



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter

### Where learning is an adventure!

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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#### Headteacher Reports:

One of the favourite parts of my role is having the pleasure of eating with the children each day in our lunch halls.

First and foremost, this is a super way of talking with the children about their learning and getting to know them even better. It is also a chance to enjoy some super cooking, courtesy of our talented kitchen staff.

There are a plethora of delicious dishes on offer including: macaroni cheese, homemade cheese and tomato pizza and chicken tikka masala. We are fortunate that the food is freshly cooked on our premises and I do encourage you to encourage your children to try some of the dishes-they are tasty!

Our newly elected School Council will be testing some new dishes in two weeks time, a big responsibility! I am pleased to share that, after half term, the jacket potato option is returning; always very popular!

Continuing on the food theme, but with a rather less healthy option, after school next Thursday sees the return of the incredibly popular PTFA Wonka Bar event. Some of these Wonka Bars will have precious golden tickets wrapped within, prizes include: an invitation to a Headteacher's Tea Party, a non-uniform day for your class, an extra break for your class and a special dog walk with Hugo our school dog!

All the money raised will as always go towards purchasing exciting apparatus for our children to enjoy. Our new outdoor library has arrived and will soon be ready to use in our KS2 playground.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday sees our first round of parent/carer consultations. These are your opportunity to find out what your child is already doing well and what they can do next to be become even better still. I look forward to seeing you next week.

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Hannington*

Headteacher



PTFA Wonka Bar Event 17<sup>th</sup> October (3-5pm)



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Sebastian



Super Sebastian has flown into Year 1 with incredible enthusiasm! He will sit with perfect posture and listen carefully to instructions. This enables him to produce excellent work across all subjects. Seb has been a joy to teach with his can-do attitude and his bright smile. This readiness to learn doesn't stop when he gets home from school! He will work on his Numbots as well as reading! A huge well-done Sebastian!

## YR1

## Forrest



Fabulous Forrest is always ready for his learning! Resourcefulness comes as second nature to him. He is always the first to reach for whiteboards during carpet time and readily helps others around him who need a helping hand. His carpet partners often ask Forrest for help as he is a great listener and always knows what our next steps are in learning! Forrest is a star in learning as well, with fabulous handwriting and interesting contributions to class discussions, he is a pleasure to have in class. Well done Forrest!

## Freddie



Ready Freddie is his name, and being ready is his game! Freddie, you are an asset to Attenborough Class, whether it's being ready with your perfect posture, pausing when it's time to stop and listen, or getting on with your independent learning. And you're not just 'Ready Freddie' you embody our values with your kindness, being fair, respect, positivity and fabulous attitude towards teamwork. Wowzers! What a superstar you are!

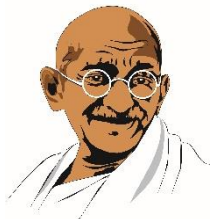
## YR2

## Jacom



Like a little rocket in our classroom, Jacom has been working hard and zooming through challenges. I'm so proud of you for consistently remembering to make such great choices in school. Your dedication to learning, both in the classroom and at home, are truly inspiring. You have hit the ground running in Year 2 with your positive attitude and eagerness to learn. Keep shining bright, your efforts are really paying off!

## Harli



Sometimes, a teacher's job can be tricky. If however, you're fortunate enough to have Harli in your class, you won't have any worries. She is a model student in every aspect; behaviour, effort, presentation and most important of all, she always displays a willingness to improve and a readiness to learn. No matter the job at hand, heroic Harli is ready with a grin upon her face and attitude to match. Thanks for making Mr Wynne's job a delightful one.

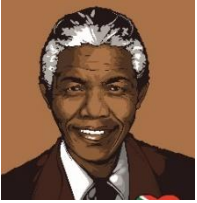
## YR3

## Ruby-Jo



Ruby-Jo is an asset to Pankhurst! She comes into school every day with a beaming smile and her Positive Pankhurst attitude! She is a fantastic team player in every way and is always ready to take on a new challenge, and with that positive attitude- how could she not be? Keep it up Ruby-Jo!

## Teddy



Teddy is an absolute ray of sunshine. Every day, Teddy arrives with a smile on his face, ready to learn and make other people smile. He has had such a fabulous start to the year and has made so much progress in all subjects already because of his readiness to learn and commitment to the school values. He has even earned the nickname Ready Teddy from his classmates. Keep shining bright Teddy. You should be very proud of yourself.

## Nate

YR4



Nate abides by the 5 R's religiously. In every aspect of his learning, he 'remembers' previous learning that is useful to him and he shows resourcefulness, readiness, resilience and reflectiveness. His lovely inquisitive and interested nature is infectious and makes teaching him an absolute delight.

## Sanvi

YR5



This is a huge shout-out to Sanvi for her incredible resourcefulness! No challenge is too big for her to tackle with her creativity and flair. Always one step ahead, she finds clever solutions and turns every obstacle into a win, fuelled by her unstoppable energy and positive attitude. Whether she's problem-solving, or coming up with brilliant new ideas, Sanvi consistently brings her A-game, making the whole class a better place to be. Her quick thinking and can-do spirit are truly inspiring, and we're so lucky to have her. Watch out everyone, Sanvi is nacho ordinary girl.

## Rowan

Rowan has shown incredible resilience and determination! Despite any challenges faced, Rowan has truly risen to the occasion and produced a remarkable diary entry that stands out for its creativity, detail, and passion. Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, Rowan! You've demonstrated a fantastic ability to push through obstacles and come out stronger, which is something to be extremely proud of. Keep up the amazing work—your efforts and growth continue to inspire those around you. Well done on this incredible achievement!

## Michael



Michael has started Year 6 in such a positive way. He works really well with his Learning Partner and the calm approach he takes to life in Turing class has really benefitted his work. His maths, in particular, has shone thus far and if he continues making the same great choices both in and out of the classroom, Michael will go very far! Keep it up!

YR6



## Lama

A big shoutout to Lama for always lighting up the classroom with her positive energy! She consistently shows our school values in everything she does, and her dedication to completing her work to such a high standard is amazing. I especially love reading her writing—it's not only well done but also a real pleasure to read. Keep shining, Lama!



YR Thunberg	<b>Isaac</b> - For showing great learning behaviours.
YR Rashford	<b>Wren</b> - For being a learning super star!
Y1 Kahlo	<b>Freddie</b> - Super science learning
	<b>Freddie, Hasti, Harper</b> - A super poem about sand
Y1 Obama	<b>Fox</b> - Handwriting Hero!
	<b>Ruby</b> - Super reading and writing!
Y2 Attenborough	<b>Ben</b> - Super topic work.
Y2 Parks	<b>Jude</b> - Handwriting Hero!
	<b>Cooper</b> - Brilliant learning on Kenya.
Y3 Gandhi	<b>Ted</b> - Super independent writing set in the stone age!
Y3 Pankhurst	<b>Freddie</b> - Exceptional writing using impressive joined up handwriting.
	<b>Harry</b> - Excellent writing with clear letter formation.
Y4 Mandela	<b>Arthur</b> - For his consistently excellent attitude to learning: Arthur is always 'heads down and busy'!
	<b>Willis</b> - A wonderful poem!
	<b>Halle</b> - Maintaining a high standard in her maths book.
	<b>Dexter</b> - Super maths learning.
Y4 Franklin	<b>Freddie, Evan</b> - Impressive muringa tree writing.
Y5 Seacole	<b>Carter</b> - Exceptional writing: not only a maths magician but a writing wizard too!
Y6 Turing	<b>Gracie</b> - First class maths work.
	<b>Connie</b> – Handwriting Hero!
Y6 Yousafzai	<b>Barney</b> - An exceptional start to his Year 6 maths work.
	<b>Isla</b> - An excellent diary entry through the eyes of Bradley Chalkers.
	<b>Sofie and Beau</b> - Great teamwork putting together a fantastic Christmas card design of a winter tree.
	<b>Chelsea</b> - For showing impressive resilience with multiplication maths learning.
	<b>Woody</b> - For showing kindness and playing chess with different people.

## Stars of the Week

**After School Club – Rec/KS1 – Jude in Parks for being so kind and caring.**  
**KS2 – Ruben in Mandela for being so polite.**

## Lunchtime Stars of the Week

**Charlie in Turing for trying new games and encouraging others to join in.**  
**Riley in Pankhurst for trying new games and encouraging others to join in.**

## Play Champions

**Reception – RASHFORD and THUNBERG**

All the children who have been amazing at following our school values and dining room rules since starting school.





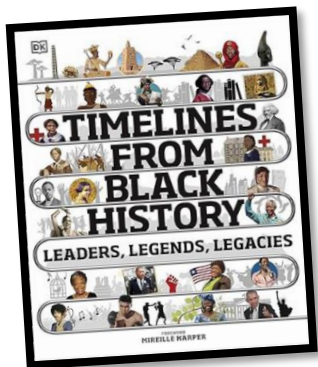
# RKPS Reading Recommendations

Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

## Reading Research Alert:

*“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.” Sullivan and Brown 2013.*

### *Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies by DK Mireille Harper (foreward)*



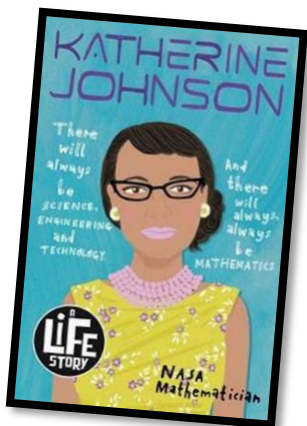
This DK children's book boasts more than 30 visual timelines, which explore the biographies of the famous and the not-so-famous - from royalty to activists, and writers to scientists, and much, much more. Stunning thematic timelines also explain the development of Black history - from the experiences of black people in the US, to the story of postcolonial Africa.

Did you know that the richest person ever to have lived was a West African? Or that the technology that made the lightbulb possible was developed by African American inventor, and not Thomas Edison? How about the fact that Ethiopia was the only African country to avoid colonization, thanks to the leadership of a brave queen?

Stacked with facts and visually vibrant, Timelines From Black History: Leaders, Legacies, Legends is an unforgettable and accessible hive of information on the people and the issues that have shaped Black history.

In his book, we also learn how gifted writers such as Maya Angelou and Stormzy have used their creative voices to highlight injustice and inspire change.

### *Katherine Johnson: A Life Story by Leila Rasheed and illustrated by Sarah Papworth*



It's 20 July 1969. More than a fifth of the entire population of the world is gathered around a TV set watching grainy black-and-white pictures of the first humans setting foot on the moon.

Most of us know this story but how did the idea of space travel become a reality? How did the engineers work out how fast to fly, what trajectory to take, how to land on the moon and, perhaps most important of all, how to get safely home again?

This life story of a remarkable mathematician has at least some of the answers. And Katherine Johnson wasn't just a brilliant academic, she was also black and female, which makes her achievements all the more impressive.

Born in the USA, at a time when racial segregation was considered perfectly acceptable and women were often treated as intellectually inferior, Katherine had to fight for every bit of recognition she got. But hers was a discreet battle and one in which she relied on her talent and hard work to get to the top.

This accessible, compelling and inspiring biography is a must for anyone interested in space, science, mathematics, social history or human rights.

# Celebrating our Children's Academic Achievements

## Expected Standard

	RKPS	Local Authority	National
Reading	96% *	79%	74%
Writing	77%	71%	72%
Maths	73%	72%	73%
Reading, Writing and Maths combined	69%	60%	61%

\*highest in Brighton and Hove

## Greater Depth

	RKPS	Local Authority	National
Reading	42%	35%	29%
Writing	8%	7%	13%
Maths	23%	22%	24%

## Year 2 Forest School Art



# PTFA NEWS / Events

Thursday 17th October  
After School in the KS2 Hall

Join us in Willy Wonka's chocolate factory to purchase limited edition PTFA Wonka Bars  
Lots of GOLDEN TICKETS available to WIN inside lucky bars!!!!

£2.50 per bar - All funds raised will be spent back on YOUR children in OUR school!

Good Luck!!!!

👻 Spooky Dress up Day!  
Friday 25th October

Please bring a £1 donation in on the day if you would like your child to take part.  
Or you can transfer £1 to ...

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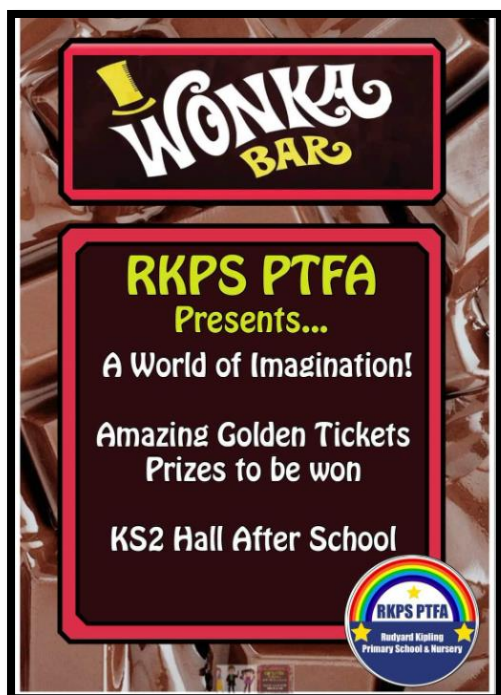
Please no blood, gore or horror



## Asda Rewards

Wow! In only a few weeks this is what we have raised with the Asda cash pot, an amazing £522.56

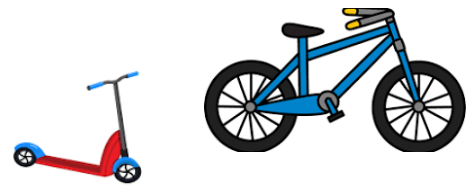
Don't forget to choose Rudyard Kipling Primary School on the Asda Rewards app. We have 57 days left to keep earning! (this works alongside your own rewards so there is nothing to lose)







## Bikes and Scooters



This is a reminder that bikes and scooters should not be used on the school grounds. This is to limit the risk of injury to the individuals and others. Thank you for thinking of our school community.

## SchoolPing



Due to parental feedback, we will now only be using SchoolPing for school communications and not Arbor. This limits duplication and ensures everyone is using one system. If you are not currently using Ping, we advise that you sign up to make sure to keep informed with school events and news. Thank you.

## Secondary School Open Dates

Please see below the dates for secondary School opening evenings, Some schools will have bookable open mornings please see their Website for details

**Patcham High School** - Open Evening - Thursday 10th October 5.45pm-8.15pm  
**Cardinal Newman Catholic School** - Thursday 24th October 4pm-6pm



Please find the attached link to apply before 31 October 2024 <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/node/121>

## NEW: Skateboarding Club starting at RKPS!

We are excited to be able to offer a brand new skateboarding club after half-term for KS2 children. The club is led by experienced coaches and all equipment is provided.

If your child is new to skateboarding or would like to polish their core skills and tricks, then click the link below to find out more:

<https://bookwhen.com/levelskateschool?start=2024-11-07T00%3A00%3A00.000%2B00%3A00#focus=ev-sygz-20241107153000>





# Community Notice Board



IN THE TOP 10 PERFORMING SCHOOLS IN  
BRIGHTON AND HOVE WITH 96%  
READING, HIGHEST IN THE CITY!

## OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 5:30pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30am  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30am

**CALL US NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE**  
**(01273) 303328**

Rudyard Kipling Primary School, Woodingdean

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[www.rudyardkiplingprimary.co.uk](http://www.rudyardkiplingprimary.co.uk)

A logo for SAMA KARATE RUDYARD KIPLING SCHOOL featuring a stylized figure in a white karate gi with red accents, performing a high kick.

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KS1 Hall!**

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Rudyard Kipling Primary School  
Chalkland Rise, BN2 6RH  
Contact Laura 07900 441994

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friendly community**

**All Classes are Coach Led**

**Run by parents from the school**

**UNIVERSAL INFANT  
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SCHOOL MEALS!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION,  
YEAR 1 & 2 GET A HEALTHY COOKED  
SCHOOL LUNCH AT **NO COST TO YOU!**

CHILDREN  
ACHIEVE MORE  
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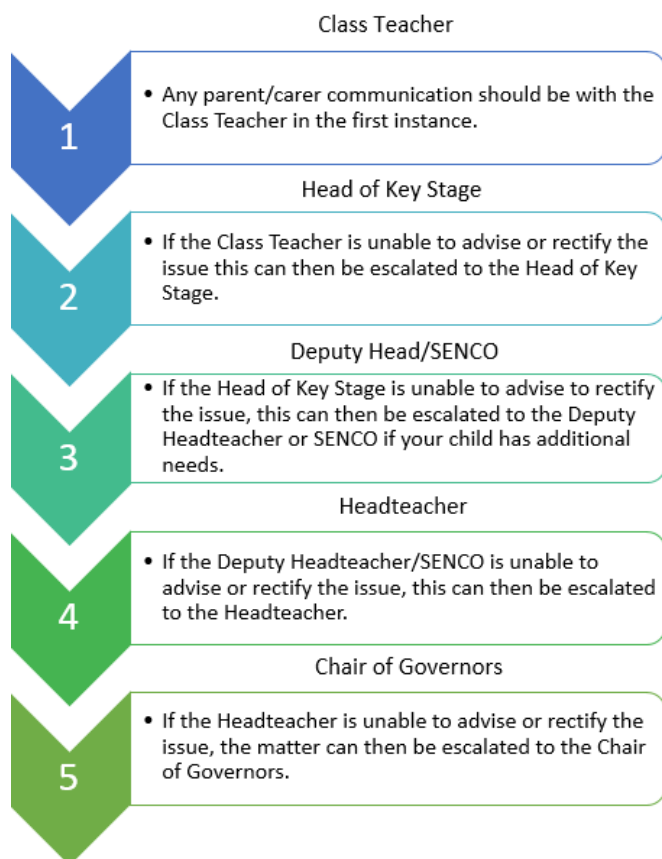
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PACKED  
LUNCHES

**Benefits you, your  
child & helps raise  
funds for the school**

**LUNCHTIME CO**

Speak to the school office  
to find out more.

# And finally...



## Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

## Arbor Parent App

Please make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking through ALL stages. Bookings are not confirmed until ALL steps are completed in this process.

All bookings for clubs and trips are held within the APP so you can remind yourself at any time.

## Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

# Dates for the Diary

<b>October 24</b>	
Wednesday 16th	Parent/Carer consultations 1 (3:40pm-6pm)
Thursday 17th	Parent/Carer consultations 2 (3:30pm-5:30pm)
Thursday 17th	Y1 'Wescott Thursdays' PTFA Wonka Bar Event (KS2 Hall)
Friday 25th	<b>CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 30th	PTFA Halloween Party (3pm-5pm)
<b>November 24</b>	
Monday 4th	<b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>
Wednesday 6th	Individual photos
Thursday 14th	Reception 2025 Open Event, 5:30pm
Wednesday 20th	Reception 2025 Open Event, 9:30am
<b>December 24</b>	
Wednesday 4th	One Voice Concert (Brighton Centre)
Monday 9th	KS1 dress rehearsal: 9am, KS2 dress rehearsal: 2pm
Tuesday 10th	KS1 performance: 9am, KS2 performance : 2pm
Wednesday 11th	KS1 performance: 2pm, KS2 performance: 5:30pm
Friday 20th	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
<b>January 25</b>	
Monday 6th	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 7th	<b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>

