



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter

### Where learning is an adventure!

Thursday 22nd May 2025

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#### Headteacher Reports:

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This half term has truly flown by.

It has been packed with myriad exciting learning opportunities for our whole school community. Last Friday's VE Day Street Party was another example of this, a wonderful PTFA event: thank you to everyone who made a cake-lots of money was raised! A big thank you to Jesse's mum, Kelly, for making it happen. As always, all funds will go towards providing our children with special resources and experiences.

Our school grounds are looking really well, visitors to our school always comment upon it. Soon the new grass will have grown in our Year 1 and 2 Learning Garden, ready for our children to explore and learn in.

Next half term has lots of treats in store including the return to Rudyard of the Woodingdean Carnival on Saturday 5th July. This wonderful community event is steeped in history and we are very proud to be hosting it again. One new attraction this year is a giant soft play area for children to enjoy on the day. Do put the date in the diary, it's definitely not to be missed!

When we return after the half term break, there will be many sporting events for our children to enjoy including a cricket day on Thursday June 5th.

There is a real cricketing culture at RKPS these days and we have many talented cricketers who absolutely love the game. I expect us to do very well in the June tournaments approaching.

Our year group Sports Days are always amongst the highlights of the year: the dates are at the back of this newsletter so don't miss them!

Tomorrow is an INSET day so we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday June 2nd.

Have a wonderful half term holiday

*Euan Hannington*

Headteacher



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness



YR Rashford	Ralph Nicole	Brilliant independent writing. Amazing independent writing
Y2 Attenborough	Leisha Dylan	For always demonstrating excellent learning. Superb Maths
Y3 Pankhurst	Charlotte	Super work on Life cycle of a plant
Y5 Seacole	Amna	For being a brilliant play leader
Y6 Turing	Gracie	For showing impressive resilience towards her learning

## Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – Bodhi in Thunberg – For always following ASC rules.  
KS2 – Henry in Pankhurst – For being so kind and caring.

## Lunch time Stars of the Week

**Rocco in Seacole** – For being an outstanding mentor in the KS1 playground

**Millie in Pankhurst**- For creating a fun game out of pallets in KS2

## Equalities



This week in Reception, we read a book called “What Happened to You”?

The children talked about how frustrating it must be for Joe to always be asked about his disability. Beatrix hit the nail on the head when she said, “He just wants to play with his friends”. We then went on to talk about the Paralympics and watched some clips of some incredible athletes. The children were particularly impressed with the 100-meter runners.

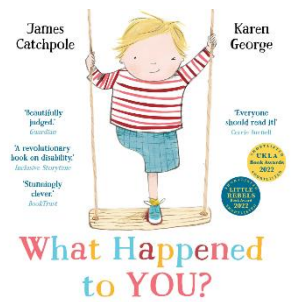
# World Bee Day

**Thank You, Alistair and Noemi** 🐝

A huge thank you to Alistair and Noemi, who gave up their time to spend the morning with us, sharing their amazing knowledge about bees. Their talks were so engaging and full of fascinating facts – the children were absolutely *buzzing* with excitement afterwards!

From learning about the important role bees play in our world to tasting delicious honey straight from the hive, it was a real treat. The Apiary honey was a big hit, and some of us even checked out the menus at their restaurant afterwards – every dish looked delicious!

The number of thoughtful questions the children asked showed just how much they'd learned and how inspired they were.



# Times Tables Rockstars

## TTRS 'BATTLE OF THE BANDS' SPECIAL HALF TERM EDITION

Remember that the latest special half term TTRS 'Battle of the Bands' starts TODAY at 3.30pm and ends on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 6pm. The final £10 Amazon voucher of the year (once again kindly donated by the PTFA) is available to the overall winner, and there will be prizes for different Key Stage winners and runners-up too!

Prizes will be given out in the first Special Mentions Assembly of Summer 2, along with certificates for this week's competition (16th - 22nd May).

Thank you for continuing to support your child practise their times tables!





## Rudyard Reading Recommendations

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

### Reading statistic alert:

*'Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than family*

*circumstances, parent' educational background or income.'* 

*The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) & others.*

### **The Bumblebear by Nadia Shireen**



We could not resist another bee themed book! This is a highly original picturebook from Nadia Shireen.

The story is about a bear called Norman, who concocts a plot to get more honey by dressing up as a bee and attending bee school. Children will love Norman's hilarious attempts to convince his teacher and classmates that he's a real bee. This is a really funny book with hilarious twists and turns, and ultimately a happy resolution about acceptance and being true to oneself.

The illustrations add to the sheer fun and this book is a real hoot to read aloud. Children love being in on the secret of knowing more than the characters about who Norman really is.

### **Jaz Santos vs The World by Priscilla Mante**



Jaz Santos vs the World is the first in a new series about a girl who gathers an unlikely group of friends together to make their own girls' football team. This is an inclusive and empowering tale with a real-life feel that will appeal to fans of Cath Howe and Jacqueline Wilson.

Circumstances in Jaz's life are starting to feel out of control. She has been in trouble at school, kicked out of dance club and is dealing with the growing cracks in her parents' relationship, culminating in a house fire and her mum eventually moving out. There's more on her mind too – Jaz loves football and often plays with the boys at lunchtimes, but is excluded from the school team because girls are not allowed to play.

When Jaz finds a leaflet advertising a girls' football tournament, she seizes the opportunity to take back some control. Thinking carefully about how to sell the idea to her classmates, Jaz pours heart and soul into rallying a team of girls to prepare for the tournament. From fundraising to training, Jaz leaves no stone unturned – with her passionate hopes of proving that girls can be taken seriously in football matched only by her desire to get mum back. Deep down, Jaz wonders whether winning the tournament might magically solve all of the other problems in her life too, but some wise words along the way help Jaz to understand that life's circumstances do not have to define her, and her own personal successes and failures don't have to be tied up with the things in life that are simply beyond her control.



## Wescott Thursdays Summer 2

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June -Year 6

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 4

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July –Year 5

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1



## Forest School with Mr Wescott!

### Next Forest School Sessions

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – YR Rashford AM & Thunberg PM

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 Yousafzai AM & Y4 Franklin 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.


### Polite Reminder



No crocs or open toe shoes to be worn to school. Closed in Black school shoes or trainers only please


## Carnival Art Competition


 ART COMPETITION!!

 An incredible opportunity for a Rudyard pupil to design the front cover of this year's 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.

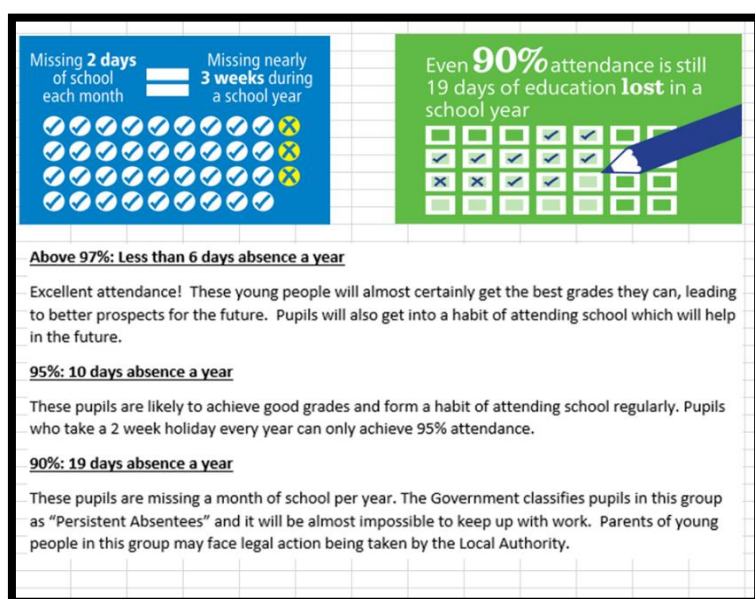


## Attendance at RKPS

As you are probably aware, there is a real focus this year on promoting good attendance at all schools across all age groups.

It is to be expected that all children pick up illnesses from time to time, and we have noticed that there are a number of children with a high level of absence due to headaches, tiredness, and tummy aches. These absences are all recorded as authorised illness, but we wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents about the expectations around attendance moving forward through the school year.

Every day is so important and we strongly encourage all families to aim for 100% attendance, in all year groups.



## Dates for the Diary

June 25	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL (SUMMER 2 STARTS)</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Superman Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Withdean Athletics</u>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Y2 Trip to Drusillas</u>
July 25	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Woodingdean Carnival at RKPS</u>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	SPORTS DAY - <b>Rec</b> 9.30 am & <b>Y1 &amp; Y2</b> 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	SPORTS DAY – <b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b> 9.30 am & <b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b> 1.30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Prom
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Productions 2pm and 5:30pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM (SUMMER 2 ENDS)</b>



# Community Notice Board

**BRIGHTON RUGBY**  
Rugby in the city since 1868

**BRIGHTON BLUES GIRLS SECTION- THE BRIGHTON BOAS ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS**

- Friendly, inclusive girls team
- Looking for girls Yr 5,6,7 & 8
- Fun and safe
- Training twice weekly, Thursdays & Sundays
- Any experience welcome



Brighton Rugby Club  
Waterhall Playing Fields  
Brighton  
BN1 6YR

[www.brightonblues.co.uk](http://www.brightonblues.co.uk)  
[girls@brightonrugby.co.uk](mailto:girls@brightonrugby.co.uk)

Tel: 07849022166

**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

**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 Airdrie Cricket Centre

**Brighton Airdrie Community Academy**  
Lewes Rd, Brighton, BN1 9PW

**Contact**  
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**CHANCE TO SHINE STREET**

**SCAN QR CODE TO VISIT REGISTER**

FOR MORE INFORMATION [WWW.SUBSEXCRIKET.CO.UK/CHANCE-SHINE-STREET](http://WWW.SUBSEXCRIKET.CO.UK/CHANCE-SHINE-STREET)

**Bright Spark Sports**

**MARKETING DAY**

For our new

**MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP**

27<sup>TH</sup> 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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[www.brightsparksports.co.uk/holidaycamps](http://www.brightsparksports.co.uk/holidaycamps)

**Longhill High School proudly presents**

**Beauty and the Beast**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**7pm in the Main Hall**

**Tickets available on ParentPay.**

- £5 Adults
- £3 Child/Concessions
- £12 Family of 4