



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

We are extremely fortunate to have our local secondary school within walking distance of RKPS.

Earlier this week, our Year 5 children strolled down to Longhill High School where they were treated to a magical performance of Beauty and the Beast. All the adults accompanying our pupils remarked upon how polished a performance it was. The acting, singing and dancing was all of the highest quality and our children were buzzing when they returned to school.

Some of our pupils' comments included: "That was the best show I've ever seen!"; "I loved the hand movements of the candle!" and "Can we go and watch it again?" It was lovely for our children to see a number of Rudyard alumni performing also, to inspire them for when they go to secondary school.

Next Thursday, staff from Longhill are coming up to Rudyard to speak to our Year 6 pupils joining the school in September; they will be finding out about some of the exciting opportunities they have to look forward to, including many sporting ones.

Speaking of sport, our children continue to be presented with plentiful sporting experiences. Yesterday, we sent a team of KS1 athletes to a multi-sports event, as usual held at Longhill. Next Thursday, it's the turn for tennis for some of our older tennis players.

Part of the reason our sporting culture is so strong here is down to one exceptional teacher who used to work here, sadly before my time. Christina Wilkinson inspired so many children to fall in love with sport and laid the foundations which we have built on. Some of you may remember her by her maiden name 'Etherington' and know what a brilliant teacher she was. Tragically, Christina passed away around Christmas time 2023 and, with the full support of her husband Matt, we would like to honour her significant contribution to RKPS.

In assembly last Monday, Mr Wynne and Mr Mack spoke to the children about the Christina Wilkinson trophy which will be awarded each year to an outstanding girl or boy who demonstrates all of our school Values when playing, either on the playground and on the sports field. There will be very many children in contention to win this prestigious award and whoever takes it home will be a very proud sports person indeed.

Have a wonderful, sunny weekend.

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



The Christina Wilkinson Trophy



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Millie-Rose



Millie-Rose is an incredibly gifted artist whose creativity knows no bounds. She puts such thought and care into every piece she creates, and it's a joy to watch her bring her ideas to life with such detail. Her resourcefulness shines through in her artwork—always finding unique ways to express herself. She is also kind and polite, approaching everything she does with quiet determination. While her art is truly something special, we're equally proud of how much she's grown in her writing and phonics. She continues to amaze us every day, and we couldn't be prouder. You're a superstar Millie – Rose!

YRR

Finn



Finn is such a joy to be around. He is endlessly inquisitive and full of curiosity about the world around him. Over the year, Finn has made great progress in remembering to follow instructions and is showing a real effort to listen carefully. He is now sitting on the carpet for longer periods and joining in with our learning more and more. It's wonderful to see his growing engagement and enthusiasm. Keep it up, Finn!

Oakleigh



Oakleigh has shown fantastic remembering this term. He is always ready to help and takes on any job and does it very well! He remembers to show respect to his talk partners by listening carefully and sharing his brilliant ideas. His sense of humour brings laughs to the class, and his lovely smile brightens everyone's day. He is learning to remember when it's time to focus and when it's time to be his silly self, and it's wonderful to see how his hard work is paying off. His handwriting has really improved, and he is showing Obama Class just how fantastic he can be. Oakleigh's kind nature, positive attitude, and determination make him an important member of the classroom. Well done, Oakleigh – keep it up!

YR1

Lola



Lola has been nothing short of incredible! If you are looking for somebody in Year 1 who embodies Year 2 resourcefulness, look no further! Lola is always thinking on her feet and problem solving without even needing an adult's help. She has also blitzed through the entire Numbots programme rocking up a jaw-dropping 4,278 minutes of maths! I am so impressed and excited to see you take on Times Tables Rockstars with the same passion and enthusiasm. Furthermore, you have wowed us all away with your optional home learning underwater collage. Keep up this hard work in and out of school! Well done, Lola!

Orya



Trumpet fanfare, please... doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doooo! Make way for Orya, the Remembering Queen! This girl is not just remembering her phonics, she's smashing it out of the park with her confidence, amazing segmenting and blending and her fantastic 'can do' attitude. Orya, keep 'remembering' how 'awesome you are, how you light up the classroom with your fun, positive energy and fabulous sense of humour. You are a super star!

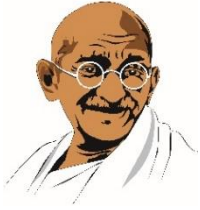
YR2

Stanley



Superstar Stanley! There are so many wonderful things to say about Stanley and his attitude to his learning. Stanley shows Rudyard Readiness for every lesson and activity and is always challenging himself to be better than he was the day before. He is a true inspiration to his peers, never saying no to a task and never giving up. His positive and ready to learn attitude lasts from the moment he walks into class to the moment he leaves. Keep it up, Stanley!

Grayson



Warning! Please keep your distance, standing too close could cause serious burns because this boy wonder is on FIRE as of late! Readiness has a whole new meaning thanks to Grayson. Whatever the subject, you can be sure he is poised, ready to spring into action answering questions with ease, completing tasks with total focus and spreading a great deal of positivity with his radiant smile! It really is a joy to see this boy's confidence rocket skyward. Grayson, you've really put a smile on my face too over recent weeks!

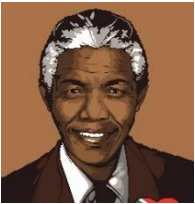
YR3

Jack



Jack has shown remarkable resourcefulness and determination throughout Year 3, however over the last week I have been most impressed by his efficiency. He always uses his time wisely- whether it is practising timetables, refining his English work, or making sure that his artwork is gallery ready. His consistent effort and positive attitude are a brilliant example to others. Well done, Jack.

Riyan



Riyan is an absolute superstar! He comes into school every day with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. Riyan's pens are practically on fire by the time he finishes his work as he is super speedy and always goes above and beyond. No challenge is too big for Riyan. He tackles every task with enthusiasm and flare. He has made excellent progress this year. Well done Riyan. You should be very proud of yourself!

YR4

Lana



Lana is receiving this Special Mention for her fantastic resilience. If at first Lana finds something a bit tricky, she does not let it phase or upset her, instead, she keeps on persevering until she masters it. Her positive attitude has meant that she has come on leaps and bounds in Year 4 and she is most definitely ready for Year 5!

Sienna



Sienna is an outstanding role model in the school. She is the epitome of a great Sports Captain, leading by example and always giving her absolute best in sporting events, be it football, cricket or athletics (all of which she's representing the school in this term). Sienna will turn her hand (or foot) to anything! It's been a joy teaching her. Well done, Sienna!

YR6

Beau



Beau deserves her special mention this week for her outstanding writing about the Anderson shelter. Her work was not only detailed and imaginative, but also showed a deep understanding of the topic. She's a joy to teach – always focused and thoughtful. It's especially lovely to see her feeling confident and capable, and we're so proud of how she's growing as a writer and learner. Bravo, Beau!

Fletcher



Fletcher brings laughter and positivity to our classroom every single day – his sense of humour and cheerful spirit lift everyone around him. Alongside the joy he spreads, he's been working incredibly hard on his handwriting this term, and his effort is truly paying off. It's been wonderful to see his determination and progress. I'm so proud of how far he's come – bravo, Fletcher!



Class	Child's name	Awarded for
YR Rashford	Azaan	Having a positive attitude to learning this week
Y1 Obama	Iris and Amber Ruby	Brilliant sea collages. Excellent, extra maths learning.
Y2 Attenborough	Shelby Khaliyl	Amazing maths! Working hard to reach level 9 on his reading
Y3 Gandhi	Frankie Amelia Talia	Handwriting hero! Handwriting hero! Spectacular maths learning done independently
Y3 Pankhurst	Amina	Super extra writing practice at home.
Y6 Yousafzai	Andrea and Stanley Sofie and Olivia	Making a great Anderson Shelter! Super descriptive writing.

Equalities



In Year 4, we have been working to grow as an anti-racist school. We have been practising how to be respectfully curious when asking questions about people's religions and cultures. We also reflected on how to create an environment where everyone feels good and safe about their religion and the special practices they follow.

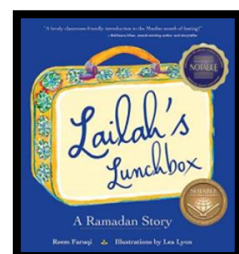
We also read a story called "Lailah's Lunchbox," which explored the Islamic tradition of Ramadan. We learned why Muslims fast during this time and why it is important to respect religious ceremonies.

We concluded that there are many religions in the world, each bringing comfort, hope, and love to their followers. We aspire for our school to be a place where everyone feels safe and valued, embracing and respecting all human beings.

p.p.s. Here's a poem I wrote about Ramadan:

Ramadan is a month Muslims celebrate.
A time to count our blessings and appreciate.
Muslims fast before sunrise to sunset
But wait, that's not all just yet!

Ramadan is a time for lots of prayer.
We help the poor people to show we care!
So in the day I won't be eating any food
But hopefully will stay in a good mood!

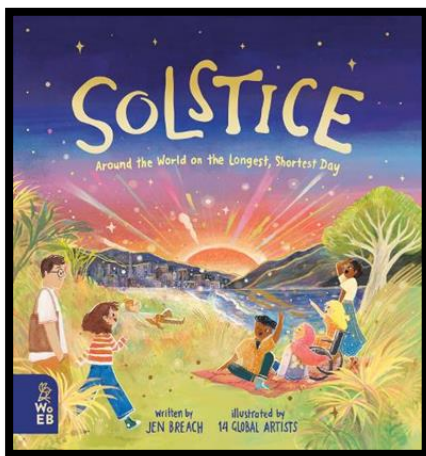




Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

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.

By Moira Butterfield and illustrated by Salvatore Rubbino



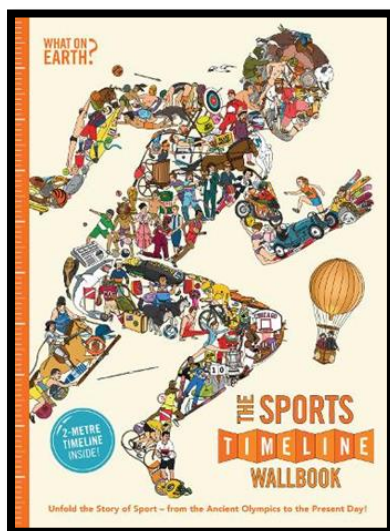
Explore the daily lives of children around the world through the lens of a single, special day in June, the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere and the shortest in the southern hemisphere.

The rising and setting of the Sun is one of the few truly common experiences in our diverse world. This book places that shared experience at the heart of its global story.

Every year, during the June solstice, the Earth tilts towards the Sun, creating either the longest or shortest day of the year. Across the world, people celebrate this day in different ways, from bonfires and banquets to firework festivals and ancient rituals. In this book, you will celebrate the solstice alongside 14 fictional characters from 14 real places around the world. You will be transported to Antarctica, Argentina, Australia, South Africa, Ecuador, Indonesia, Nigeria, Nepal, Morocco, China, Turkey, America, the United Kingdom and Norway. Each account is both a personal story and an informative narrative, full of cultural insight, geographical information and words from each native language. Meanwhile, specially commissioned artwork, by illustrators from each place, bring familiarity and warmth to every page.

The solstice is both a symbol of global unity and a celebration of cultural diversity. Here, this unique event takes centre stage in a fascinating account of children's lives around the world.

The Sports Timeline Wallbook:1 by Christopher Lloyd, Brian Oliver & Andy



Unfold the spectacular history of sport - from the ancient Olympics to today - with this beautifully illustrated, 2-metre-long timeline! More than 100 different sporting events and over 1,000 pictures and captions tell the unique story of sports in the world. Broken out by type of sport - such as fighting, racing and ball games - as well as by date, the timeline allows readers to trace the origins and histories of all major sports, including Olympic champions and world record holders. An easy-to-read chronicle, written in the form of nearly forty newspaper articles, highlights key moments such as the first Olympic games, Jesse Owens' race wins, and the first documented climbers to summit Mt. Everest. Other features include a page of letters to the editor, a fifty-question quiz, and a pocket magnifier to make it easier to explore all the timeline's details. Perfect for sport lovers of any age!

Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – Dylan in Parks for being so helpful and following the rules.
KS2 – Darcie in Seacole for always having a smile on her face.

Play Stars of the Week

Moses Yr 1 for great behaviour in the dining room and playground.
Lottie, Tiffany, Harper and Daenerys Yr3 for their fantastic gymnastic displays each lunchtime.
Ona and Jesica Yr 6 for being great role models and sensible Play Leaders in KS2
Gracie and Lilah for tidying up the bricks and being very helpful each day.

Times Tables Rockstars

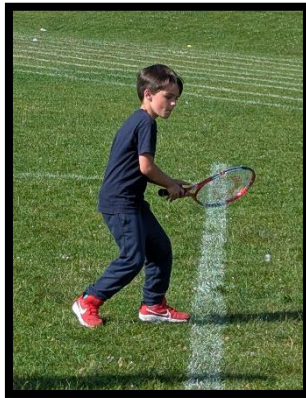
Times Tables Rock Stars 'Battle of the Bands'

Huge congratulations to Aitor in Year 3 Gandhi for winning this week's TTRS 'Battle of the Bands' competition! He finished ahead of Harrison (Gandhi class) and Aoife (Franklin class), who came 2nd and 3rd respectively. Well done to Turing for being the overall winning class.

The next 'Battle of the Bands' will start on Friday 20th June.

ACE Event

16 children represented Rudyard Kipling at this Thursday afternoon's ACE sports event at Longhill. They worked in teams with pupils from other local schools practising shooting and defending, batting, tackling, racket control and fielding skills. Well done to Albie, Aiden, Joshua, Leisha, Leo, Oliver, Robin, Rudi, Amber, Freddie, Guilia, Gus, Hasti, Iris, Oakleigh and Rosa. You were enthusiastic in all the activities and a credit to the school.





Wescott Thursdays Spring 2

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be Year Y2.

Forest School with Mr Wescott!

Next Forest School Sessions

Tuesday 17th June – Y1 Obama AM, Y1 Kahlo PM

Wednesday 18th June - Y4 Mandela AM & Y4 Franklin PM

Thursday 19th June – Y5 Seacole PM

PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN HAVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES THAT INCLUDE TROUSERS. This protects children's legs from scratches, stings and prickles.

* If you would like to help at Forest School please contact the school office and/or look out for Pings that are sent out.



Anti-social parking

Please continue to be considerate of our neighbours and also the school community by parking safely. We strongly encourage families within walking distance to walk to school to avoid unnecessary congestion.

If you do use your car, please do not park across driveways or grass verges on Chalkland Rise, Downs Valley Road and adjoining roads. Any cars that are stopping / dropping off on hazard markings in Chalkland Rise will be reported with photo evidence and registrations to 'Operation Crackdown' where fines will be imposed.

Thank you for your continue support and understanding by keeping ALL our school community safe.



SchoolPing ENDING



From Tuesday 1st July 2025, we will no longer be using SchoolPing. Due to parental feedback, we are aiming to use just one system for simplicity and this will be Arbor. Please make sure that you have downloaded and have access to your Arbor App to keep up to date with school communications. All payments (except school Meals/Nursery) will continue to be made on Arbor.

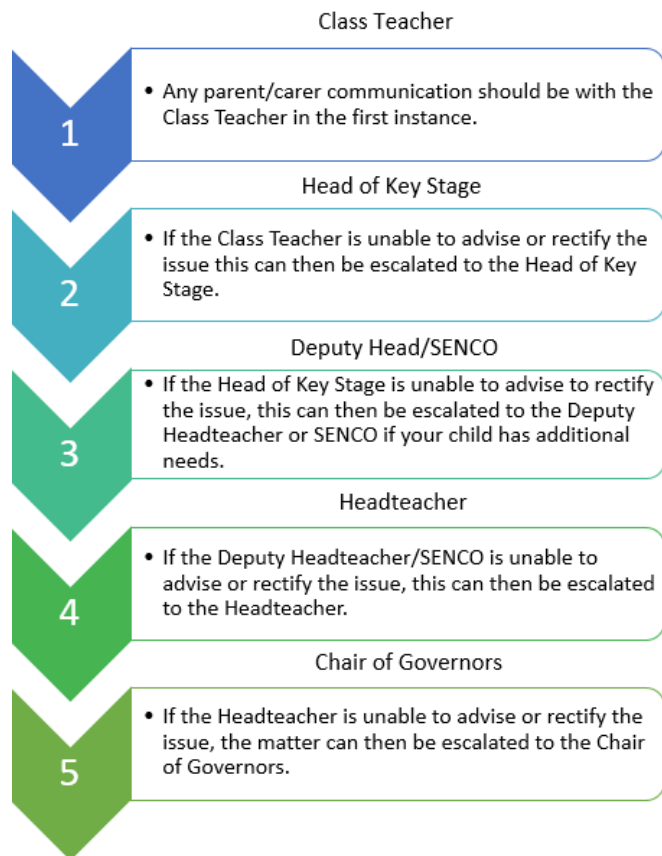
If we require consent for trips and events this will come through Arbor and a Google Form will be used to capture your responses. If you need any support please contact the school Office.

Water Bottles & Sun Cream

Please make sure your child(ren) is supplied with an adequate water bottle in school. You can purchase school water bottles from the Arbor App.



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

June 25	
Wednesday 18 th	Withdean Athletics
Tuesday 24 th	Y2 Trip to Drusillas
Thursday 26 th	Y6 Graduation Headshots
July 25	
Tuesday 1 st	School Nurse Drop-in from 8:30am
Saturday 5 th	Woodingdean Carnival at RKPS (11am-3pm)
Monday 7 th	SPORTS DAY - Rec 9.30 am & Y1 & Y2 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	SPORTS DAY – Y3 & Y4 9.30 am & Y5 & Y6 1.30pm
Friday 11 th	Y6 Prom
Thursday 17 th	Y6 Productions 2pm and 5:30pm
Friday 18 th	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 22 nd	LAST DAY OF TERM (SUMMER 2 ENDS)



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