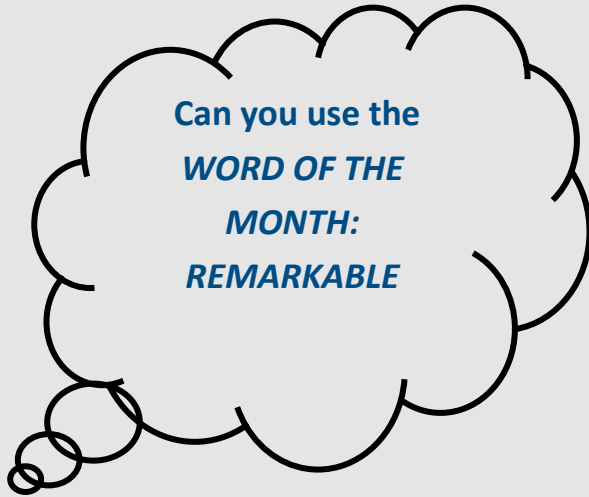




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Dear Families,

What an amazing week. Year 6 have been on their fantastic adventure to PGL—a good time was had by all. A massive thanks to Mrs. Cantwell and Mrs. Arnold for taking the children—very much appreciated; not forgetting Mr Byatt for transporting the children.



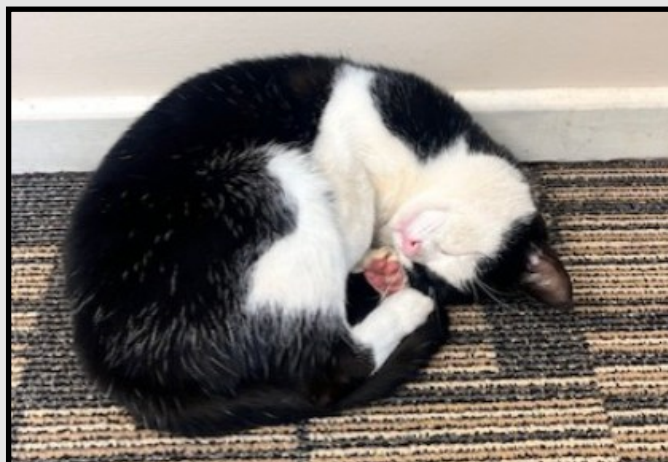
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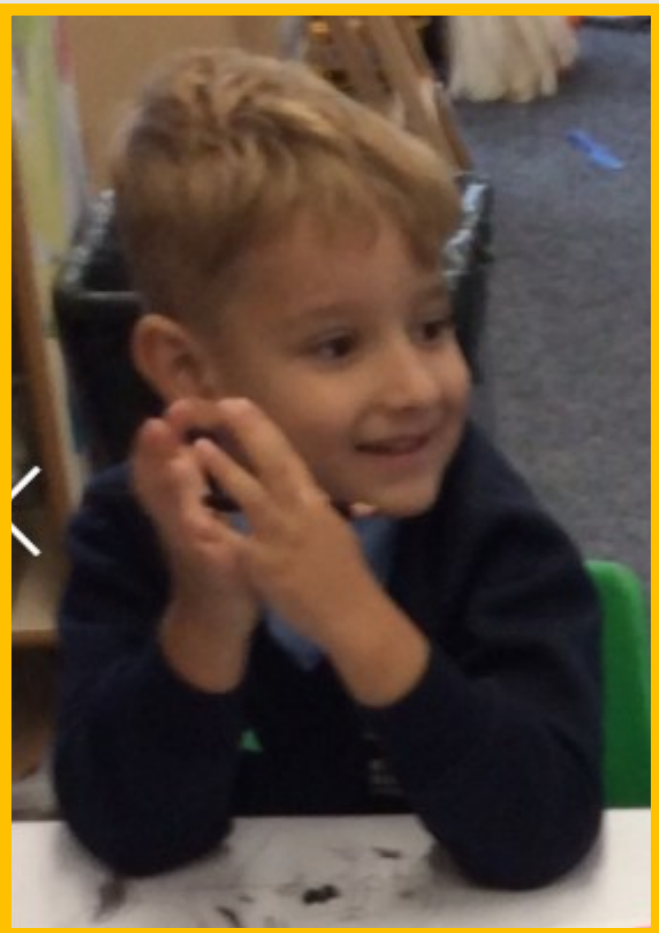
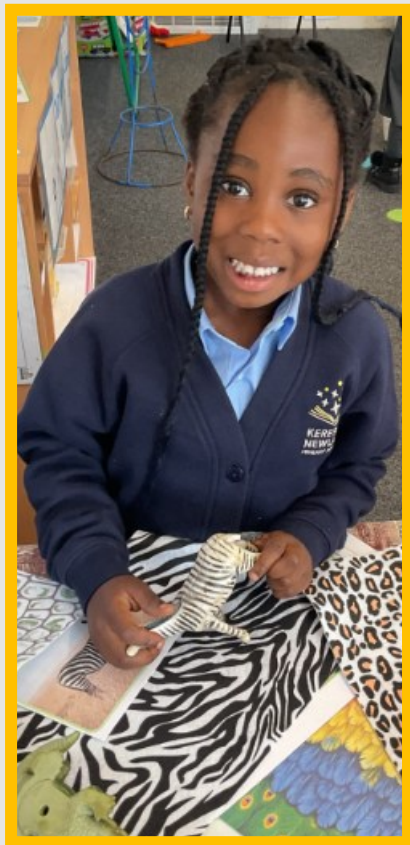
Our MP Rachel Taylor visited school today. Rachel Taylor MP was elected as the Labour MP for North Warwickshire and Bedworth at the 2024 general election. She spent the morning talking with the children and looked at our new Nursery Play area, and was very impressed with this and, of course, our children!



Do you know this cat? Please contact school if you recognise him from your neighbourhood as it has been with us since yesterday. We have had it scanned for a microchip today.

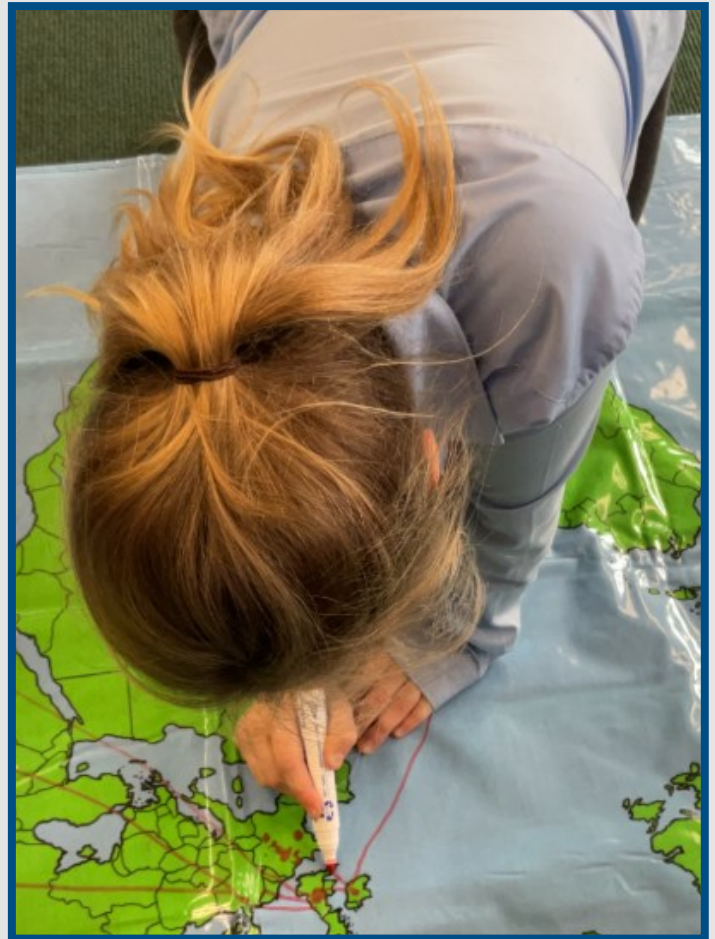


Sunnyside Reception have settled into our class, routines and learning well. We have enjoyed the independent challenge activities and working with new friends. Lots of discussion arose from our pattern matching activity, where the children found materials and prints that match to different animals.





Mowgli's Den: The children have enjoyed learning about where food comes from as part of their geography unit 'From Farm to Fork'. They used a big world map to look at the food miles the food we eat has travelled before it reaches us.



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).

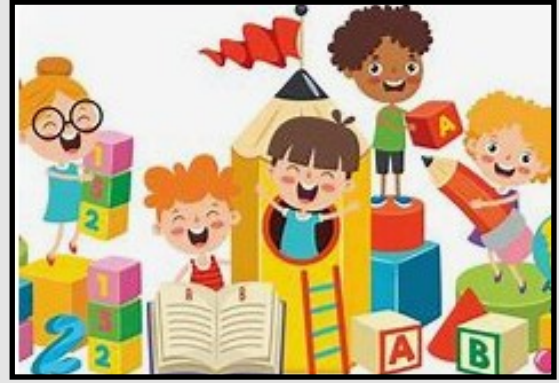
The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.

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.



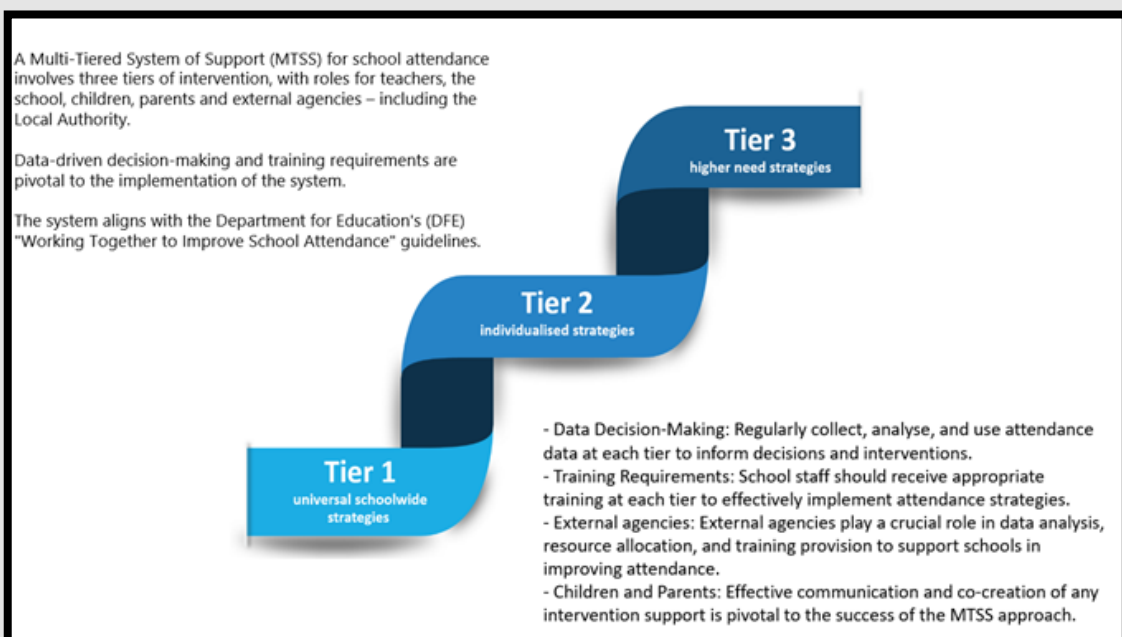
Attendance:

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.

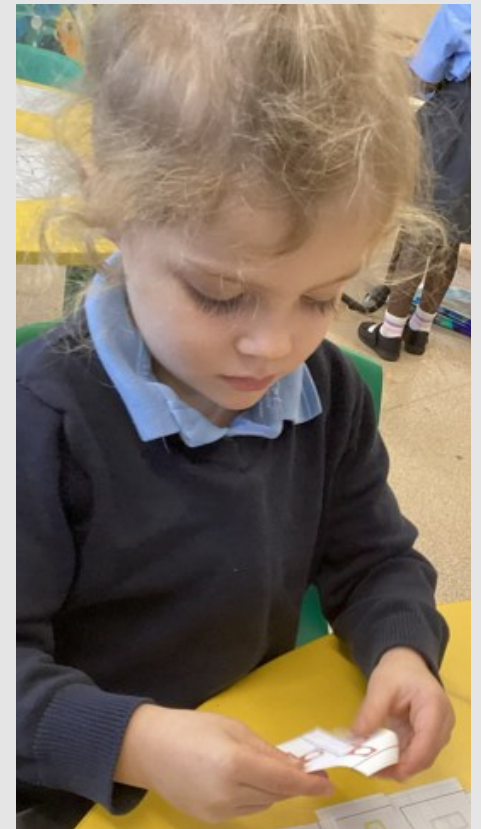
Tier 3 – children in the category of Severe Absence which is absence of over 19 during an academic year.



In **The Treehouse**, the children have been diving into the fascinating world of the human body, with a special focus on how the bones and muscles work together to help the body move. To bring this learning to life, the children created their very own model of a skeleton hand! Using straws to represent bones and string to mimic muscles, they explored how movement happens in their hands.



The Reef Nursery have had a super start to school life and have enjoyed doing lots of indoor and outdoor learning.





Key Priorities 2025 - 2027

Continued Development

Key Priorities

High Priorities

To ensure behaviour remains positive and the needs of challenging children are met, within British Values and Language, Learning, Lives, including Nurture Provision.

To work with families to improve attendance and being on time to school, so that school is in line with national and schools in similar contexts. Work with Warwickshire on additional sanctions for non-

To implement new Nursery provision for 2-year olds.

To implement Voice 21, beginning a three-year implementation plan.

To continue to prioritise Early Reading, and reading fluency leading to comprehension. (RWI, Talk Through Stories, Little Wandle Fluency)

To improve writing across the school, using the Writing Framework of 2025.

To continue curriculum development, using KAPOW resources and a personalised approach for KN based on LLL.

To ensure all children are fluent in number facts and times tables, and can apply their learning to reasoning; securing outcomes in line with national for Multiplication Check and end of KS2 Maths SATs.

To secure ArtsMark re-accreditation for Silver/Gold.

To secure the reputation of KN within the community as the go-to school.

What are we doing with ARTSMARK?

Within Artsmark this term, Adventure Team have been working on self portraits using mixed media.



Why don't you try out ideas at home?



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:

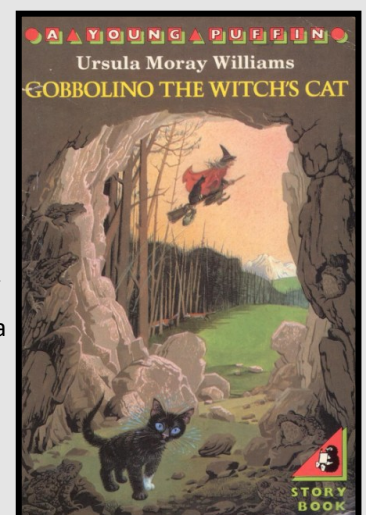
Keep mobile phones out of sight of children. You are not permitted to use mobile phones during the working day or to take photographs of children on personal devices. You must refrain from posting photos or recordings on social media, websites or any public forum.

This week's BOOK RECOMMENDATION

October—SPOOKY STORIES:

This is a book that I remember reading and loving at primary school - not that I was born in the 1940s!!! (Mrs. P)

First published in the 1940s, the story of Gobbolino the witch's cat with one white paw and bright blue eyes, has been delighting generations of young readers. It's the charming tale of a cat born a witch's cat but who would much rather be a kitchen cat. While his sister Sootica learns how to ride a broomstick and turn mice into toads, Gobbolino sets out to find a family to care for him and a home of his own. But Gobbolino is mistrusted wherever he goes, and blamed for mysterious happenings such as the farmer's milk turning sour, and the orphanage children's gruel turning into chocolate! After many such adventures, Gobbolino finally finds the home of his dreams.



Dates for the Diary—Keresley Newland:

22/07/2025 - 29/08/2025	Summer Holiday	Whole School
01/09/2025 - 02/09/2025	INSET DAY	Whole school
17/09/2025	M&M Theatrical Productions The Secret Garden	Reception - Year 6
29/09/2025 - 01/10/2025	PGL	Year 6
03/10/25	Visit from the MP to the new Nursery.	EYFS—Nursery Pride Rock
03/10/25	National Poetry Day	Whole School
10/10/25	World Mental Health Day	Whole School
20/10/25 and 22/10/25	Reception Open Day	Community
21/10/2025	Rags2Riches—clothing collection	Whole School
27/10/2025 - 31/10/2025	October Half Term	Whole School
04/11/2025	Individual school photos	Whole School
06/10/25	Y6 NHS Health Assessment	Year 6
07/11/2025	Sports for Champions—athlete visit	Whole School
18/11/25	Scholastic Book Fayre	Whole School

Quality Quizzers:

Who are this week's Top Quizzers?

Hannah (Y6) 74,193 words.

Mason (Y5) 13 quizzes



Meet the Team at Keresley Newland - Mrs. Sian

I love travelling and exploring the world in my free time. My favourite place that I have visited is Phuket in Thailand. Whilst travelling, I have experienced some amazing things such as visiting an elephant sanctuary, meeting tigers, swimming in caves and exploring Mexico City on a Segway. I learnt to speak Spanish whilst at university and love to use my Spanish and learn new languages through travelling. On the weekends, I love spending time with my family making memories.



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.