidence you need in daily life and work. Click on the link below for further information:

### [ESOL course](#)

## Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **sufficient**. 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. **sufficiently/sufficiency**. Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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





<b>Previous words</b>	accompanying, variety, frequent, sincere, appreciating, tolerant, immediate, guarantee, occupying, amateur, foreign, queue, parliament, developing, bargain, communication, prejudice, attached, aggressive, symbol, available
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I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful weekend!

Ray Capper  
Head of School



# TAP – IN SESSIONS

**Free and stand alone information sessions for parents and carers on a range of topics.**

**Join us with Thinking About Parenting and TAP in to.....**

## **Digital Safety**

Thursday 13th March  
1pm  
Online via MS Team

## **Parenting and Autism**

Wednesday 5th February  
1 - 2.30pm

Friday 14th March  
11 - 12.30

Both online via MS Teams

## **Parent Emotional Wellbeing**

Friday 31st January  
10.30am - 12

## **Parenting and ADHD**

Monday 10th Feb  
12 - 1.30

Monday 10th March  
10am - 11.30  
Both online via MS Teams

## **Ages and Stages**

Thursday 23rd January  
10am - 11.30

Tuesday 18th March  
10.30 - 12

Both online via MS teams

Thursday 20th March  
10 - 11.30  
Both online via MS Teams



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN NOW**

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Southwark

# AUTISM ACCEPTANCE COFFEE MORNING

We are excited to invite parents and families of Autistic children to our upcoming coffee morning to celebrate World Autism Acceptance Month.

## Event Highlights

Free tea, coffee and biscuits!

Meet the Autism Support Team

Connect with other parents of Autistic children

Find out what local services are available to you and your child

Get advice from a range of professionals

Get ideas for how best to support and advocate for your child

## Register your interest



Please let us know that you will be attending by filling in the short form available via the QR or by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/JDzJrBLpKc>

See you there!



Southwark  
Council

9:30-11:30am

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