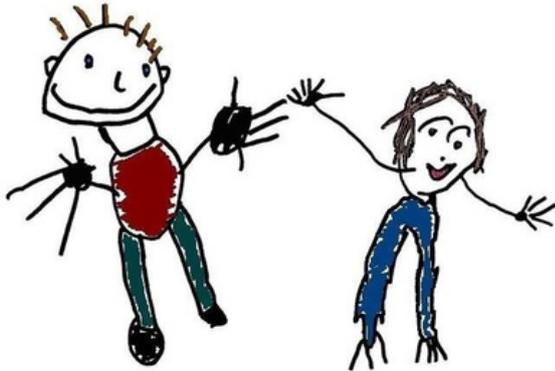


Kea Preschool January 2026

Happy
New Year



Kea Preschool and
Out of School Club



Dear Parents

Firstly I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. This week has been lovely being back and it has been wonderful listening to the children talking about their Christmas holidays. It sounds like you all had a magical time.

The staff and I are all looking forward to the year ahead and all the exciting times to come at Kea Preschool.

2026 will be a year full of exciting new adventures and we cannot wait to make new memories with you and your children.

Best wishes

Tracey



New Adventures for 2026



Outdoor Learning sessions

We are all so excited to return and next week we will start our Outdoor learning sessions. Here is a little information of what your child will be doing and what they will need to bring.

Shauna, our Outdoor learning lead has lots planned this term for our sessions.

Coming up this half term:

Big School's Bird watch where the children will be enjoying everything bird related! They will be making bird feeders, becoming bird watchers and making their own binoculars.

Other activities include:

Mud painting
treasure hunts

and exploring our world around us!

There's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing.

Our sessions will take place in all weathers, except for unsafe conditions (e.g high winds). The environment can present some exciting and challenging experiences such as snow, rain and of course, muddy puddles!

It is essential that children are dressed appropriately throughout the year.

Children MUST have their legs covered at all times with trousers or leggings to help prevent bites and stings. We recommend children have a waterproof outer layer to wear all year round. Once the children are in wet clothing they can become cold very quickly, even in the summer.

If children are not dressed appropriately, then for health and safety reasons, they may not be able to participate in our sessions.

What does my child need?

- Waterproof Coat and Trousers / Dungarees.
- Wellington Boots & thick socks
- Jumper
- Trousers or leggings
- A spare change of clothes and socks
- Hats and Gloves
- Named Water bottle
- Long hair to be tied back

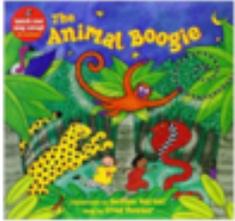


PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE NAMED.

**In the Robins Room
this term...**



This half term, in the Robins Room our focus book is...



Simple repeated rhyming
verse with emphasis on
movement and sound.
Clear illustration provides
picture clues

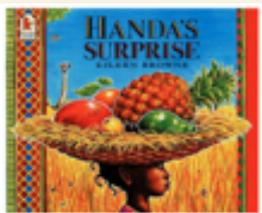
The children will explore animals, sounds,
pattern and rhythm in music. Keep a look at
on tapestry for any updates and posts.

A very fun (and noisy) way to start 2026!

**In the Squirrels Room
this term...**



This half term, in the Squirrels Room our focus book is...



A story where children
learn more than the
central character, adding
interest and suspense

The children will explore activities based
around the story including:
discussing friends/being helpful and kindness
make fruit kebabs and food tasting.
Looking at animals and patterns and much
more!

Alongside our curriculum we will also be introducing the children to celebrations throughout January and February and these include;

Shrove Tuesday
Big School's Bird watch
Squirrels Appreciation Day



Information and reminders for parents

Thank
you!

Naming belongings

Please can we send out a reminder for all of your children's items e.g clothes, coats, wellies, gloves & hats etc to have their name clearly labelled in them.

It takes staff a very long time each day to work out the children's belongings, and whilst we are short staffed it's proving very tricky.



Toilet Training

We have a few children now who are showing a real interest in toilet training. We would love it if you could help us by dressing your child in loose clothing such as jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings. This will make it easier for them and allow them to become more independent when using the toilet. When dressing at home please can you layer with vests without poppers as children struggle to undo these when they are being independent.

Water Bottles.

Please can you ensure your child brings a named water bottle to preschool.



Packed Lunches.

If your child has a packed lunchbox, please can we remind parents that grapes, olives and cherry tomatoes need to be sent in ready cut in to quarters, and sausages in half lengthways. This is due to guidance we have received from Healthy Early Years advisors to minimise choking hazards. Unfortunately in the past we were spending vast amounts of time cutting up every child's lunchbox food items and we are unable to continue doing this. Any un-cut food will not be given to the child and will be returned.

Collecting children

Please can we remind all parents and carers to inform us in advance if someone else is collecting your child from preschool or afterschool club.

We would also ask that you give us a password and will ask for one when you call to inform us. You can call us 01872260299 or email us to inform us info@keapreschool.co.uk

Thank you

Wraparound

Kea Preschool Wraparound Calendar

JANUARY 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--------|--|------------------------------|--|---|---|--------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Term starts! New Year's resolutions hearts | 6 winter collage pictures | 7 Lego winter challenge - build an igloo etc | 8 Cosmic Yoga Winter! | 9 Colouring stations - winter scenes, animals | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Decorate Rice cakes - snowmen | 13 Making snowflakes | 14 Winter Yoga | 15 Ice painting | 16 Winter Window art (tissue paper and glue on clear sheets) | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Ice investigation - melting ice with salt, warm water droplets | 20 Friendship bracelets | 21 Fruit Kebabs (talking about being healthy) | 22 Animal masks - winter animals | 23 Music and Movement - waddle like penguins, crawl like bears | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Snow globe paper plate art | 27 Lollipop snowflakes | 28 Making bird feeders with cheerios | 29 decorating biscuits | 30 sugar painting | 31 |

Snack Menu's

KEA PRESCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
|--|---|--|
| Choice of cereal/Porridge Oats (G) (M) Wholemeal Toast (G) (S) Apple Milk (M)/Water | Choice of cereal/Porridge oats (G) (M) Scotch pancakes (G) (M) (E) Banana Milk (M)/Water | Choice of cereal/Porridge Oats (G) (M) crumpets (G) Pear Milk (M)/Water |
| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | Allergens Key: G - Gluten M - Milk E - Egg N - NUT P - Peanuts SU - Sulphates S - Soya SE - Sesame C - Celery F - Fish L - Lupin MO - Molluscs CR - Crustaceans CE - Mustard |
| Choice of cereal/Porridge Oats (G) (M) muffin (G) (S) Apple Milk (M)/Water | Choice of cereal/Porridge Oats (G) (M) Wholemeal Toast (S) (G) banana Milk (M)/Water | Allergens Key: G - Gluten M - Milk E - Egg N - NUT P - Peanuts SU - Sulphates S - Soya SE - Sesame C - Celery F - Fish L - Lupin MO - Molluscs CR - Crustaceans CE - Mustard |

Dairy/ Gluten free alternatives available

KEA PRESCHOOL SNACK MENU

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
|--|--|--|
| Orange wedges Peas and Sweetcorn Rice cake Milk (M)/Water | Banana halves Cucumber sticks Yogurt (M) Milk (M)/Water | Apple slices Carrot sticks Cheese cubes (M) Milk (M)/Water |
| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | Allergens Key: G - Gluten M - Milk E - Egg N - NUT P - Peanuts SU - Sulphates S - Soya SE - Sesame C - Celery F - Fish L - Lupin MO - Molluscs CR - Crustaceans CE - Mustard |
| Cucumber sticks Orange wedges Soft cheese spread (M) Milk (M)/Water | Orange wedges Carrot sticks Rice cakes Milk (M)/Water | Allergens Key: G - Gluten M - Milk E - Egg N - NUT P - Peanuts SU - Sulphates S - Soya SE - Sesame C - Celery F - Fish L - Lupin MO - Molluscs CR - Crustaceans CE - Mustard |

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KEA PRESCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL MENU

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY |
|---|--|--|
| Crumpets with Spaghetti hoops (G) Peas Apple Milk (M)/Water | Muffin Pizza (G) (M) (S) (cheese and tomato) Cucumber Sticks Pear Milk (M)/Water | Beans on Toast (G) Cucumber sticks banana Milk (M)/Water |
| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | Allergens Key: G - Gluten M - Milk E - Egg N - NUT P - Peanuts SU - Sulphates S - Soya SE - Sesame C - Celery F - Fish L - Lupin MO - Molluscs CR - Crustaceans CE - Mustard |
| cheese on toast (M) (G) (S) Cucumber Sticks apple Milk (M)/Water | cheese or Ham pitta pockets (G) (M) Peas banana Milk (M)/Water | Allergens Key: G - Gluten M - Milk E - Egg N - NUT P - Peanuts SU - Sulphates S - Soya SE - Sesame C - Celery F - Fish L - Lupin MO - Molluscs CR - Crustaceans CE - Mustard |

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