



Kelsey Primary

Responsibility Determination Respect

Friday 7th November, 2025

To all our Kelsey families,

We hope everyone enjoyed the autumn half term break – it sounds as though it was filled with Halloween fun, pumpkin patches and making the most of the last of the autumn sunshine. As we look ahead to the second part of the autumn term, we have plenty of sporting events, Christmas events and PTA events to look forward to – it is always such a busy but enjoyable term.

Next week, on Friday, we'll be celebrating Child in Need. Children are invited to wear non-uniform and/or something spotty. To celebrate the year 2025, there is a 'Challenge Yourself to 25' theme. As you can see below, the staff (and Chip!) are already thinking about what challenge they're going to complete. We encourage and welcome our children to think of ways in which they can challenge themselves to 25 – sponsorship forms are attached.

This year for Children in Need we are taking part in the Challenge Yourself to 25!

Mrs Trotter is doing a 25 min run, Mrs Massey is going to attempt eating 25 biscuits in 1 minute, Mrs Stringfellow is doing a 25km run, Chip is doing 25 nose touches in a row!

We would love to see what you guys can do for Challenge Yourself to 25! To help raise money for Children in Need this year!

We will be wearing spots on Friday 14th November in school and looking forward to celebrating all our Challenge Yourself to 25 Achievements!



On Tuesday afternoon, Key Stage 2 pupils took part in multi-school cross country event at De Aston school. Mrs Stringfellow & Mrs Chamberlin were thrilled with the determination shown by our pupils, you ALL did a phenomenal job!

Top 5 boys (Year 5 & 6): 1st Harvey, 2nd Sidney, 3rd Joshua, 4th Tristan & 5th Harry

Top 5 girls (Year 5 & 6): 1st Eska, 2nd Poppy, 3rd Tilly, 4th Fleur & 5th Cece

Top 5 boys (Year 3 & 4): 1st James, 2nd Jack, 3rd Charlie, 4th Noah and 5th Jacob

Top 5 girls (Year 3 & 4): 1st Cecile, 2nd Isabella, 3rd Esme, 4th Blair and 5th Isla

Thank you also to Miss Hunt, Miss Bishop & Mr Clinch for accompanying the children.



Updates for this week:

Poppies –

Poppies are on sale today and all of next week. The Royal British Legion asks for a donation of £3 for pin badges, with all other items an amount of your choice. The Kelsey community are usually incredibly supportive of the Royal British Legion so we're certain this year will be no different – thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Attendance –

This week, our class attendance with the highest attendance was **Cherry Blossom**. Congratulations!

Year 3 & 4 trip to Lincoln Zoo –

Just a reminder that Oak Class are visiting Lincoln Zoo on Monday. They'll need a packed lunch and drink with them, as well as a warm coat. I'm sure they'll have a brilliant time and learn lots!

Messy Massey request –

Mrs M would like to request any toilet roll and kitchen roll tubes for her Messy Massey (Christmas special) craft club – thank you!

Reading updates from Miss Thompson -



Thursday 13 November 2025

We're throwing a HUGE Poetry Party on Thursday 13 November to celebrate Michael Rosen Day, and everyone's invited!

The aim of the day is to make reading, listening to, and writing poetry fun, enjoyable and accessible for all, helping children and young people of all ages to discover its magic.

This year's theme is **FUNNY FOOD**, so this is a fantastic opportunity for schools, libraries, bookshops, families and all settings nationwide to get involved and get creative, inspired by Michael and his FEAST of fabulous poems.

A small circular logo featuring a cartoon character and the text 'Michael's Manifesto for Reading'.

MICHAEL'S MANIFESTO FOR READING

1. Read as many different types of books as you can – books give you language, thoughts, ideas and feelings.
2. Books show you places and cultures very near and dear to you – and others you may not have come across before. Books can take you anywhere.
3. Books help you to walk in other people's shoes and to see things from someone else's point of view.
4. Read books, listen to books, share books, talk about books and, most importantly, **CHOOSE** what YOU want to read. It's your imagination, so choose what you want to feed it.
5. Books are for **EVERYONE!**

In school we will be celebrating Michael Rosen Day by:

- Sharing Michael's new Manifesto for Reading with pupils
- Inviting pupils to prepare and perform their favourite poems
- Sharing Michael Rosen books for pupils to enjoy
- Attending at Poetry Party at 10am
- Inviting children to bring a funny packed lunch into school (Prizes will be given for the funniest packed lunches)

Its BACK!

Non-Fiction November 25!

Non-Fiction November is an annual celebration that was created by the Federation of Children's Book Groups. Its aim to highlight the joy and value of factual reading for young readers and beyond. This year, the theme is 'Past Puzzles and Timeless Treasures', which invites pupils to explore history, archaeology, legends and the evolution of places and objects over time.

Why we celebration Non-Fiction November...

Research demonstrates, providing pupils with the opportunity to read and explore non-fiction plays a vital role in helping them to learn about their world, as well as fostering reading for pleasure. It is therefore essential that pupils have access to a high-quality and engaging non-fiction collection.

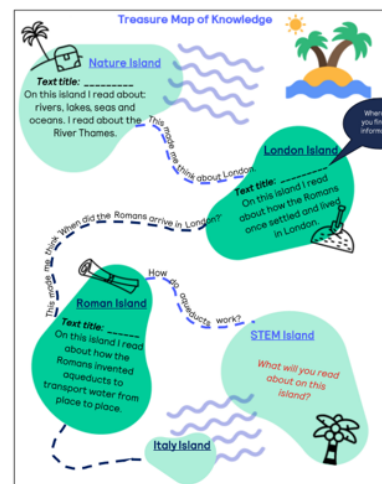
What we are doing in school to celebrate...

This year as classes we are creating Treasure Maps of Knowledge reading our way around our treasure maps exploring different non-fiction texts.

What you can do at home to celebrate...

We are encouraging families to either create their own Treasure Map of Knowledge or engage in a non-fiction book per week for reading for pleasure noting the book down in their reading journals.

Attached is a Past Puzzles and Timeless Treasure recommended book list.



PTA updates –

It's the time of year where we start asking for raffle prizes. If anyone has any ideas of who to contact, or would like our raffle donation letter to hand into a business, please let Ben or Kristy know.

Tickets are now on sale for our wreath making workshop – this one always sells out fast so get your tickets this weekend!

Also coming up is our Christmas Toy Sale – see below for more details.



JOIN US FOR OUR
CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP
AT KELSEY PRIMARY
SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

6PM - 8PM

£17 EACH OR 2 FOR £30
ALL MATERIALS & NIBBLES
INCLUDED

Drinks will be on sale at our bar
Tickets on sale now
www.nkpta.com



Kelsey Primary PTA CHRISTMAS TOY SALE



Nov 21st - Nov 22nd

Please bring your unwanted good condition
toys to school before November 21st

Kelsey Primary School Hall
www.nkpta.com



Calendar events –

Week beginning 10.11.25

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch time		Mindful Colouring with Miss Grantham (KS2)	Makaton Club with Ellen	Chess Club with Oscar (KS2) Messy Massey Club (Craft Club!) (KS1)	Running Club with Mrs Trotter and Mrs Chamberlin (KS2)
After school (4:30pm finish)	Basketball with Mr Clinch (KS1)	Mini Football Club with Miss Hunt (EYFS & KS1) Football Club with Mr Clinch (KS2)	Badminton Club with JB Sports (KS2)	Film Club with Mrs Heeley (EYFS – KS2)	
	Oak Class visit to Lincoln Zoo			Michael Rosen Poetry Day Elder Class – Tag Rugby event at Caistor Yarborough	Children in Need – wear something spotty! Elm Class – first session of swimming

Future events –

Tuesday 18th November – Boccia & New Age Kurling event for Year 3 & 4 at De Aston

Thursday 20th November – Flu immunisations 'mop ups'

Monday 24th November – the beginning of UK Parliament Week

Tuesday 25th November – Year 5 & 6 boys football tournament

Monday 1st December – **SEND Coffee morning with Mrs Mann**

Monday 8th December – **EYFS and KS1 Nativity performances**

Thursday 11th December – **Whole school visit to see Beauty & the Beast at Grimsby Auditorium**

Tuesday 16th December – **Reception class visit to Rand Farm**

Thursday 18th December – **Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Service at Church with Reverend Marian and Christmas Dinner day**

Friday 19th December – **the last day of the autumn term**

Monday 6th January 2026 – **Staff training day**

Tuesday 7th January – **Children return to school for the spring term**

Looking ahead:

KS2 SATs week: Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026

And finally –

Over half term, we were grateful for Tom, Kristy, Archie & Holly clearing and maintaining our nature area – thank you for your time and hard work, everyone.

After an absolutely brilliant Spooky Disco on the last day of term, the PTA are thrilled to announce that it raised **£456.70**. A huge thank you to our PTA and all those who volunteered their time. The children had lots of fun (as did the staff!).

Have a lovely weekend!

Warmest regards,
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