



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

## Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

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It's been a rather 'spooky' end to the term today with children (and staff!) dressed in a variety of weird and wonderful costumes: thank you to all parents for all your efforts.

Our KS2 children have just been enjoying a visit from author Adam Baron, writer of 'Oscar's Lion'. Our young authors were entranced by Adam's reading of his book and many pre-ordered a copy which they had signed after the event. We teach our children to love reading in a whole host of ways, visiting authors being just one of them. As a result, our reading outcomes are consistently outstanding and indeed the highest in the city.

Adam commented on the exemplary behaviour of all the children in the hall; he was equally impressed with the lioness who guards our Jungle Library!

A child's love of reading begins from a very young age and Ms Smith's phonics parent session earlier this week provided some lovely ideas for how parents can introduce their children to the letters and sounds in fun and exciting ways. I came along to get some ideas for myself: Ms Smith's wonderful 'Sounds Fairy' idea will be implemented in my house this half term!

It has been a fantastic first half term and I would like to thank all RKPS staff for their dedication and commitment. Everyone at Rudyard always goes the extra mile which is what makes our school so special.

Wishing all of our Woodingdean Community a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing the children again on Monday November 4th.

*Euan Hannington*

Headteacher



Today's author visit – Adam Baron



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Lily



Amazing Lily, what a first half term you've had in Year 1! Every day you come into school with a readiness to learn! Your positive attitude and beaming smile always light up the room. If the work is challenging, you give it your best shot and create fantastic learning! I can't wait to see how you continue to shine after the school holidays. A huge well-done Lily!

## YR1

## Rosa



If you are searching for someone who is full of smiles, helpful and funny...look no further than Rosa! You have had such a fantastic first term in year one, showing real resilience in overcoming some of your worries. Rosa, you are always ready to share your brilliant ideas and spread your positivity. Everyone in class appreciates that! I am very impressed by Rosa's efforts with her handwriting...she's always someone I can count on to be a handwriting hero. Well done Rosa!

## Jack



Jolly Jack – you bring joy to Attenborough class! Always ready for anything, you tackle all learning challenges with a spring in your step and a twinkle in your eye. Your readiness to share your ideas is an example to all and your energy and enthusiasm for maths and finding out more about the world is infectious. Keep being your brilliant self – you super star!

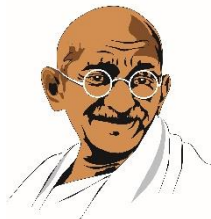
## YR2

## Roma



Looks like we've got a future superstar in the making! Roma you are absolutely crushing it both at school and home with your learning. With a heart full of resilience and a mind open to advice, you are giving it your all and levelling up every day. Keep up the hard work because the sky's the limit! Well done, Roma, you should be very proud of yourself.

## Ted



Quick, quick, Mr Hanington, ensure you tie Ted into a contract here at RKPS as chief editor before the Argus do! Ted has shown his reflectiveness this week by returning to his work to edit and improve. When writing a non-chronological report, he excelled in changing his writing from present to past tense. In maths, he reviewed his answers to ensure they had more accurate mathematical vocab. He really is a master of his trade!

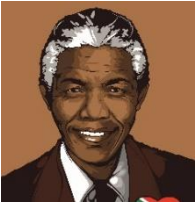
## YR3

## Ruben



Sometimes it's easy to get tired towards the end of term, but Ruben has come on this term strength to strength. He is such a treat to have in the classroom, and this week he has shown such kindness towards his friends! Keep it up Ruben, you are fabulous!

## Dexter



Since the beginning of term, Dexter has achieved all 5Rs. His attitude to learning is exemplary and his resilience is admirable. Dexter's effort is always clear in his learning and his enthusiasm to share his work shows just how proud he is of his achievements. Dexter is a joy to teach and a great friend. We are very lucky to have him in Mandela class. Keep up the good work, Dexter!

## YR4



## Charlie

Charlie is an absolute joy to have in class. He is smiling and happy, his focus cannot be faulted – he always listens to instructions, knows exactly what is expected of him and gets going with any task without delay. On top of all this, his kind and helpful nature means he is not only a wonderful friend, but also a great help to the adults in the classroom too.

## Rodan

Last year, we began the year with the 5 R's: Resilience! Reflectiveness! Readiness! Resourcefulness! And Remembering! However, a new R was born! Rising up above all of these was the one and only Sixth R!!! The sixth R is a special award that goes to someone who stretches the limits of learning every day; who encompasses the 5R's and pushes above and beyond the universe testing the powers that lie within to smash anything that lies ahead! Rodan, we are incredibly proud of the legacy you are building and know you will continue to reach new heights as you power through Year 5!

## YR5



## Jayson

This a huge special mention for the one and only Jayson for his remarkable approach to every challenge he faces. His readiness to dive into any task, no matter how difficult, is truly impressive. Whether it's a tricky math problem, a creative writing project, or a new concept in science, Jayson tackles it with confidence and determination. His ability to succeed in any subject in Year 5 shows not only his intelligence but also his perseverance and positive attitude. Keep up the fantastic work, Jayson!

## Liam

Lovely Liam is working incredibly hard! He is really showing me his amazing ideas particularly in English. Now he is sports captain, I know he is going to be such a good role model for other children in the school. Well done Liam and keep up the hard work!



## Riley

Riley's effort in maths has blown me away over the past few weeks! We have been tackling some fiendishly tricky long division questions in Year 6 and Riley has shown admirable resilience and independence, only asking for help when he really needs it. Keep up this fantastic learning behaviour!

## YR6



## Isla

Incredible Isla is a fabulous girl who always goes above and beyond in everything she does. When writing in role, she is incredibly entertaining, often providing both myself and the class with lots of interesting and creative ideas. Her enthusiasm and creativity make her a joy to teach, and I am constantly impressed by her thoughtful contributions.



YR Thunberg	<b>Eliza</b> – Fantastic Pumpkin digging!
YR Rashford	<b>Ernie</b> - Writing clear letters and numbers. <b>Ronnie</b> – Super independent writing.
Y1 Kahlo	<b>Lola, Lyla and Drazon</b> – A super poem.
Y1 Obama	<b>Ruby</b> - Handwriting Hero.
Y2 Attenborough	<b>Khaliyl</b> - Magical maths! <b>Leisha</b> - Handwriting Hero! <b>Rudi</b> - An excellent letter of advice. <b>Albie I</b> - Incredible progress in his writing, including his handwriting.
Y2 Parks	<b>Albie</b> - Super reading and writing on Anna Hibiscus. <b>Louie</b> - Writing Wizard and Handwriting Hero!
Y3 Gandhi	<b>Amelia</b> - Very clear and legible writing. <b>Tiffany</b> - Handwriting hero! <b>Carter</b> - Incredible stone age work
Y3 Pankhurst	<b>Harrison</b> – Amazing sabre tooth tiger work.
Y4 Mandela	<b>Harlow, Ivy and Amelia</b> – Great vocabulary lists linked to class book: Varjak Paw
Y4 Franklin	<b>Eli</b> - An incredible 3D Roman bath house model!
Y5 Seacole	<b>Ava and Darcy</b> - Excellent paired work on the Vikings. <b>Tahlia and Jasper</b> - An excellent Vikings poster. <b>Dexter</b> - Handwriting hero.
Y6 Turing	<b>Mujahid</b> - Being a kind and thoughtful mentor to a younger child. <b>Teddy</b> - Excellent biography of Louis Sachar.
Y6 Yousafzai	<b>Millie and Leighton</b> - Super history learning. <b>Chelsea</b> - Being a kind and caring mentor to a younger child. <b>Oliver</b> - An excellent book review on There's A Boy in the Girls' Bathroom. <b>Darcie</b> - Another example of quality writing: she writes with such quality. <b>Fin, Barney, Fonzie, Fletcher, Olivia and Millie</b> - Excellent biography of Louis Sachar. <b>Henry and Stanley</b> - An authentic letter in role as Bradley.

## Stars of the Week

**After School Club** – Rec/KS1 – **Augustas** in Kahlo for settling in so well at After School Club.  
KS2 – **Holly** is Franklin for settling in so well at After School Club.

## Lunchtime Stars of the Week

**Connie and Orya** in Attenborough for their maturity in the dining room.

**Ellis** from Turing for going above and beyond each day when tidying the KS2 playground.

**Daisy and Isaac** from Mandela from creating a fabulous assault course.



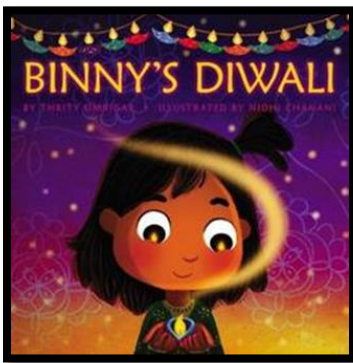


Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

### 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.*

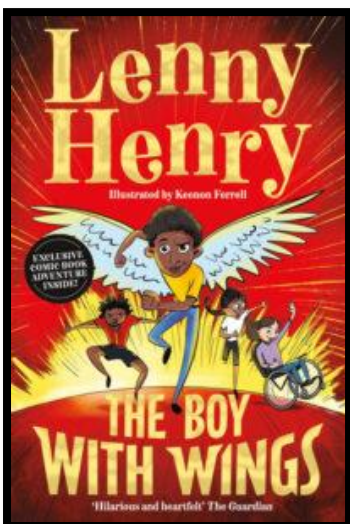
*Binny's Diwali by Thrity Umrigar and illustrated by Nidhi Chanani*



It's Diwali and Binny is getting ready for school in a snazzy new outfit, yet when she's called on at circle time to talk, she gets tongue tied. Fortunately, Mr Boomer, her teacher, is there to support her. Binny describes the Hindu Festival of Lights, celebrating victory and hope, from the fireworks in the sky to the bright streamers she's brought in to class to share with the other children. Not just that – Binny has brought sweet jalebis and pedas for everyone - and shows them how to make pictures with coloured chalk powder, too.

This charming picture book celebrating the joy of Diwali depicts a Hindu family and a little girl sharing her culture with her diverse classmates. There's a moment where the other children start to ridicule Binny, but when she gains confidence, the others are swept along with her enthusiasm and learn about the festival. There's a nice touch at the end where Binny reminds her class that Diwali is just one of thousands of religious festivals that exist in the world, and that they are all special and wonderful.

*The Boy With Wings by Lenny Henry & Keenon Ferrell*



An ordinary kid is about to become an EXTRAORDINARY hero! Wings? Check. A super-cool, super-secret past? Check. An impossible mission to save the world from a fur-ocious enemy? Check. When Tunde sprouts wings and learns he's all that stands between Earth and total destruction, suddenly school is the least of his problems. Luckily, his rag-tag group of pals have got his back, and with his new powers, Tunde is ready to fly in the face of danger. So what if he can't even stand up to the school bully? He's the boy with wings - this is his destiny. No pressure then...

# Equalities

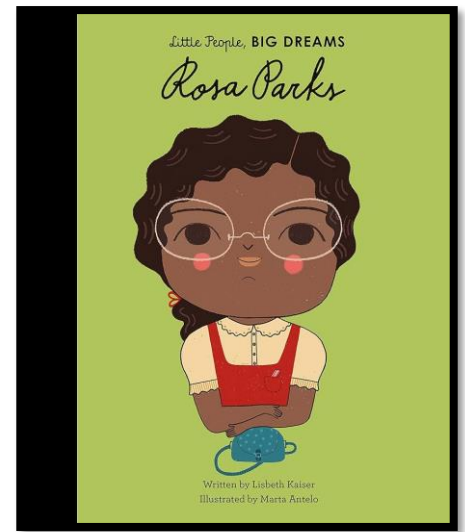


To celebrate Black History Month, Reception have been talking about treating each other fairly.

The children played a game where we had to group ourselves into hair colour groups. The children with brown hair were told that they could play outside for longer than everyone else. We then explained that this was just a game and everyone would get the same amount of play. The children then talked with their talk partners about how it made them feel.

This week we also learned about Rosa Parks and read a great book from the Little People, Big Dreams series. We talked about how it is important to speak up if someone isn't being treated fairly. We like to say "Stop I don't like it!"

Woody in Thunberg class said "I know if someone is different to me then I can still treat them nice".



## Year 6 Football

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of October, the year 6 boys took the short journey to St Margaret's to play their first game of the season. The sun was shining, smiles were beaming and the boys looked so professional as many of them adorned the famous yellow and blue Rudyard kit for the very first time.

A strong start to the game saw Rudyard pepper the (admittedly very small) St Margaret's goal without any luck. Woody was a resolute rock at the back making last ditch tackles and clever passes out to his midfielders. Despite all the Rudyard possession and pressure, they went in to half time 1-0 and very undeservedly so, such was their talent and ability. What shone through most however was their spirit and attitude - positivity was portrayed by all boys.

The second half was similar to the first, Rudyard possession and pressure came to no avail as the final whistle blew. A 2-1 defeat but as we all know we value the boys' teamwork and effort above all else. In this sense, we cannot fault a single child - we're so proud of every one of them.

Special thanks and well done: Fletcher, Ronnie, Woody, Liam, Fonzie, Fin, Andrea and Barney

Mr Hanington adds: Many thanks to Mr Mack and Mr Wynne for accompanying the teams to all these matches.



## ACE — V Strike

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, children from Years 3 and 4 attended the V Strike ACE event down at Longhill. V strike is a variety of sports merged. As the event was a 'festival', it was not competitive and was a chance for the children to mix in with other schools and have fun whilst developing their skills. There were four V strike stations: football, tennis, cricket and throwing, and I think the children would agree, it was lots of fun! As ever, the children from Rudyard showed all 5 school values throughout and were a credit to themselves and the school.



Well done to:

Jacob, Doug, Ruben, Ole, Ivy, Elliott, Harrison, Oscar, Charlotte, Chiara, Stanley.

## Celebrating our SEND children's achievement

At RKPS, our inclusive ethos means ALL our children achieve. We champion children with additional needs and celebrate neurodiversity. Our highly skilled inclusion team and fantastic teachers, make sure every children reaches their potential.

Our SEND children outperform and excel within the city but also nationally and we are so proud of their hard work and resilience.

2024 SATs SEN support children - Expected Standard	RKPS	National
Reading	100%	48%
Writing	70%	36%
<u>Maths</u>	70%	44%



# PTFA NEWS / Events

## Asda Rewards

Wow! Through the Asda cash pot, we have raised an amazing £669.84.

Don't forget to choose Rudyard Kipling Primary School on the Asda Rewards app. We have 36 days left to keep earning! (this works alongside your own rewards so there is nothing to lose)

We've also been chosen to be part of the CO-OP community fund! If you already have a co-op card you'll be able to choose us as your chosen charity. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/87742>

New members sign up here <https://membership.coop.co.uk>



## Quiz Night

<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1430663>

Rudyard Kipling Primary School,  
Saturday 30th November 2024, Doors Open 7pm  
Quiz Start 7.30pm  
(max 8 in a team - 18+ only)

Bar & Snacks

Graze boxes - please contact us at [rkpsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:rkpsptfa@gmail.com) to order. £5 per person.

Games

We are thrilled to welcome our Quiz Master Guy Wickenden to our event.

All funds raised are for Rudyard Kipling PTFA

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## Wescott Thursdays Autumn 2

The dates for Wescott Thursday after half-term are as follows: The running order will be as follows:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 6  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 5  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Year 4

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 3  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 2  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 1  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - TBC

## COMING SOON.... Christmas Jumper and Onesie Sale!

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper and onesie sale at the end of November to raise money for the PTFA.

We would love to receive donations of outgrown Christmas Jumpers and Onesies!

Please bring all contributions to the school office when you can.

## Forest School With Mr Wescott!

We are excited to introduce our new Forest School Leader Mr Wescott. Mr Wescott we be taking over from Matt and will be running Forest School sessions three times per week for all our children. A Info letter will be sent out on Ping shortly containing all the information you need. A full timetable of which classes are on what days will follow.

There will also be a Forest School after school club starting too. A sign up sheet for this club will be sent out on Ping shortly so keep your eyes peeled.



RKPS - Afterschool club info for newsletter – October 24

### Forest School Afterschool Club – A Discovery in Nature!

Looking for an afterschool club that combines outdoor fun, hands-on learning, and a connection to nature? Our **Forest School Afterschool Club** offers children a unique opportunity to explore the great outdoors, build essential life skills, and spark their natural curiosity in a safe and nurturing environment.

At Forest School, we encourage children to engage with nature through activities such as den building, wildlife spotting, outdoor crafts, and nature-based games. Children will develop teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience while learning about the environment in a fun and interactive way.

### Benefits of joining the Forest School Afterschool Club:

- Boosts confidence and independence
- Fosters creativity and imagination
- Enhances physical and mental well-being
- Promotes teamwork and social skills
- Inspires a love for nature and outdoor play

Led by Mr Wescott our new Forest School teacher, I will guide your child on this journey, providing a balance of freedom and structure that allows them to grow, learn, and thrive.

**Spaces are limited**, so sign up today and give your child the gift of outdoor DISCOVERY!

# Community Notice Board



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## 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  
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**WOODINGDEAN FOOD HUB**

**Fridays  
10.00 - 12.00**

Woodingdean Youth Centre  
Warren Road

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# Badminton

for ages 10-11yrs (school year 6)

Tuesdays 17.00-18.00 term time only  
Led by our **fully qualified** coach

**FREE SESSION** on Tues 12th Nov  
Booking is essential - Limited Spaces



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# Halloween fun for families!



**Do you want to be a dog's best friend?**

Join us for a free, fun family workshop to learn all about staying safe around dogs and keeping our four-pawed friends happy and healthy!

**Rottingdean Library 9.15-10.15am**  
**Woodingdean Library 11.15-12.15pm**  
**Monday 28th October**

This workshop is for children aged 7-11 with an accompanying adult.



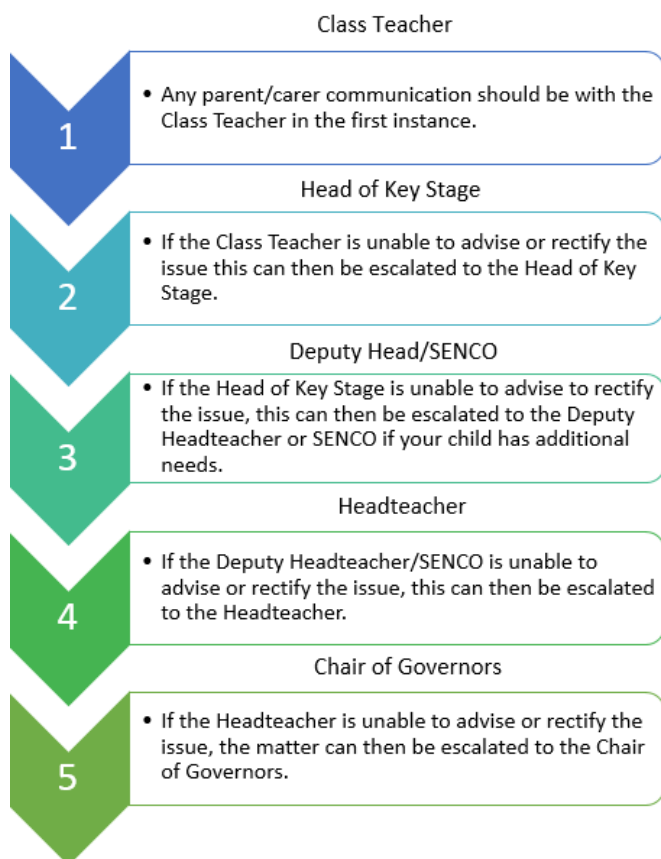
**INFO HOW TO BOOK**  
Email [steph.butler@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:steph.butler@dogstrust.org.uk)

The workshop includes dog themed activities, games, role play and craft. Children are welcome to bring their own favourite teddy soft toy dog—please no real dogs, but we always love to see photos!

**Booking is essential.**  
[learnwithdogstrust.org.uk](http://learnwithdogstrust.org.uk)

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## 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 30th	PTFA Halloween Party (3pm-5pm) <b>SOLD OUT</b>
<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
Saturday 30th	PTFA Quiz Night (7pm)
<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, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th	Reception Sing-A-Long
Thursday 19th	Choir Christmas recital, 2:30pm
Friday 20th	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
<b>January 25</b>	
Monday 6th	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 7th	<b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>

