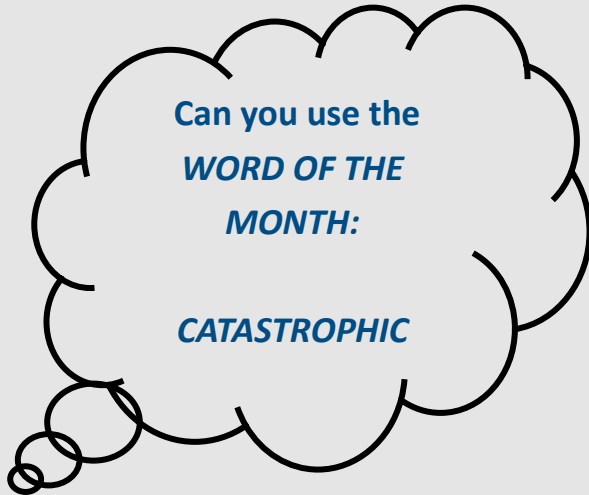




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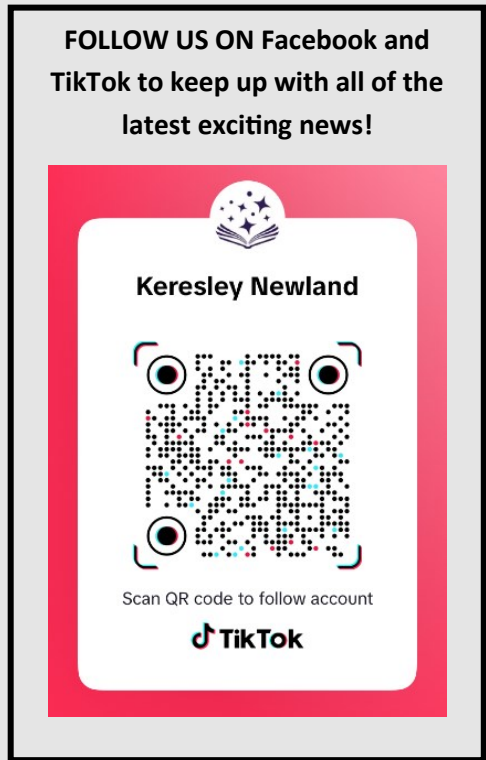
Dear Families,

We are well into the Spring Term now at KN and the children are settled and happy. We have had a successful teaching and learning review and safeguarding review already this term.

There has been a lot going on with children starting new topics and a few changes of teacher. Kensuke's Kingdom have settled well with Mr. Bramwell and Greg Heffley's class have been brilliant with the new arrangements this week.



This week in our newsletter, we are focusing on the brilliant music lessons with Mrs. Larkin. Enjoy!



Language, Learning, Lives!

RESponsible
Empathetic
Successful
Problem Solvers
Enterprising
Collaborative
Together

In Music this week, Years 5 and 6 have been doing some free-choice compositions! Each group chose an idea from the Composition Grid, and they had 15 minutes to create an original composition using a variety of instruments and vocal sounds. They performed in turn to the rest of the class. Some of their ideas were very creative!





Learning and performing on the violin!



Years 3 and 4 are learning about the traditional music of China. In 2025, Chinese New Year begins on **January 29th**, which marks the change from Year of the Dragon to Year of the Snake. Today in music the children watched a performance of 'Busy Weaving' on an instrument called a guzheng: "[纺织忙](#)" "[Busy Weaving](#)" [Gu Zheng](#). They then learnt to play the melody using glockenspiels. Their music notes were written in numbers because some traditional Chinese music use numbers in a system called **jianpu** (简谱) to represent notes.

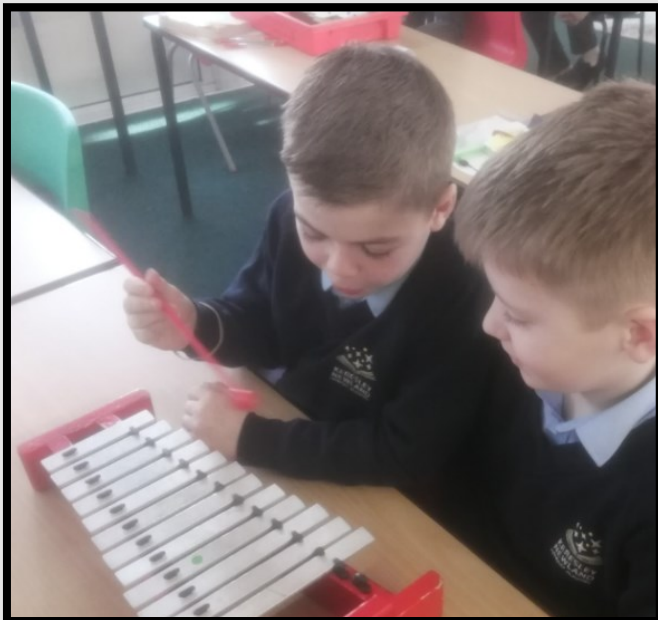
'BUSY WEAVING'

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1=C 2=D 3=E 5=G 6=A









INSTRUMENTS



Erhu - Bowed



Dizi -Blown



Bo - Struck

- Traditional instruments are usually played in one of four ways: plucked, bowed, blown, struck
- Does anything look familiar?

Key Priorities 2024 - 2025

Continued Development

Key NEW Priorities



To ensure behaviour remains positive and the needs of challenging children are met.

To ensure all children attend school regularly, following the new guidance.

To continue to prioritise Early Reading, and reading fluency (phonics)

To improve writing across the school, with a focus on **Talk for Writing**.

To continue curriculum development, based on Language, Learning, Lives.

To ensure all children are fluent in number facts and times tables.

To secure ArtsMark re-accreditation for Silver/Gold.

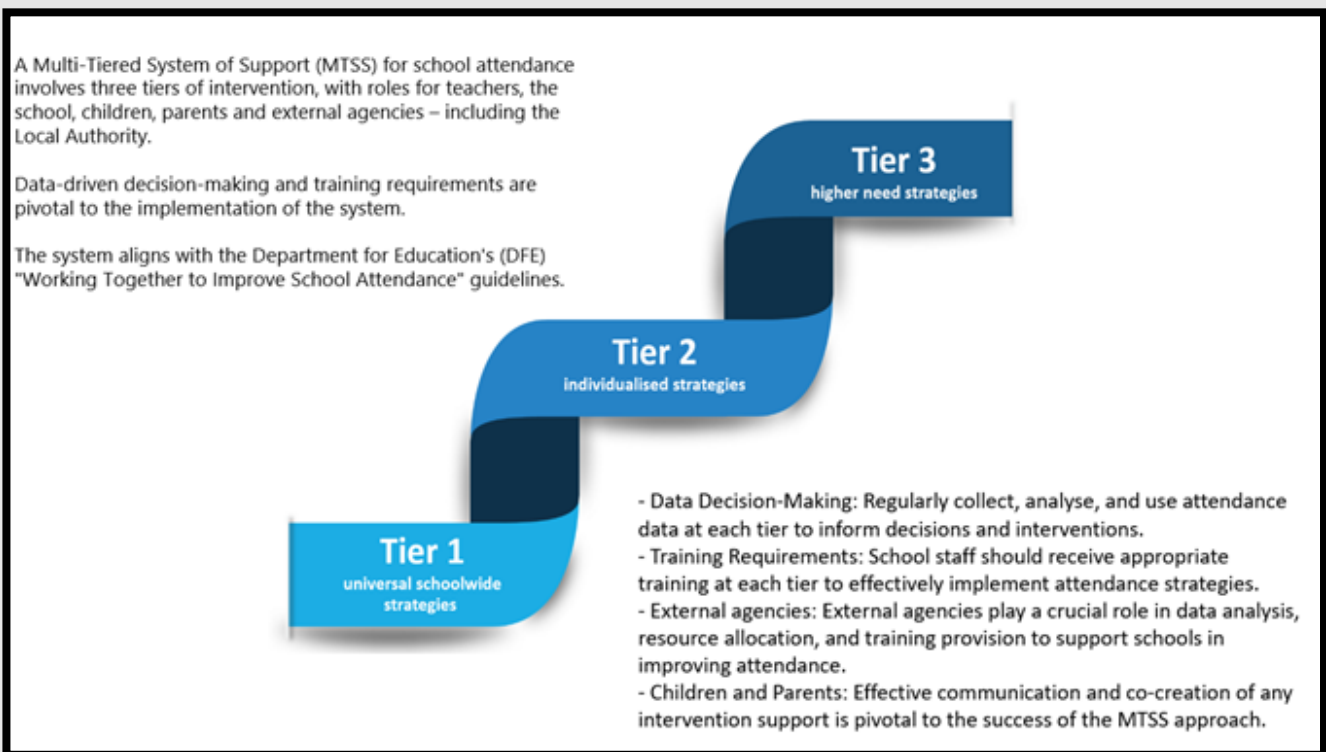
For oracy to be embedded across the school day, and for the children to be confident and articulate.

Attendance:

Tier 1 – this is for all children and promotes good attendance for all.

Tier 2 – children who are in the category of Persistent Absence (10-18 days). At 14 days of absence children and families are still able to turn this around to return to Tier 1 during the academic year.

Tier 3 – children in the category of Severe Absence which is absence of over 19 during an academic year.

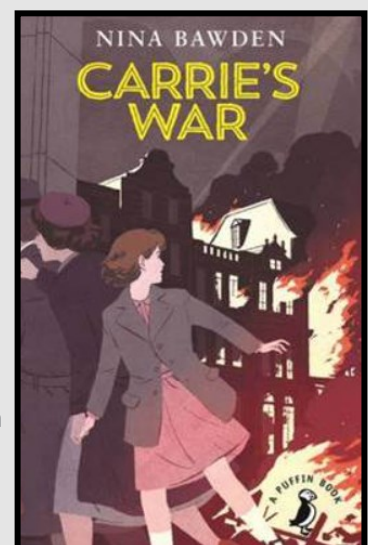


This week's BOOK RECOMMENDATION

During World War II, Carrie and her younger brother Nick are evacuated to Wales and billeted with the fierce old shopkeeper Mr Evans and his mousy sister, Louise.

Unhappy in their new home, they are delighted to have the chance to visit fellow evacuee Albert Sandwich at Druid's Bottom, the strange household of Hepzibah Green, who knows magical stories, and Mister Johnny, who speaks a language all his own. But then Carrie makes a mistake, which has terrible, unforeseen consequences.

Inspired by Nina Bawden's own experiences of living as an evacuee in a Welsh mining valley as a child, *Carrie's War* is now considered a modern classic. Funny, sad and thought-provoking, it provides young readers with an insight into some of the complexities and ambiguities of the adult world, albeit with a heart-warming, happy ending.



Dates for the Diary—Keresley Newland:

07/01/2025 - 08/04/2025	Spring Term Swimming	Year 4 - Group B
15/01/2025	Vision Screening	Reception
05/02/2025 - 06/02/2025	Bikeability - Balance	Reception
w/c 10/02/2025	Parent Teacher Meets	All school
17/02/2025 - 21/02/2025	February Half Term	All school
03/04/2025	Belgrade Theatre - Pig Heart Boy	Year 5 / Year 6

Personal Data:

It is your responsibility to keep your contact details up to date with the school office. Please note you can opt in or out of photo permissions at any time by contacting the school office or through Studybugs.

Parking:

Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. **No parking is permitted in the staff carpark.** Please park around the school respectfully and not over private driveways. We would encourage walking to school where possible. It is not only great exercise, but also good for the environment.

Mobile Phones and Photographs whilst on the school site:

Keep mobile phones out of sight of children. You are not permitted to use mobile phones during the working day or to take photographs of children on personal devices. You must refrain from posting photos or recordings on social media, websites or any public forum.

Thank you for reading our news for the week, and we look forward to our next exciting week in school.

Mrs Penlington and all at Keresley Newland.