

# Keyworth Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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School Holidays	INSET Days	Tutorial Day	Bank Holidays
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## Important dates for your diary

Event		Class assemblies	
20.09.23	Reception Celebration Day - 1:30pm	04.10.23	6MV
21.09.23	Year 1 Celebration Day - 9:00am	11.10.23	3MR
26.09.23	Reception phonics and reading workshop - 9:10am	18.10.23	5BH
27.09.23	Year 6 secondary school application meeting - 9:10am	08.11.23	2PH
28.09.23	Year 1 phonics and reading workshop - 9:10am	15.11.23	1AJ
02.10.23	Year 2 parent workshop - 9:10am	22.11.23	4AB
04.10.23	Years 3 and 4 parent workshop - 9:10am		
10.10.23	Parents' evening		
11.10.23	Parents' evening		
11.10.23	Year 6 parent workshop - 9:10am		
18.10.23	Year 5 parent workshop - 9:10am		
20.10.23	Last day of the half-term		

## Celebrations

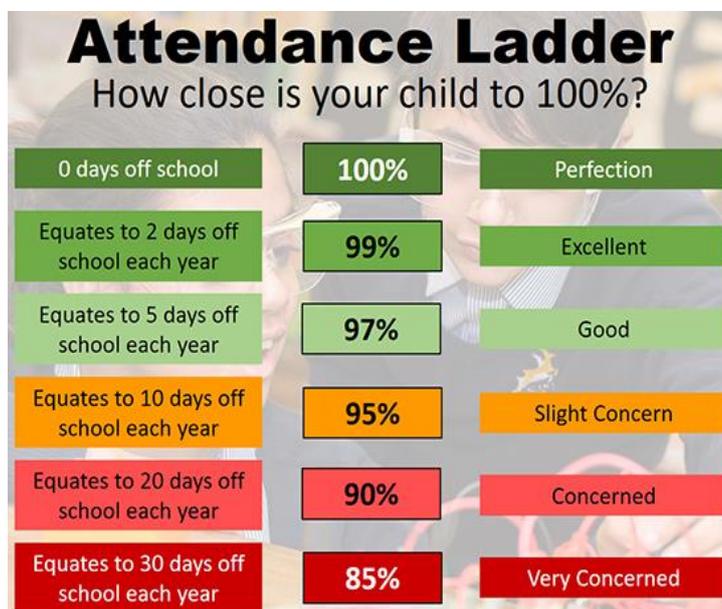
Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Reader of the Week	Presenter of the Week
RCJ	Shiloh	Ananya	Felicia	Charlie	
1AJ	Joshua	Wendy	Iruoghene	Jaiden	Romario
1HE	Misbahu	Yusuf	Khalid	Lacey	Afia
2PH	Evazi	Ellie	Viktor	Alana	Sofia
2ER	Zanyah & Syraj	Freya	Teddy	Mabrukah	Jasmine

Class	Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Presenter of the Week
3MR	Naila	Alayna	Abib	Zeynab
3GC	Nate	Zahara	Isa	Kamron
4AB	Othniel	Teddy	Jahmorei	Sophia
4EB	Isabella	Hamia	Eymen	Frankie
5BH	Francis	Sammy	Cinar	Ridwaan
5GT	Hawa	Kymani	Kevin	Ibrahim
6MV	Honya	Sara	Saif	Jawdan
6CS	Aila	Lysander	Davarney	Imaan

This week's gem winners are...	Diamonds
This week's treasure chest winners are...	2PH 6CS

## Attendance

Class	Attendance
RCJ	78.00
1AJ	94.35
1HE	92.22
2PH	95.36
2ER	96.12
3MR	94.26
3GC	99.02
4AB	98.82
4EB	100
5BH	88.33
5GT	97.67
6MV	94.76
6CS	100
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>95.62</b>
<b>School average (year)</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>National average (year)</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>School target</b>	<b>96%</b>



This week's attendance winners are **6CS 4EB**

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>
5GT 98.66%	6CS 97.33%	6MV 96.31%

## Latest News

### Vision and Values

This half-term we will be focusing on our Vision and Values in our KS1/KS2 themed assemblies and as a discussion session in class. This week our value was **Academically Ambitious**. During our assembly we learnt about the value in getting the best education possible, how Malala Yousafzai fights for the right of women to be educated and listened to the story “Malala’s Magic Pencil”. The story can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Mulala's Magic Pencil story](#)

### VISION

*Vision is what we aspire to. It is what drives us.*

### VISION

We are a proudly **diverse and inclusive** school where our pupils and staff have a **strong sense of belonging**, can be their **true selves** and know **they can achieve anything** with focus, effort, and support from the whole school community and where school and families value each other and work in close partnership.

### VALUES

*Our shared values underpin the collective behaviours of all who interact with and act on behalf of the school.*

### VALUES

**Academically Ambitious**  
**Progressive**  
**Creative and Practical**  
**Self-aware and Supportive**  
**Respectful**  
**Connected to the community**

### Academically Ambitious

*We strive to exceed in academic attainment.*

We set ambitious goals and expect our students to attain and maintain the highest academic standards they can. For this reason, we regularly review pupil progress to ensure we know how children are developing, so that where necessary, we can support, encourage or intervene to get the very best from every child.

### Progressive

*We can be the change we want to see around us.*

We nurture strong ethical values, integrity and a sense of social justice in our school community and teaching. We want our pupils to become independent thinkers, respectfully questioning convention, challenging inequality and finding their place as considerate individuals who will make a meaningful contribution to society.

### Creative and Practical

*We learn by doing, in and out of the classroom.*

We actively encourage children to engage in the world around them. Our creative curriculum develops every aspect of the child which includes academic, emotional, social, physical, and cognitive skills. Children are immersed in hands-on, practical learning experiences tailored to their developmental stage.

### Self-aware and Supportive

*We are kind to ourselves and caring of others.*

We nurture engagement in learning, positive relationships and greater empathy by helping children develop:

- ☐ **emotional literacy** - managing their feelings;
- ☐ **social skills** - being aware of others’ emotions;
- ☐ **resilience** - having the tools to deal with challenges and new things.

### Respectful

*We are respectful of each other’s ideas, beliefs, backgrounds and practices.*

We are considerate of the cultural identity and norms of the students and families we serve. Diversity, equality and inclusion are of great importance to us. We strive to support and educate children and adults to be sensitive to and respectful of diversity and put this into action through a socially aware curriculum and inclusive activities.

### Connected to the community

*We have a strong sense of being a part of and having responsibility for our community.*

We recognise that family, school and community relationships directly affect student attainment, therefore we are committed to bringing children, families and communities together in and out of the classroom to share, learn and celebrate the diversity of our city and world.

### Communicating with school

I have been inundated with parents/carers wanting to speak directly with me about all sorts of things. One of the strengths of the school is that senior leaders have an open-door policy, however it is important that parents/carers follow the correct channels of communication when they have any questions or queries. For one, I do not have the capacity to personally respond to everything that goes on at Keyworth, plus there are a team of people who would be better placed to respond appropriately. 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:



### Magicbooking and payments update

Moving forward, parents/carers will need to make all payments using their Magicbooking account (or by using the card machine in the school office if there are difficulties with doing so using Magicbooking). Additionally, signing-up to clubs and providing consent for trips will need to be completed using Magicbooking.

If you ever have an issue with your Magicbooking account, please email the school office:

[office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@keyworth.southwark.sch.uk).

### Important dates for your diary

Please refer to the "Important dates for your diary" section above for further information.

### Year 6 secondary school applications

All parents/carers of children in year 6 need to apply for a secondary school place by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Assistant Headteacher Melissa will be hosting a parent/carer workshop about the application process on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9:10am in the Community Room**.

Further information about the secondary school application process can be found on the following websites:

[Southwark](#)

[Lambeth](#)

### Bikes and scooters in school

We are happy when children walk, scoot or ride to school to improve their health and wellbeing. However, please note that should parents/carers decide to leave their child/ren's mode of transport in school, parents/carers do so at their own risk and the school will not be held accountable should any item go missing.

## Workshops

The following workshops will be taking place during the coming weeks. The purpose of the workshops is to provide parents/carers with support and information about their child/ren's education, so I would encourage everyone to attend if they can. **Please arrive via the school office ready for a 9:10am start. Workshops will take place in the Community Room.**

- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - Reception phonics and reading workshop;
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 1 phonics and reading workshop;
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - Year 2 parent workshop;
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** - Years 3/4 parent workshop;
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 6 parent workshop;
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 5 parent workshop.

## Learning Celebration Days

Next week, Reception and year 1 will be hosting celebration days. Parents/carers are welcome and encouraged to attend if their child/ren are in either year groups:

- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 1:30pm** - Reception Celebration Day (come to Gaza Street gate);
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9:00am** - Year 1 Celebration Day (come through Doddington/Gaza Street gates).

## 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 4 <sup>th</sup> October at 9:10am	6MV
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October at 9:10am	3MR
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October at 9:10am	5BH
Half-term	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November at 9:10am	2PH
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November at 9:10am	1AJ
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November at 9:10am	4AB

## Labelling school uniform

School uniform is expensive, particularly if children regularly lose it. Please ensure that you write your child/ren's name/s on all items of their clothing as they can be returned if found.

## Art focus

At the start of each academic year we have an art focus at Keyworth to support the children's transition into their new classes. 4AB have had a great start to the year and loved their art project in the first week back. They looked at the artistic styles of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and Swedish abstract artist Hilma af Klint to create their own bright, abstract flower still life paintings.



## Keyworth Friends update

**Registered charity number: 1182647**

Hello and welcome to our returning pupils and staff, and our new starters. We had a lot of fun last year and raised over £2,200. We donated money to the school for school trips and running community-building events.

We held events such as:

- Summer Fayre
- Winter Fayre
- Cake sales
- Book swaps
- My Heritage - Celebrating our Cultures & Diversity event
- Gifts sale for mothers' & fathers' (& significant others) days.

We would like to continue running events to fundraise and celebrate our school community, however we need volunteers to help organise and run events, and to complete the admin required to hold our charity status. **We are currently looking to recruit a chairperson and secretary for the committee, so are asking parents/carers for their support.**

If you have time to wrap books for the Winter Fayre, help set up/clear up at the beginning or end of events; work for a company who have a fund for supporting charitable work, or, can offer your time for anything else, please contact us at [Keyworthfriends@gmail.com](mailto:Keyworthfriends@gmail.com).



**Keyworth needs the help of parents/carers!**

# 6 GREAT REASONS TO JOIN

## Keyworth Primary School Friends Association

### For the children

Become a role model to show your child how you value their education.

The events we plan will improve your child's school experience.



### For you

Volunteering is a rewarding experience.

We plan to host many social events to raise money and also to enjoy each other's company.



### For the school

Help the school to raise funds.

Have a voice in the purchases that are made to support the children.



### Be connected

There is no better way of knowing what's happening in school.

Meet others that share the same common goals to help improve the school



### It is fun!

We aim to enjoy ourselves in all our roles.

From planning events to running a stall is exciting!



### Keep the FA going

As parents leave the school we need to keep the committee going.

Come and join our friendly team, as many hands make light work!



*"I work full time and help when I am able"*

*"I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events"*

*"I didn't realise how rewarding it would be"*

*"I've made life long friends"*

Find us on Facebook: Keyworth Primary School Friends Association

Twitter @KeyworthFriends, Instagram: Keyworthprimaryschoolfriends

Our NEW EMAIL ADDRESS is KeyworthFriends@gmail.com

## Year 2 Pirate Day

This term, Year 2's geography topic is **Continents and Oceans**. To support them in their learning, the children came to school dressed as pirates for **Pirate Day** and imagined that they were pirates travelling around the globe in search of treasure! They took part in lots of fun activities throughout the day, including reading maps, using compass points to follow a route, beating the clock in a geography Kahoot quiz, and even travelling around the school on a treasure hunt!



### Music lessons

Our music lessons, delivered by *Southwark Music Services*, started this week. Year 4 were introduced to the ukulele.

### Support for families - SIAS

At the end of this newsletter is a poster containing information about the *Southwark Information and Support Service*.

### Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **corresponded**. 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., **corresponding/correspondence**? Can they identify any synonyms or antonyms?

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

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

Ray Capper  
Head of School





Southwark  
Information  
Advice &  
Support

## Drop-in

Day: Thursdays (*term-time only*)

Time: 2-5pm

Location: Sunshine House,  
27 Peckham Road, SE5 8UH

Or, book an online appointment here  
[www.calendly.com/southwarkias](http://www.calendly.com/southwarkias)

SIAS provide families with impartial  
information, advice & support  
about issues related to  
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