

Can you use the **WORD OF THE MONTH:**
REMARKABLE

Definition: Unusual or special and therefore surprising and worth mentioning.

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This week at Keresley Newland!

Dear Families,

This week we are taking time to reflect on the magic moments of the Autumn Term 2025.



Starting with **Reception, Sunnyside!**



Sunnyside have loved learning and retelling the story of 'Room on the Broom'. They liked all of the rhymes within the story and also showing their **MEAN** faces as the dragon.

Thank goodness the witch escaped from the scary, fiery dragon!!!



Language, Learning, Lives!

RESONSIBLE
EMPATHETIC
SUCCESSFUL
PROBLEM SOLVERS
ENTERPRISING
COLLABORATIVE
TOGETHER

Charlie's Chocolate Factory's magic moment was attending President Kennedy Secondary School for an aspirational Maths morning.



This term, **The Reef's** favourite story map in Talk for Writing was, "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". They have enjoyed getting creative, making their very own craft star wands and they especially loved melting chocolate and decorating their own edible star wands. Yum!



Adventure Team:

Children in Y3 have used counters to group and share, this helped them to visualise division. With each question they practised, their confidence grew...and suddenly, they were all saying, **"I've got it!"**

For Y4, the children were working on their show, don't tell sentences. They found this tricky at first but using drama to express how someone might act when they feel sad, scared, or nervous really helped them to understand and empathise. They applied this to their work and produced some amazing sentences!



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).

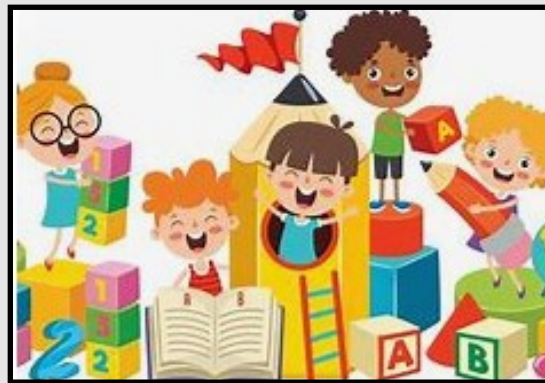
The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.

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.



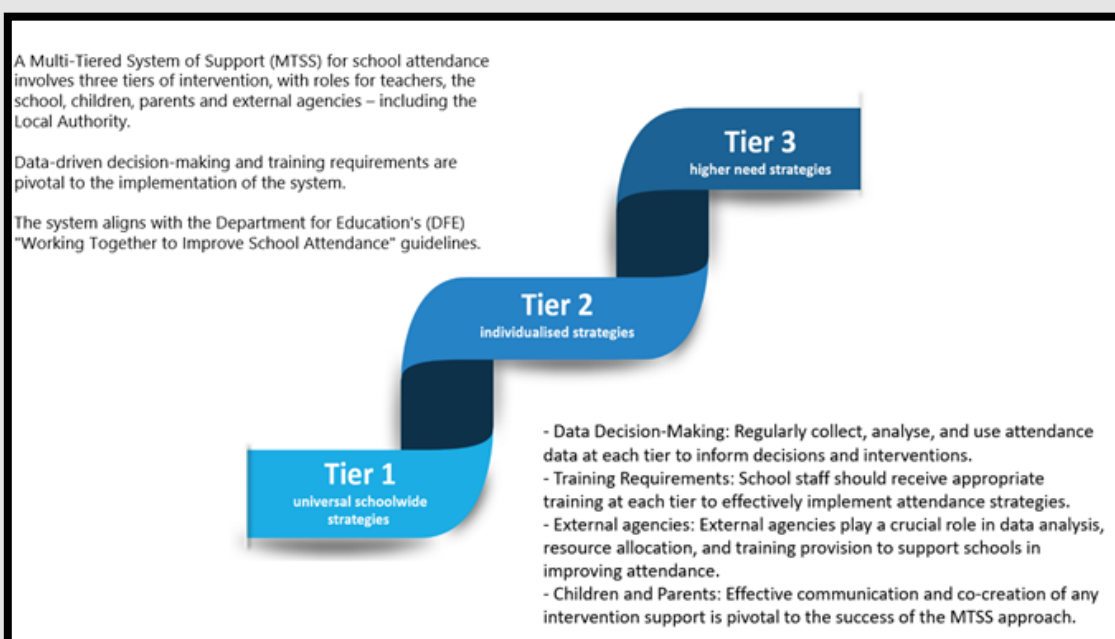
Attendance:

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.



Pride Rock Nursery's wow moment this year would have to be how amazingly the new 2-year old children have settled into nursery life. They have truly WOWED everyone!!! Children follow daily routines and enjoy their focused learning sessions especially if this is around their love of animals.



SEND: Please check out the Warwickshire SEND local offer for SEN.

What is Warwickshire's SEND local offer?

Warwickshire's SEND local offer brings together information about the local services and support available across education, health and social care for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25, who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.

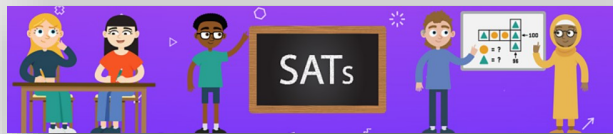
SEND Local Offer Newsletter – <https://us5.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=a24b439ef7022ae0d86f9ca6e&id=afd6c79c1f>



YEAR 6 SATS HELP:

What can you do to help your child this week???

"You get out what you put in. So make sure you put in maximum effort and you'll get maximum rewards."



Keep reading and practising times table facts!

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.

This week's BOOK RECOMMENDATION

The Christmasaurus returns in the magical new adventure from number one bestselling author Tom Fletcher!

Have you ever heard of Ebenezer Scrooge? The grumpy, miserable man from that very famous old book, who HATES Christmas? The man who is more BAH HUMBUG than HO HO HO?

Well, what if I told you that he was about to step out of HIS story and into this one? I know!!! And even worse, he wants to CANCEL CHRISTMAS!

But don't panic - **William Trundle** and his very best friend, **the Christmasaurus**, are on the case. They're determined to track down Scrooge and stop him from ruining the most magical day of the year. And they're not alone. The whole Trundle family, new friends Eddie and Lucy and, of course, **Santa himself** are here to help!

Can these festive friends stop Scrooge before it's too late - and **save Christmas?**



Dates for the Diary—Keresley Newland:



CHRISTMAS

AT KERESLEY NEWLAND

DEC 05 2.00PM	SANTA DASH & FESTIVE FETE – ALL SCHOOL & FAMILIES ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM AND PARENTPAY BY 25/11/2025
DEC 09	FESTIVE FOLK MUSIC ASSEMBLY – ALL SCHOOL MRS PENLINGTON'S FOLK GROUP
DEC 12 10.00AM	CHRISTMAS CRAFT MORNING – ALL NURSERY & FAMILIES
DEC 16 2.15PM	KS2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT – YEAR 3–6 & FAMILIES MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
DEC 17	CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
DEC 17 2.00PM	RECEPTION NATIVITY – RECEPTION FAMILIES
DEC 19	CHRISTMAS PANTOMINE – YEAR 1 – YEAR 6 BELGRADE THEATRE – MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



**CLASS RAINBOW RAFFLE DONATIONS
DUE BY FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER**

Land of Giants, Year 2 have been really enjoying BSL with the lovely Miss Morris. They have enjoyed it so much that BSL has been woven through subjects like History, Science, Phonics and Art. They are really enjoying signing all sorts of words and learning new vocabulary and a new skill. Here are the children in **Land of Giants** signing 'butterfly' which is something they have been learning about in their Science lessons.



In **Year 1 Enchanted Castle**, the children particularly enjoyed getting involved in their sports afternoon with the para-Olympic champion and completing his training course. Here are some pictures of them taking part in the warm-up, where they had to stretch their bodies before enduring a 3-minute activity.





The magic moment for Pirate Cove, Y6, was the great time they had at PGL.

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.