



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

We are all incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who have been hard at work this week taking their tests. They have all showed great resilience as they completed their different papers and now they can celebrate, enjoying everything that the summer months will offer.

There are always a plethora of sporting opportunities for all our children and both our sports fields now have a freshly painted athletics track. Many of our children have been enjoying regular 'mini miles', including our very keen Reception runners-it's rather heartwarming watching them bomb down the track!

Today, our Year 3 scientists are enjoying a special microscopes day courtesy of Wren's mum. The University of Brighton are in working with the children on DNA and letting them observe strawberries, cheek cells and onion skin at microscopic scale. The children have been intrigued to discover that humans share 60% of their DNA with strawberries!

Year 2 have been out on a local walk this morning and after school today we will be enjoying our VE day celebrations by singing and eating cake! There are some incredible cake designs which will be judged later by a Great British Bake Off runner up!

There's nothing quite like the summer term in a dynamic primary school such as ours-you just can't beat it!

Next week is the last before the half term break, it's a four day week as Friday is an INSET day: this half term has flown by in the blink of an eye.

Have a wonderful, sunny, weekend.

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



Y3 scientists in action



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Emilia



Emilia's progress in phonics has been amazing—she is tackling sounds, words and sentences with so much confidence, and it's clear how hard she's been working. We're also so proud of how independent Emilia has become, coming into school each day with a big smile, ready to learn. And of course, her fabulous hairstyles and gorgeous handbags always brighten up the classroom! Keep being your wonderful self, Emilia – you're a star!

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Beatrix



Beatrix has been working so hard to stay in the green, showing real resilience and growing more confident every day in managing her emotions. She's slowly becoming a little master of self-control, and we're so proud of the progress she's making. Alongside all of that, Beatrix brings such enthusiasm to everything she does and her gorgeous smile brightens up Rashford Class every single day. Well done, Beatrix your hard work and positivity are shining through!

Amber



Obama class is so proud of Amber and her fantastic ability to be ready for anything that comes her way! She truly embodies our school values with her warm-hearted kindness and is a fantastic, supportive team member to all her peers. It's heartwarming to see how Amber interacts with both staff and students. All can confidently say that she is remembers to be respectful and brings a smile to everyone's faces. In lessons, Amber is enthusiastic and eagerly participates. Well done on learning so many times tables, Amber! You put in so much effort and it really shows in your stellar work. Keep being fantastic! Well done!

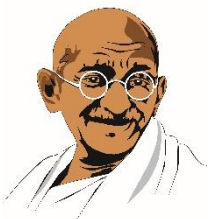
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Cara



I have been simply stunned by Cara not just the week but this whole term. Cara is taking so much care to use her best handwriting including finger spaces and write on the lines. The result is Year 2 ready learning! Cara has had a fantastic attitude at school, and I am constantly seeing a beaming smile that brightens up the classroom. Keep up this incredible effort Cara. Well done!

Luke



Where do I begin to sum up the achievements of this young man!? Luke has wowed each and every member of staff he works with as of late. Not content with only learning in Rockets class, he has been coming up to Gandhi class to access EVEN MORE learning! His Learning behaviours have been an example to all and he should be ever so proud of himself!

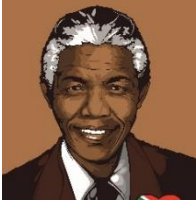
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Ayham

There isn't a day that goes by in which Ayham fails to make me smile! This young chap is poised, calm and always prepared – a true example to others! Whether it's learning, behaviour or kindness, we could all learn a thing or two from Ayham. There is no doubt in my mind that he will grow to become a truly wonderful young man, and he should be so very proud of himself. All that's left to say is thank you, Ayham – you make teaching the best job in the world!

Bradley



Bradley had a great week last week. He radiated readiness and caught up well with work he missed when he was poorly. Bradley tried really hard in English in particular and produced a lovely piece of work highlighting issues with deforestation. Bradley is always ready to contribute his super prior knowledge in class discussions and help his peers. Keep it up Bradley!

YR4



Grace

Grace is always ready and gives her absolute best to her learning and her work. She focuses, she listens, she challenges herself and her presentation is outstanding. Over the last couple of months Grace has become more confident answering questions and sharing her lovely ideas which is wonderful to see. Well done Grace.

Max



This week's special mention goes to none other than Maximus Decimus Meridius—Commander of the Armies of the North, slayer of tricky tasks, and champion of the classroom! With the bravery of a Roman general and the focus of a true scholar, Maximus has charged through his learning like a legend. Whether it's leading his classmates or conquering challenges, he does it all with style, strength, and a grin worthy of victory. A true hero of Year 5—hail, Maximus!

YR5



Dexter

This week's shoutout goes to the marvellous Dexter—musician, performer, and all-round legend! He's been learning the song *Mr Lonely* and, wow, does he capture it beautifully. With every note, he brings emotion, soul, and something really special that stops you in your tracks. It's been such a joy to watch him grow in confidence and share his talent with such heart. Keep shining, Dexter—your voice is magic!

Whole Class



What can I say about my incredible Turing class? They've worked so hard this year, particularly the last few weeks. They tackled SATs as we knew they would: calmly, with poise and a 'can-do' attitude. Mrs Woolven and I are so proud of everything they've achieved!

YR6

Sofie



Sofie has shown an outstanding attitude in class, especially in the run-up to her SATs. She's approached her revision with genuine enthusiasm, even saying that "*studying is a privilege, not a chore.*" Her work ethic is second to none and she consistently brings positivity to the classroom. An absolute pleasure to teach – bravo Sofie!

Whole Class



A huge special mention to Yousafzai Class for completing their SATs with absolutely fabulous resilience. Throughout the week, they brought such positive energy and showed real determination in everything they did.

I loved how they demonstrated our school value of positivity—they supported one another and kept going with such a fantastic attitude.

Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – Moses in Obama for a super star at After School Club

KS2 – Millie in Yousafzai for being so helpful at After School Club.



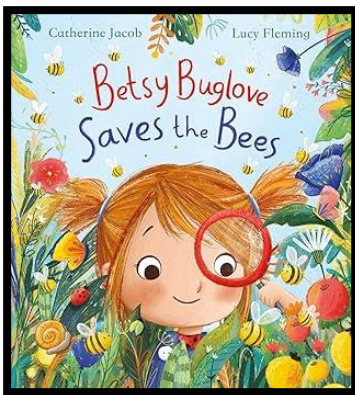
YR Thunberg	Isaac	Amazing writing.
YR Rashford	Emelyn and Lottie	Brilliant independent writing.
Y1 Kahlo	Harper	Super writing based on the Snail and the Whale.
	Lola and Amelia	For being writing wizards!
Y1 Obama	Moses	An excellent sentence on The Snail and the Whale
Y2 Attenborough	Connie	For amazing independent writing and spelling about the seaside!
Y3 Gandhi	Ethan	Excellent learning on volume and capacity.
	Grayson	Exceptional maths reasoning work.
Y3 Pankhurst	Henry	First class maths work.
Y4 Mandela	Bradley and Halle	Thoughtful and perceptive writing on looking after our world.
	Jacob, Ruben	Impressive animal fact files!
Y5 Seacole	Asomi and Carter	First class diary entries



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.

Betsy Buglove Saves the Bees by Catherine Jacob and illustrated by Lucy Fleming



Meet Betsy Buglove in this magical picture book - a girl who LOVES bugs more than anything else in the world!

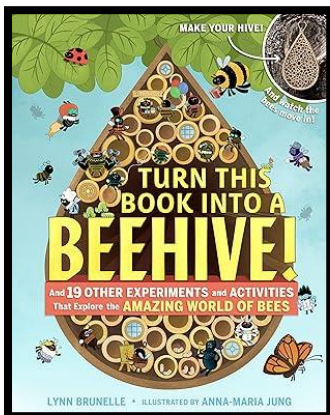
In a big, bustling town lived a girl who loved bugs, from earthworms to ladybirds, woodlice and slugs.

While spiders or ants might make some scream in fright to her, creepy crawlies were such a delight! If there's anything to know about Betsy Buglove, it's that, when she's around, no bug ever has to worry about getting in trouble. Betsy's not afraid of sticky goo, tangled webs, or even muddy boots, no!

On her sixth birthday she receives a special gift - a magic magnifying glass that allows her to speak to her fuzzy, sometimes slimy, friends. So get ready, because Betsy's about to get some serious business done.

- Perfect for children who love to help out in the garden
- Will delight the toddler David Attenborough fans in the making, little ones will appreciate bug life even more after reading this!
- Super bright illustrations and rhyming text will make this a delight for parents, teachers and carers to read aloud time and again
- With engaging endpapers at the back, including fun facts about caterpillars, praying mantises and more... did you know butterflies can smell like popcorn?

Turn This Book Into a Beehive! And 19 Other Experiments and Activities That Explore the Amazing World of Bees by Lynn Brunelle



The Real Buzz on Bees What a promise! Actually, promises. First, here's a book that teaches kids all about the fascinating world of bees. Second, fun exercises, activities, and illustrations engage the imagination and offer a deeper understanding of bee life and bee behavior. Third, by following a few simple steps including removing the book's cover and taping it together, readers can transform the book into an actual living home for backyard bees. Fourth, added all together, Turn This Book Into a Beehive! lets kids make a difference in the world—building a home where bees can thrive is one small but critical step in reversing the alarming trend of dwindling bee populations.

Written by Lynn Brunelle, author of Pop Bottle Science, whose gift for making science fun earned her four Emmy Awards as a writer for Bill Nye the Science Guy, Turn This Book Into a Beehive! introduces kids to the amazing mason bee, a non-aggressive, non-stinging super-pollinator that does the work of over 100 honeybees.

Mason bees usually live in hollow reeds or holes in wood, but here's how to make a home just for them: Tear out the perforated paper—each illustrated as a different room in a house—roll the sheets into tubes, enclose the tubes using the book's cover, and hang the structure outside. The bees will arrive, pack mud into the tubes, and begin pollinating all the plants in your backyard. Twenty experiments and activities reveal even more about bees—how to smell like a bee, understand the role of flowers and pollen, learn how bees communicate with each other through "dance," and more. It's the real buzz on bees, delivered in the most ingenious and interactive way.

Times Table Rockstars



TTRS BATTLE OF THE BANDS RESULTS

Congratulations to Dougie in Year 4 for winning our latest TTRS 'Battle of the Bands' competition (2nd - 8th May). Ruben in Year 3 came in 2nd place, and Gracie in Year 6 was 3rd! A fantastic effort from everyone who took part - here's the Top 10.

We have another Battle starting TODAY at 3.30pm, and then our special half term edition (£10 Amazon voucher and other prizes available!) will begin on Thursday 22nd May at 3.30pm and finish on Sunday 1st June at 6pm.

1	Dougie W Year 4 Mandela 2024/25	1,807
2	Ruben W Year 3 Pankhurst 2024/25	766
3	Gracie B Year 6 Turing 2024/25	466
4	Daisy G Year 4 Mandela 2024/25	401
5	Lottie W Year 6 Turing 2024/25	361
6	Hussein A Year 6 Turing 2024/25	251
7	Liam C Year 4 Mandela 2024/25	236
8	Joseph E Year 4 Mandela 2024/25	201
9	Jack M Year 6 Turing 2024/25	184
10	Daniel S Year 4 Mandela 2024/25	150

World Bee Day

As part of our World Bee Day celebrations next Tuesday 20th May, we'll be welcoming a special visitor to school to talk about Bees. During the sessions, we are hoping to offer a small, optional honey tasting experience for the Children. If your child has any allergies to honey or if you would prefer they do not take part in the tasting please let us know. We were very lucky this year to work with the charity Brighton Permaculture, who received funding to plant community orchards. Rudyard Kipling was chosen to have a school orchard and the children loved helping plant it and are excited to see the trees starting to bloom. As part of our World Bee Day, we would be grateful if children could bring in a donation to go towards the care of the Orchard, which will be a haven for Bees. Thank you for your support- we're looking forward to a Buzz-worthy day of learning!

Please come to school dressed in a bee theme or wear the colour green to show your support for nature.



T1 Rugby Festival

On Wednesday, a number of our year 3 and 4 girls attended the T1 Rugby festival at Hove Rugby club to mark 100 days to go until the Women's Rugby World Cup! The girls were enthusiastic, joyful and above all, a credit to themselves and the school whilst they took part in many fun rugby based activities. As the session drew to a close, none of the girls wanted to leave such was the fun they were having! Well done to all involved! This Saturday, you can visit the Rugby World Cup trophy itself down at the i360 and keep your eyes peeled for opportunities to attend one of two games held at the AMEX. More on this in due course!



Trophy Tour

Women's Rugby World Cup Trophy Tour – Please promote with your networks!

The Women's World Cup rugby trophy coming to Brighton & Hove is part of a three-week tour of England in May and June, connecting with fans and local communities in all eight RWC 2025 host locations.

The trophy will be in Brighton & Hove on Saturday 17 May and Monday 19 May, and at Haywards Heath Rugby Club on 18 May.

Fans will be able to see the trophy and enjoy the celebrations on:

- Saturday 17 May: 9.30am-12noon and 1.30pm-5pm. Photo opportunities with the trophy at the i360
- Sunday 18 May: 10am-12noon. Photo opportunities alongside the Festival of Rugby under-12s girls at Haywards Heath Rugby Club
- Monday 19 May: 9.30am-11am. Photo opportunities and Strive 25 T1 rugby activity for over-16s girls at the i360.

For further information about the trophy tour in the city see the link below:

[Trophy tour stops off for a city break!](#)


Carnival Art Competition


 ART COMPETITION!!

 An incredible opportunity for a Rudyard pupil to design the front cover of this years Woodingdean Carnival Programme.

 Designs must be handed to the office no later than Thursday 22nd May.



 Think bright, bold and colourful!

 Designs should be on a square piece of paper of any size.



Wescott Thursdays Spring 2

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be Year Y6.

Forest School with Mr Wescott!

Next Forest School Sessions

Tuesday 20th May – Y3 Pankhurst AM & Y3 Gandhi PM

Wednesday 14th May - Y5 Seacole AM & Y4 Mandela PM

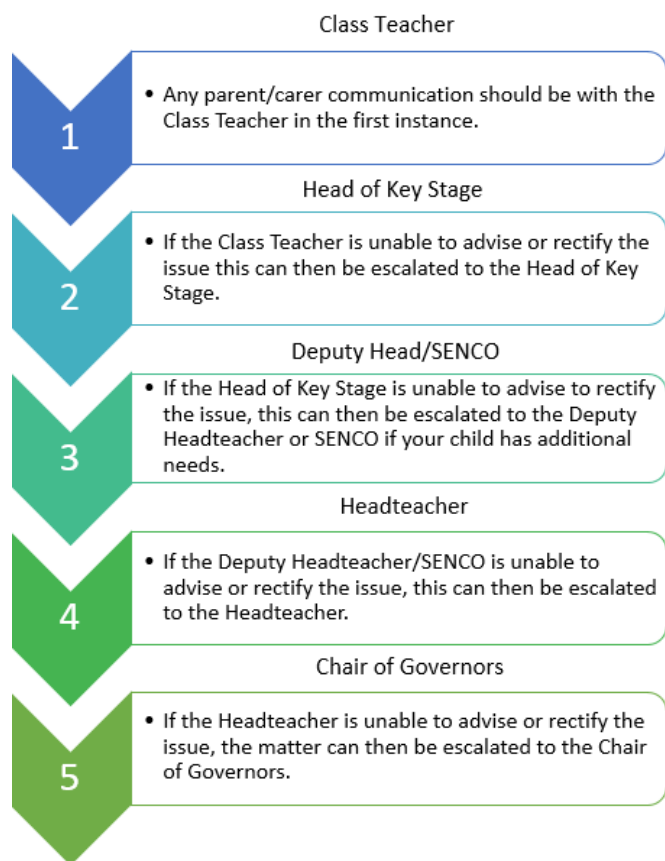
Thursday 15th May – Y2 Parks PM



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 Pins that are sent out.

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

May 25	
Tuesday 20 th	World Bee Day (Bee/Nature dress up day)
Thursday 22 nd	LAST DAY FOR CHILDREN (SUMMER 1 ENDS)
Friday 23 rd	INSET DAY
June 25	
Monday 2 nd	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL (SUMMER 2 STARTS)
Friday 13 th	PTFA Superman Day
Wednesday 18 th	Withdean Athletics
Tuesday 24 th	Y2 Trip to Drusillas
July 25	
Saturday 5 th	Woodingdean Carnival at RKPS
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)

Community Notice Board

 **Bright Spark Sports**

MARKETING DAY

For our new

MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP

27TH MAY 2025 | 8:30am - 16:30pm

MAY HALF TERM **FREE***

*Provided that photo and video consent is granted for your child during the day.

Images and videos may be shared on our website and social media to showcase the launch of our new holiday camp. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch!

Activities:

- ✓ Traditional Sports
- ✓ Nerf Wars
- ✓ Glow in the Dark Sports
- ✓ Archery Targets
- ✓ Bubble Football
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Lots More

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 **FOUNDATION**

Street Cricket Holiday Camp

Come along for a whole day of cricket for **FREE** during May half term. Open to all girls and boys **aged 8+**. No equipment required.

BACA
Thursday 29 May
9:00am - 2:00pm
Cost: FREE

Brighton Aldridge Community Academy
Lewis Rd, Brighton, BN1 5PW

Contact
Ayscha Woods
ayscha.woods@brightoncricket.co.uk

What to Expect?

- ✓ Have fun & make new friends whilst improving your skills!
- ✓ Wear what you want (comfortable sports shoes recommended)
- ✓ Teas & coffees available for parents, access to look around the Aldridge Cricket Centre

SCAN QR CODE TO VISIT REGISTER



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