



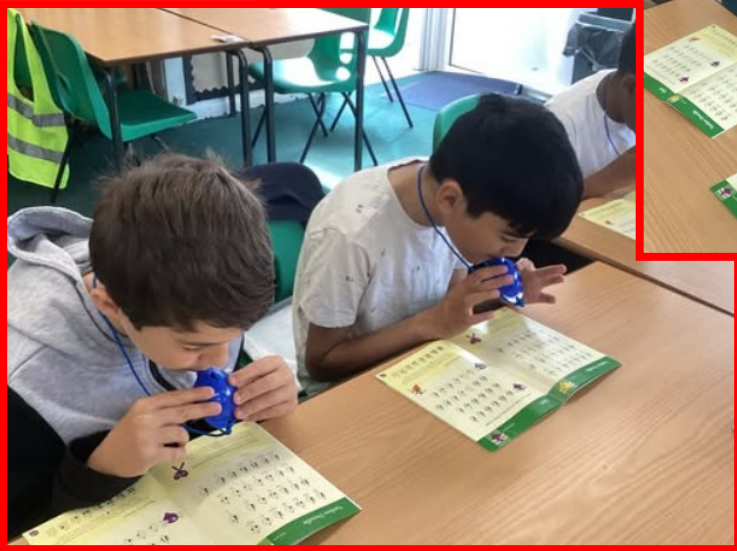
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Dear Families,

This week we are celebrating a lot of lovely activities across school.

This week at Keresley Newland!

We start with **Poet's Corner** who have been learning how to play the Ocarina in music lessons. This week they have learned the American folk song, Yankee Doodle. They played along to a backing track and sounded great!



Yankee Doodle Start on G

Yan	kee	Doo	die	went	to	town
A	rid	ing	on	a	pon	y
Stuck	a	feath	er	in	his	cap
And	called	it	mac	a	rid	er

This week at Keresley Newland13.06.2025

Language, Learning, Lives!

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COLLABORATIVE
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Early Collections:

Please can we respectfully ask that you collect your children at the end of the school day, **from the classroom doors**. We are having an increasing of parents and families asking to collect children early and coming into the school office to be able to do this. This is disrupting learning in classrooms and placing an increasing burden on the office staff who have to go around the school to collect children. We can accommodate an early collection in an emergency or where you have proof of an appointment, but it is clear to us that this is often for convenience of families. Thank you in advance for supporting the smooth running of our school.

Uniform:

Wearing uniform helps children feel part of our community. Some children are currently wearing PE shorts and other non-uniform items including branded trainers to come to school. **This sets the tone for the day of not having to follow our school rules or meet our expectations.** Please make sure your child comes to school in summer uniform and wears black school shoes or black plain trainers.

Uniform:

Gender neutral school sweatshirt or cardigan with the Keresley Newland Logo/plain navy blue

- **Blue** school shirt with black tights no skin coloured tights
- Gender neutral grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore dress (not leggings)
- Tie (elastic tie for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), we do have a stock of both styles of tie in school.

Additionally, in the summer term, children may wear:

- Grey or black short trousers
- Blue and white gingham dresses

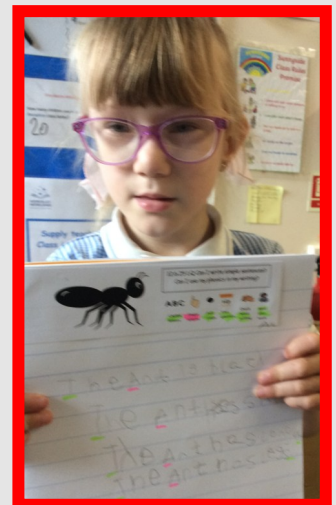
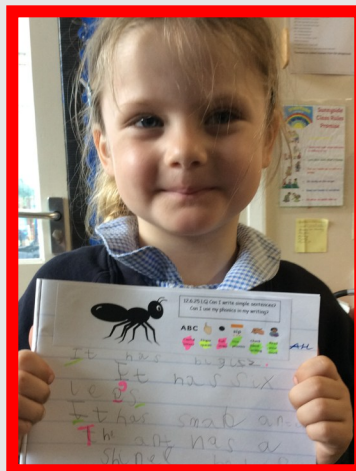
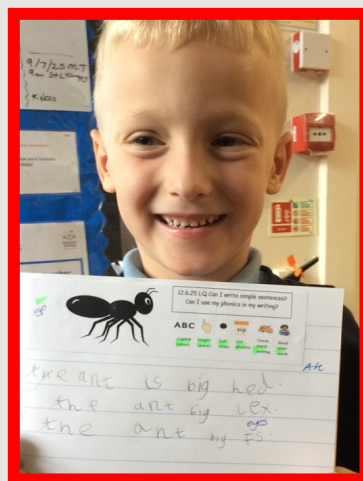
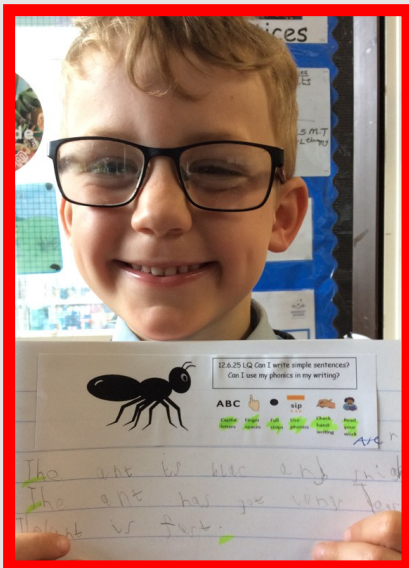
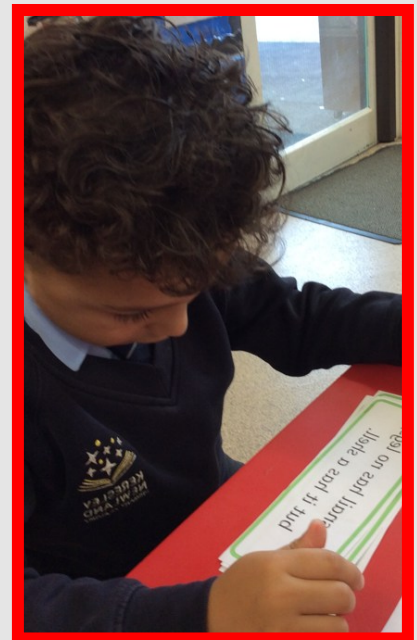
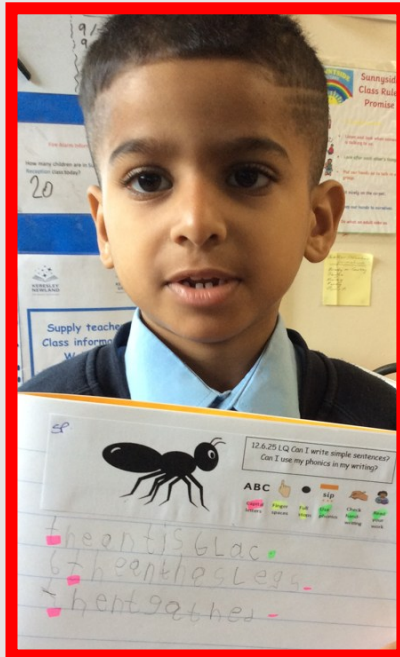
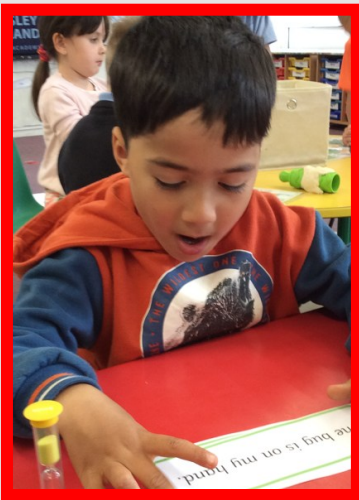
Footwear:

- Sensible black school shoes or boots (**not trainers or Ugg type boots**)
- Sensible black sandals in the summer term

PE Clothing:

- Shorts – plain black or navy
- T-Shirt – white with school logo or white plain t-shirt
- Black pumps for indoor gym work
- Trainers for outdoor use

Sunnyside Reception have been busy using their phonics skills for reading and writing. They have developed the confidence to read simple sentences. They have also been trying to be more independent in their writing. Haven't they done well!



Attendance:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is the parents' responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child is expected to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices changed with effect from 19 August 2024. Therefore, Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absence taken from September 2024 will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices – 4 in total).

First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.

Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.

Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.

Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under S444 of Education Act 1996.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

Attendance Notice for parents.

To comply with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 and Data Protection expectations, it is vitally important that **Keresley Newland Primary** keeps accurate and up to date information relating to every pupil on roll. The information we are required to record includes:

Pupil's full legal name (and if appropriate, their preferred name).

The name, address and contact details of every person known to the school/academy who is a parent* to the pupil with whom the pupil normally resides (this is the address that has been used to register with their GP).

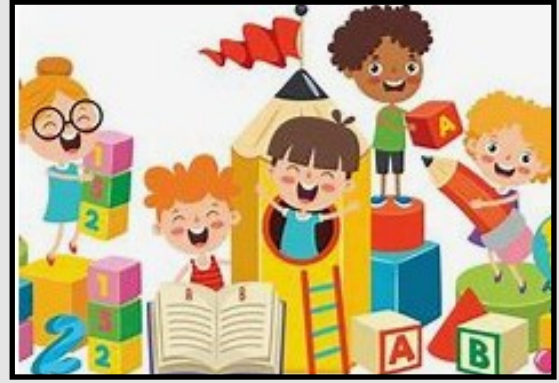
The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.

Any other emergency contact details.

In order to gather this information, every year we send out data collection forms. Parents are asked to complete the form with as much information as possible and then return to the school, signed and dated. We would ask that even where there are no amendments to the data collection sheet, parents return the form, signed and dated.

Keresley Newland Primary requests that if you change your contact number, move home or there are any other circumstances which may impact your child, the school is notified as a priority.

N.B. *The Education Act 1996 defines a 'parent' as a). any natural parent, whether married or not, b). any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person c). any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.



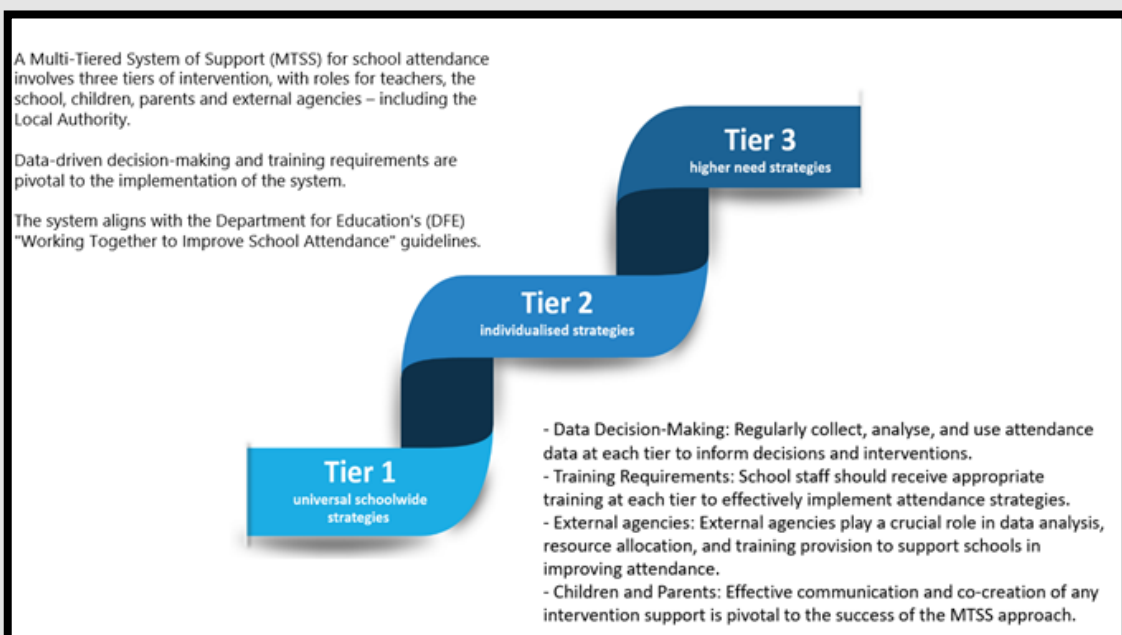
Attendance:

We are working hard to improve our attendance, and now have a tiered approach. We want all children to be in school as often as possible so that they have the best primary learning experience at Keresley Newland.

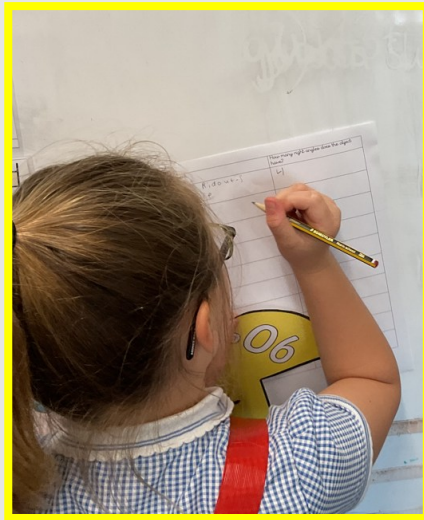
Tier 1 – this is for all children and promotes good attendance for all.

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.



Inside the Flying Saucer have been taking part in a mathematical, right angle hunt round school.



Dates for the Diary—Keresley Newland:

Date	Event	Year Group
06/06/2025	Crochet, Coffee and Cake Charity Morning	Community
09/06/2025	Multiplication Check	Y4
09/06/2025	Phonics Check	Y1
23/06/2025	Community Project Day "Buttons for Bunting"	All school
25/06/2025	Class photos	All school
04/07/2025	Fund Raising	All school
July	Secondary School Transitions	Year 6
07/07/2025	INSET DAY	All school
11/07/2025	Sports Day	All School
21/07/2025	INSET DAY	All school
22/07/2025 - 29/08/2025	Summer Holiday	All school
01/09/2025—02/09/2025	INSET DAY	All school
17/09/2025	M&M Theatrical Productions The Secret Garden	TBC
29/09/2025 - 01/10/2025	PGL	Year 6
27/10/2025—31/10/2025	October Half Term	All School
04/11/2025	Individual school photos	All school

Meet the Team at Keresley Newland

This week it is Mrs Arnold!

I love being outdoors, and enjoy relaxing at the end of a busy week in the Peak District or Wales camping in my Tentbox or micro-camper! I have a passion for walking & hiking, and since October the thrill of wild swimming in a lake or river (especially the challenge in the Winter!!). I love involving and spoiling my two dogs, Buddy the adventurous cocker spaniel and Ralph the spirited sausage dog, on life's little adventures. I have a passion for reading and getting lost in a good thriller and love spending quality time with friends and family. I am looking forward to spending many more years working at Keresley Newland and to seeing the children grow!



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.