




This week at Keresley Newland ...30.01.26....

Word of the Month: 

Delightful

Can you use it in a sentence?
Win a raffle ticket for using the word in your writing in KS2 and in your spoken conversations in KS1.

Definition:
Delightful: pleasant and charming.
He worked so hard today, what a delightful child!

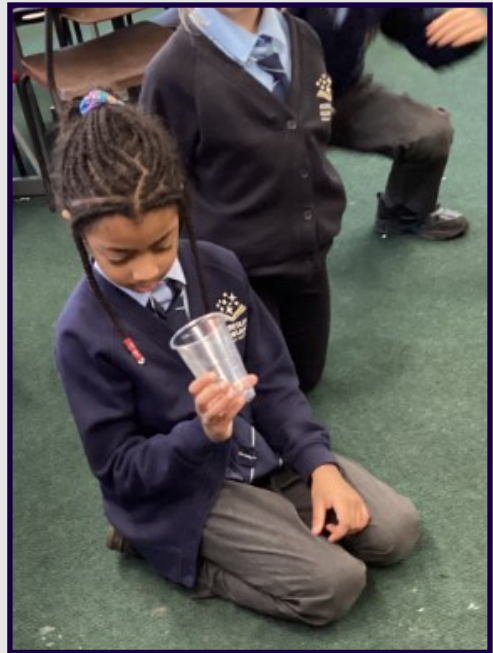
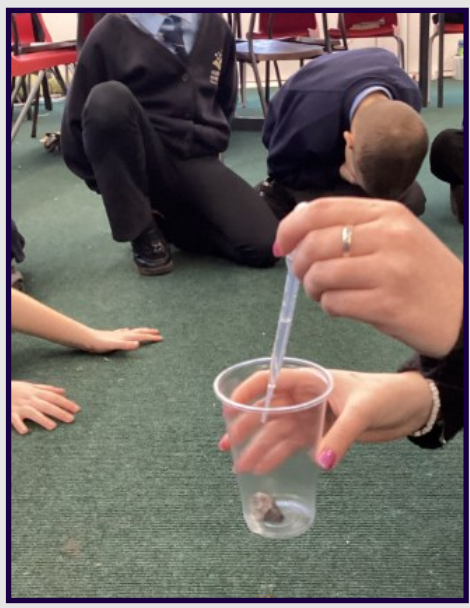
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This week at Keresley Newland!

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new year—2026! We have started well and the children all seem happy and settled. They loved the fun time in the snow and had a great time building snow-characters—dragons included!

Starting the year with Treehouse **Class**, the children enjoyed developing their enquiry skills by exploring the physical properties of rocks by carrying out scratch, vinegar and water tests. They observed features such as hardness, texture and permeability.



Language, Learning, Lives!

The Reception children in **Sunnyside** have wowed everyone with their enthusiasm for learning. **We have introduced Oracy learning sessions and the confidence the children have shown has been amazing to see. We have developed some 'Discussion Guidelines' to help the children to think about how they can be successful in their discussions.** The children have then been working on what good listeners do. You can see their focused attention on their partners. They have also started on their new story for 'Talk for Writing' and their cold task was to write about a character. Lots of the children took up the challenge to have a go at holding a sentence and writing it down, remembering all of the things they need to make a good sentence. You can also see their construction skills demonstrated in their duplo model recreation.

Keep turning the pages to enjoy these picture!!!

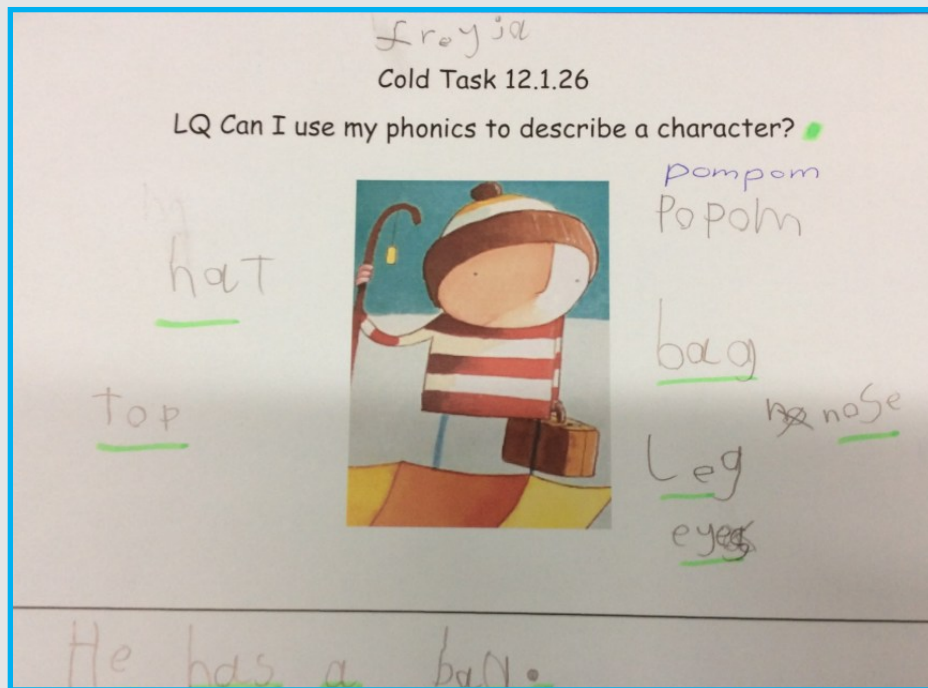
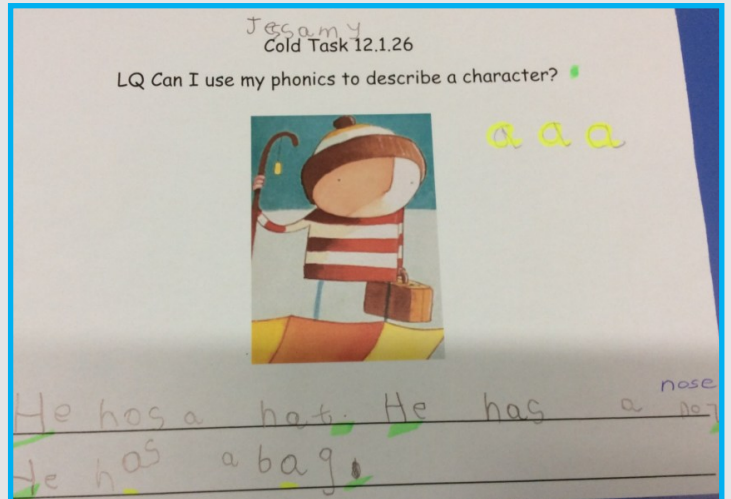
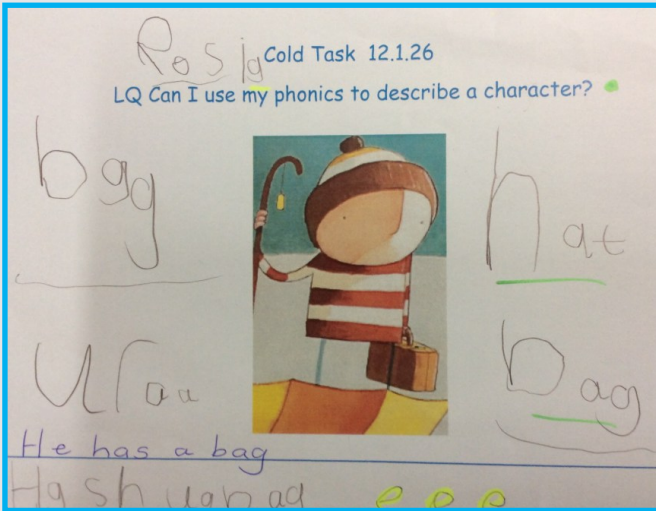
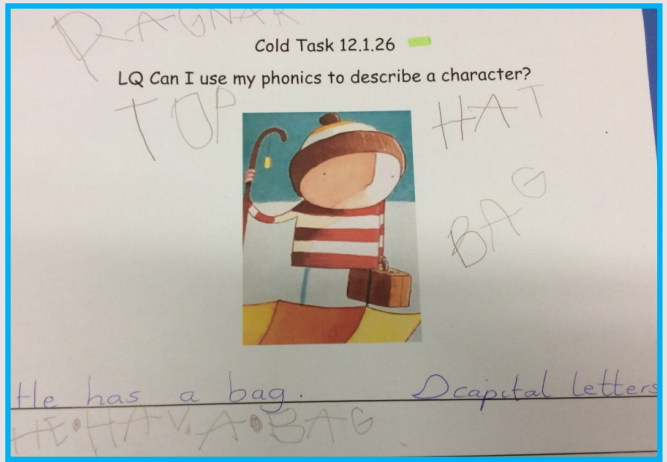




Oracy - Discussion Learning...



Super writing from Sunnyside!!!



YEAR 6 SATS HELP:

What can you do to help your child this week?

SATs Top Tip: Use Topmarks to practice key skills which will help boost your knowledge for SATs.

Keep reading every day and practising times tables.

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).

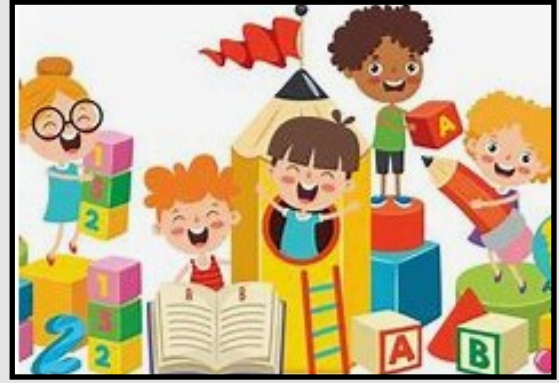
The name, address and contact details of any additional parent*.

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.



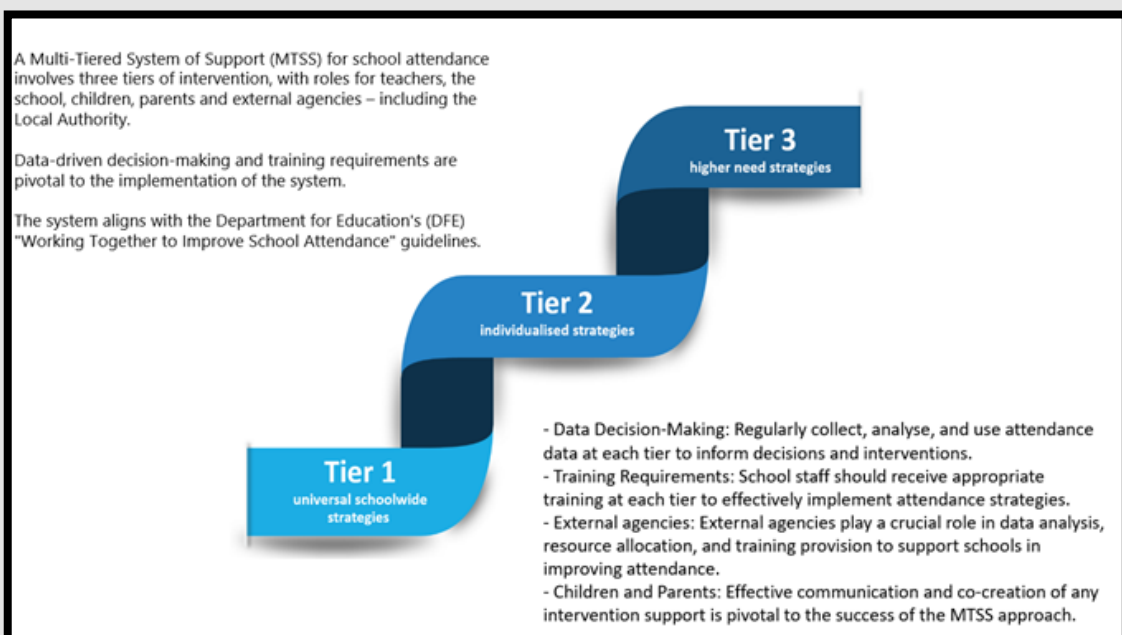
Attendance:

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.



The Reef have been busy in their Talk for Writing, learning their new rhyme 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'. They have enjoyed making their own sheep and learning actions to their new story map.

Have a look on our Facebook page to see them in action"



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 – <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>

The latest newsletter is: Warwickshire SEND - December 2025



Land of Giants have had an amazing time learning to play the different chords on the Ukulele, Children have been practising using their fingers to hold the chords with one hand and then to strum the strings with the other.



Arts Careers Fayre - Friday 27th March 9.30 - 10.30am

Can you help us? Do you have any experience of working in a **creative job**? Or do you know someone who does? Or perhaps you know a sixth-former who has applied to university with a view of a creative career?

Keresley Newland are holding an Arts Careers Fayre on Friday 27th March with a particular focus on careers in the arts and we would love to invite anyone with arts career experience to come into school for an hour on Friday 27th March to talk to our children in small groups. (9.30am)

Some examples of creative jobs are:

- ◇ Education (creative arts teachers, workshop leaders, art therapists etc)
- ◇ Dance teachers eg weekend dance schools
- ◇ Photographers
- ◇ Theatre jobs
- ◇ Library work - including a school librarian.
- ◇ Website designers
- ◇ Sign Writers / Designers
- ◇ Architects
- ◇ Concert organisers / event managers
- ◇ Writers / poets
- ◇ Sound production / recording engineer
- ◇ TV / radio / film work - writers, camera, lights, sound, costumes, wigs, makeup etc
- ◇ Actors
- ◇ Fashion design



..... and lots more! <https://discovercreative.careers/explore/#/>

There will be plenty of coffee, tea, cake and biscuits for our visitors!

The Y5/6 children will rotate around the tables and ask questions to each person who can tell them about their job, ideal job and what it takes to get there.

***Please get in touch if
you can help us to
inspire our young
people!***



Please see letter today regarding this exciting opportunity for children to perform in a concert with Iain Lauchlan — writer, director, actor and pantomime dame at the Belgrade Theatre!

All proceeds to go towards:



Earlsdon Carnegie Community Library

Heart of England Co-operative Concert Orchestra

presents...

Spring Concert

*Celebrating World Poetry Day in music and words
with Iain Lauchlan*

Including music such as Pirates of the Caribbean,
Jabberwocky!, Hall of the Mountain King,
and many more...!

**Saturday
21st March, 3pm**




Methodist Central Hall
Warwick Lane, Coventry
CV1 2HA

Adults: £11
Concession: £8 Under 16s: £1



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Date	Event	Year Group
January	Reception Application Deadline	Nursery
09/02/2026 - 12/02/2026	Bikeability Balance	Reception
12/01/2026	Attendance What's in the Box begins.	All school
12/01/2026	Fire Assembly	Y1, Y5
12/01/2026	Y6 SATs Boosting Begins	Y6
16/01/2026	VR session	KS2
04/02/2026	Fantasy Trip - Sealife	Y5/6
13/02/2026	Valentines Movie Afternoon	All school
16/02/2025 - 20/02/2025	February Half Term	All school
11/03/2026	Parents' Evening	All school
21/03/2026	Spring Concert	Y2-6
27/03/2026	Arts Careers Fayre	Fantasy
30/03/2025 - 10/04/2025	Easter Holiday	All school

Please remember to book your spaces ready for the Summer Term intake for Nursery....

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

Come and see our exciting, language-focused nursery where children develop a love of reading.

Learning happens through exciting projects that encourage independence and confidence.

Now accepting 2-year-olds from September 2025.

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What are we doing with ARTSMARK?

Year 3 and 4 have been using their creativity and geographical knowledge to design and build 3D models of a river's course, carefully showing features such as the source, meanders and mouth.

What great models, using art skills to showcase geographical knowledge!



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.

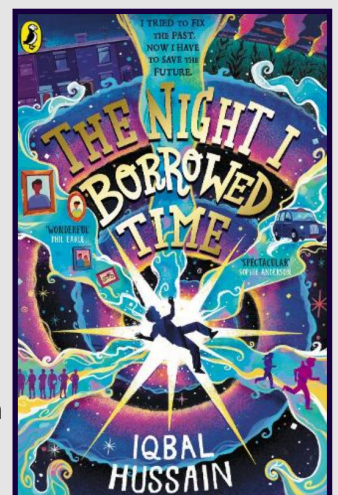
To secure the reputation of KN within the community as the go-to school.

This week's BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Eleven-year-old Zubair is a seventh son. This means a LOT of big brothers. But when Zubair's granny arrives from Pakistan and gives him a mysterious amulet, he discovers it means something else, too: he has inherited a gift. The seventh sons in his family have the ability to time-travel.

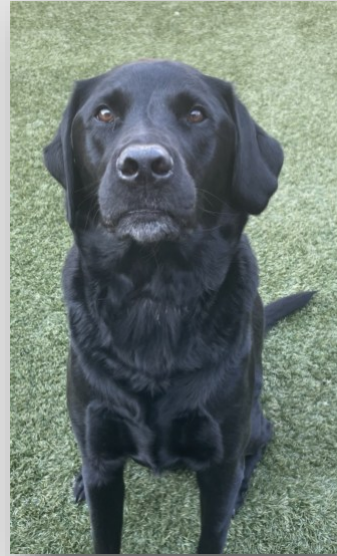
With his dad a shadow of his former self since his car accident, and his mum always tired and angry, Zubair has a genius idea. He'll use time-travel to fix things between them.

But each trip comes at a cost. If he changes something small in the past, it can have a huge effect on his future. And if he gets it wrong, the results could be devastating...



Meet the Team at Keresley Newland

Hi, I'm Miss Reilly. Outside of school, I enjoy going on walks with my dog, Blake. I'm a big animal lover, especially highland cows! I love exploring new cities around the world. I'm also a big Harry Potter fan. My favourite lesson to teach is science! Thank you all for the warm welcome to Keresley Newland.



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.