

Keyworth Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 20th December 2024

Term Dates 2024-2025

September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 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	
07.01.25	Children return	22.01.25	5BH
17.01.25	Reception celebration day at 9:00am	29.01.25	3AB
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
05.02.25	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	Pearls	Gabriel	Ibrahim	Mason	Isabella
Opals	Lexie-Rose	K'Sharii	Aras	Axel	Dara
Moonstones	Noah	Muhammad Yahya	Dalyon	Axel	Naila
2PH	Anna	Misbahu	Nariah	Freddie	Erovre

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3EB	Gabriel	Ryan	Nasir	Zanetor
3GC	3GC	Josiah	Jasmine	Mabrukah
4AB	Nate	Elijaln	Kayden	King
4HE	4HE	Sima	Naila	Elise M
5BH	Ava	Yaw	Isabella	Arsema
5AA	Sophia	Keyla	Nora	Kaelan
6CS	Lucas	Lillie	Anas	Isabelle
6MM	Stephanie	Abdul	Kaycee	Meriem

Latest News

End of term

The children return to school on **Tuesday 7th January**.

Attendance

As I shared in each of the performances this week, Keyworth is performing exceptionally well in many areas and particularly when it comes to closing the educational gap for all groups. This aligns with our message of **everyone being welcome at Keyworth**.

We are really struggling with attendance and again I ask for the support of parents/carers in improving this moving into 2025.

Attendance award - class

Congratulations to class 6CS who won the attendance award for having the best attendance in the Autumn term. They will be receiving a treat to celebrate their victory! *Which class will have the best attendance in the spring term?*

Attendance raffle winners

A reminder that all children receive a raffle ticket should they attend school for a whole week from Monday to Friday. Every week they attend for a whole week is equivalent to 1 raffle ticket being received.

Congratulations to the following attendance raffle winners:

Olamilekan 2PH	Abdella 2PH	Munira 4AB	Ben 5AA	Joao 6MM	Teresa Valentina 6MM
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The next raffle starts in January. *Who will win the next attendance raffle?*

Class assemblies

Below are the dates for next term's class assemblies. We will try not to change the dates, unless absolutely necessary.

Date	Class
Wednesday 22 nd January	5BH
Wednesday 29 th January	3AB
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 1
Wednesday 12 th February	4HE
Wednesday 5 th March	5AA
Wednesday 12 th March	3GC
Wednesday 19 th March	Reception

Reception applications - reminder

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, your child is due to start primary school in September 2025. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Click on the link below for further information:

[Southwark school admissions](#)

* Please note that if your child is in Keyworth Nursery, you will not automatically get a place in Reception so need to complete the application form.

Children's Crib Service and Nativity Panto - St Mary Newington Church

Connected to the Community is an important value at Keyworth. As you will know, we have been working closely with St Mary Newington Church to provide opportunities for Keyworth children. Read below for further opportunities:

Welcome to the Children's Crib Service!

Come join us on **Tuesday December 24th 2024 at St Mary Newington** for a special event celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. Our service will start at **2:00pm** so make sure to arrive on time! Bring your little ones along to enjoy a fun and interactive service that will surely put a smile on their faces. We will have carols, a nativity play, and of course, a beautiful crib scene to admire.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to gather with your community and celebrate the holiday season together. See you there! There is no charge but if you are able to donate when you book a ticket (towards lighting, heating, decorations and musicians and our children's music project) it would be very much appreciated and put to good use.



For further information and to book your FREE tickets, click on the link below:

[Children's Crib Service and Nativity Panto](#)

Choral Scholarships - St Mary Newington Church

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE SINGING?

If you have a child in Year 4 or above, we are offering Choral Scholarships from January 2025. This will include vocal training by Dr Edwin Hillier of the Royal College of Music and music theory lessons. The children's choir rehearses Monday after school and sings one Sunday morning per month (as well as occasional concerts and other services) - food is provided.

Contact: choir.stmarynewington@gmail.com

Maths Enterprise Week and Enterprise Fair

Last week, the children took part in Maths Enterprise Week. Each class were tasked with designing, creating and selling a product. In Maths lessons, the children learned all about product design, budgets and profits. The week ended with the Maths Enterprise Fair which was a great success, thanks to all who attended and supported our school. A big congratulations to our winners, class 4HE, who made a very impressive profit of £64!



Year 3 National History Museum visit

Year 3 had an amazing time exploring the Natural History Museum - they wandered the Volcanoes and Earthquakes exhibit as well as learning about Earth's Treasures (rocks and minerals)!



Year 4 Westminster Abbey trip

Year 4 visited Westminster Abbey as part of their Religious Education topic where they have been learning about how Christians use the bible to guide them in life. The children enjoyed learning about the different Christian stories and marvelled at the intricate details and decorations inside the Abbey.



Reception to year 3 gem trip

The diamonds in Reception to year 3 were fortunate enough to go to the renowned Blue Elephant Theatre to watch Mrs Claus' List - it was a fantastic Christmas production full of fun, laughter and singing.



Years 4 to 6 gem trip

The diamonds in years 4 to 6 had a great time at the Odeon cinema watching Paddington in Peru.

Well done to the children for being Autumn term gem winners!

Support for families 1 - Food and Fun holiday programme

If your child gets benefits-related free school meals, they can join one of many Food and Fun holiday clubs

in Southwark running from **23rd December to 3rd January** (excluding public holidays). The weekday clubs run fun activities and provide healthy and free food. Further information can be found by clicking on the link below:

[Food and Fun](#)

Support for families 2 - what is neurodiversity?

At the end of this newsletter is a guide created by Lori around neurodiversity as well as a task for families to complete. Please contact Lori should you have any questions or queries:

lknight@gemfed.co.uk

Support for families 3 - school holiday activities and SEN sessions

At the end of this newsletter are several posters containing information about local school holiday events/activities and SEN activities.

Support for families 4 - get help if you are struggling to pay for food

If you're struggling to pay for food at the moment, Southwark Council along with many community organisations are here to help. There is support available including emergency access to food for you or your family. Click on the link below for further information:



[Food support](#)

Support for families 5 - support for your mental health this festive season

This time of year, can leave you feeling overwhelmed with worries about money, relationships, your family's health and more. There is plenty of free and confidential support in Southwark for adults and children. If you need immediate emotional and practical support call NHS 111 and select the mental health option. If it's an emergency, call 999. Click on the link below for further information:

[Mental health support and advice](#)

Support for families 6 - food banks and discount supermarkets

Please see below information for local food bank support and low-cost supermarkets:

[Help with food - Southwark Council](#)

[Spring Community Hub](#)

[Peckham Pantry - Pecan](#)

[Locations | Southwark Foodbank](#)

Support for families 7 - National Autistic Society coffee morning

National Autistic Society coffee mornings



Our guest speaker this month:

Viv Dawes autistic advocate, consultant, trainer and author of many books including *Supporting Children & Young People through autistic burnout* presents **Understanding Your Neurodivergent Child/Teen** and within this will be discussing general advice, autistic burnout and PDA.

For parents & carers of autistic children on:

Friday 10th January
9:30am
Carnegie Library
Herne Hill, SE24 0AG

And the first Friday of every month
FREE of charge
Open to parents/carers of autistic people
of all ages in Lambeth & neighbouring
boroughs



Support for families 8 - Navigating difficult emotions in family relationships workshop

During this three-hour in person workshop, expect to share, discuss, express through creative activities, and delve into your emotions as parents of autistic children.

Please only join if you feel comfortable to share. Sharing our lived experiences can be empowering, and we support and guide these conversations. We'll blend therapeutic techniques to navigate challenging family dynamics with practical communication tools to enhance connections both with others and within ourselves

When: Friday 24th January 10.45 am to 2 pm

Where: The Somerville youth centre 260 Queens Road West se14

For: Parents/ carers of autistic young people aged 16 to 25 residing in Southwark / Lewisham
Places are limited so please book your place.

To book your place sign up via the link below you can email nazia@resourcesforautism.org.uk for further information or queries.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1012760653377?aff=oddtcreator>

Word of the Week

This week's *Word of the Week* is **attending**. 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. **attendance/attend**. 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
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I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas (if celebrating) and a very happy New Year!

Ray Capper
Head of School

What is Neurodiversity?

Neurodiversity is the idea that brain differences are normal and should be respected. These differences can include how we think, learn, behave, and communicate. Neurodiverse individuals might experience the world differently than those who are "neurotypical," and that's okay!

Common Examples of Neurodiversity:

- Autism Spectrum Condition
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Dyslexia
- Developmental Coordination Condition
- Dyscalculia
- Tourette's Syndrome
- Developmental Language Condition



It is important to understand that being neurodiverse does not mean things are impossible - it simply means children and adults may approach tasks or challenges differently. When we support and advocate for neurodiverse individuals, we empower them to thrive!

How You Can Help

Each month, we will introduce a new topic focusing on a different need related to neurodiversity. We ask you to:

- **Discuss neurodiversity with your children at home** using the prompts provided.
- **Encourage empathy and understanding of others** who may learn or think differently.
- **Take part in fun activities linked to each month's topic and bring them into school to share.** There will be opportunities for children to earn rewards like gems, certificates, and opportunities to have their work displayed around the school.

Why It Matters

When children and adults learn to celebrate neurodiversity, they grow up to be compassionate, respectful, and empowered individuals. Encouraging them to advocate for themselves and their peers helps create a more supportive and understanding society for the future.

Activity 1



Research a Famous Neurodiverse Person. Examples include: Albert Einstein, Temple Grandin, Simone Biles, Greta Thunberg.

Find out how their neurodiversity contributed to their success. **Create a Poster, PowerPoint or Drawing to show what you have learnt.**

Pieces of work should be brought into school when we return on **Tuesday 7th January 2024** and handed to the class teacher.

Thank you for your support and engagement in this important initiative. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to the school. **Contact:** lknight@gemfed.co.uk

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CAMBERWELL

WINTER
FOOD & FUN

FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE
10+

**Date: Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th
December 2024 Time: 10am- 2pm**

**Monday Activities: TRIP TO CINEMA
Tuesday: Games,
Christmas Lunch, Gift Giving**

**Address:
Camberwell Library
Camberwell SE5 7AL**

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FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN
(0-8YEARS)

Date:

Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th December 2024

Time: 10am- 2pm

**Address: Lewington centre
9 Eugenia Road SE16 2RU**

Monday activities: crafts Music , games, lunch etc
Tuesday: Games, Christmas Lunch and a gift from Santa

For more Information


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Date:
Monday 23rd
& Tuesday 24th
December 2024

Time: 10am- 2pm
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5 Nunhead Green
Se15 3QQ

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Monday activities:
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lunch etc

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Winter CAMP



FREE PLACES & LUNCH*

available for eligible families



4 days of fun!

Friday 27 December
Monday 30 December
Thursday 2 January
Friday 3 January

10:00am - 2:00pm

📍 Parish Hall, Dulwich, St
Clement with St Peter,
Friern Road, East
Dulwich, SE22 0AY

Ages 4-16 years

Suitable for children and
young people from
Reception to School
Year 11

REGISTER NOW

Book FREE* places via
www.eequ.org/experience/8802
or scan QR code



Book paid places via our website

Activities Include:

**Multi-Sports | Fun Games | Football
Tournaments | Arts & Crafts**

Enjoy healthy meals and enriching activities over the school holidays. *FREE for children and young people eligible for Free School Meals.

Paid places also available (please bring a nut-free packed lunch and drink).

★ £15 per day

★ £55 for all 4 days



Scan to book paid places

For more information, contact us:

dynamiccoachinguk.com



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admin@dynamicmail.co.uk



SOUTHWARK SHORT BREAKS

SportWorks Short Breaks provision includes a wide variety of sports, games, and fun activities for children and young people with SEND. Examples include dodgeball, parachute games, team building activities and much more! The sessions are for children and young people aged 5 to 18 years who have an EHCP plan. Staff Ratio 1:4 - please note that this is a group based project.

play games

make friends

inclusive

have fun

**TUESDAY @ DAMILOLA TAYLOR CENTRE, SE15 6DR
4.00-5.30PM**

**WEDNESDAY @ SPA BERMONDSEY, SE1 5RN
3.45-5.15PM**

For more information contact jake.ramshaw@sportworksltd.co.uk

To book:

Tuesday - <https://eequ.org/experience/695k0>

Wednesday - <https://eequ.org/experience/6952>

SENsational Stay & Plays and Short Breaks – Christmas 2024

SENsational 
Stay & Play

	Monday 23rd December	Tuesday 24th December	Wednesday 25th December	Thursday 26th December	Friday 27th December	Saturday 28th December
w/c 23rd December	Location: Ellen Brown 145 Grange Road, Spa Park, SE1 3EU Time: 10am–11.30am Ages: 0-5 years Location: Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, Chandler Way SE15 6DT Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 5-11 years	NO SESSIONS	Christmas Day 	* HAPPY * 	Location: *Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, Chandler Way SE15 6DT Time: 10am – 3pm Ages: 0-5 years	Location: *Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre, 29 Chandler Way, Peckham, SE15 6DT Time: 10am - 12noon Ages: 0-8 years 
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*At Ann Bernadt there are a few spaces for parents that wish to leave their child to take a break (subject to assessment of need, pre-booking and availability). Please contact childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk

<https://eequ.org/peckhampeckhamveandnunheadchildrenandfamilycentres>

For more info visit www.pprncf.com/sensational-stay-and-play



Southwark Children and Family Centres



WARM SPACES

Even with some of the support announced, this winter will inevitably be one of the hardest the people of Southwark have ever faced.

We know people are already struggling to pay their debts and feed their families. With inflation currently around 11%, interest rates rising, and energy bills set to increase again, many residents will soon be choosing between heating and eating.

We called on local businesses and organisations to help support their staff and local people in a variety of ways, including offering up their buildings as a Warm Space, with entertainment for specific communities like movie screenings or entertainers for older people or young families.

As we knew they would, organisations responded quickly and positively offering community spaces across the borough where people can go to stay warm, meet people and even be entertained this winter.



To find out more details including opening days and times, go to www.southwark.gov.uk/warm-spaces

BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT

(Borough and bankside)
Join the group's club for older men, Forget-me-Nots club that helps older people maintain their memory, arts and craft socials or just enjoy the warm hub and read, use the internet or chat with other older people.



BRITISH LEGION

(Walworth and Elephant and Castle)
Southwark Royal British Legion Community Club will be opening 10am to 4pm on Mondays and Thursdays for refreshments and games.

CAMBERWELL LIBRARY

(Peckham and Camberwell)
All of our libraries have desk space, comfy places to sit, and plenty of books and periodicals for those who want something to read while they stay warm. People can stay in our libraries for as long as they need to, and our larger libraries are open all day. Libraries also offer cost of living support, computer use and a range of events and activities for families. Go to www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries for more information.

LORDSHIP LANE CHURCH (Nunhead and Dulwich)

Come down and join in the regular Tuesday coffee mornings, or Thursday lunch club that offers healthy and nourishing food from Black communities.

- Blackfriars Settlement
- Time & Talents
- Age UK Valding Road
- Love North Southwark
- London Senior Social
- St Jude's
- Blue Anchor Library
- Canada Water Library
- John Harvard Library
- Tate Modern
- Southwark Pensioners
- Copleston Centre
- Southwark Carers
- Prince of Peckham
- Elimhouse
- COVO Connecting
- Camberwell Library
- South London Gallery
- Link Age
- Christ Church
- Lordship Lane Church
- Daffodil Cafe
- Ivy Club (green Nunhead)
- Dulwich Library
- Grove Vale Library
- Nunhead Library
- Pembroke House
- Draper Hall
- Mental Fight Club
- British Legion
- Golden Oldies
- Southwark Heritage Centre and Walworth Library
- Brandon Library

- Libraries
- Senior
- Pub
- Community groups and organisations
- Cultural spaces
- Churches

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southwark.gov.uk