



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter

### Where learning is an adventure!

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### Headteacher Reports:

We are extremely fortunate to have such a multi-skilled and committed group of school governors working behind the scenes here at RKPS.

Superbly led by co-chairs Craig and Alex, our governing body are very much at the heart of strategic decision making and are intrinsic to our school's continued successes. We are currently looking to recruit two new parent governors-you will have received a letter earlier today-so if you'd like to get involved, and help further strengthen our school, we'd welcome your application.

The role of a parent governor is very varied: for example, one of our governors helps at my after school cricket club, the interactions with our children are often some of the most rewarding parts! The minimum time commitment is one meeting (two hours) once a half term which will hopefully fit in with parents and carers' busy lives. The closing date for applications is next Friday, June 13th.

This week, the wind and the rain did not deter our children enjoying a cricketing feast. On Wednesday, we sent two teams to compete in the Sussex schools cricket tourney. We played several matches, winning more than we lost. As John Simpson (Sussex CCC captain) told our players when he held a bespoke training session here last term: 'You don't lose, you learn'. I could not have been prouder of our players.

Yesterday, all our KS2 children enjoyed some marvellous Sussex CCC coaching here in school, taking part in cricket related activities which will hopefully encourage them to fall in love with our national summer sport. Next Wednesday, it is the turn of the girls to compete in a girls only cricket tourney at Preston Park and I look forward to watching them compete.

The rain is forecast to disappear next week, just in time for the class photos next Wednesday. The day before this, our Year 5 children are being treated to a visit to watch a production of 'Beauty and the Beast' at Longhill, our local secondary school.

We are delighted that the Woodingdean Carnival will soon be returning to Rudyard. On Saturday July 5th, we are looking forward to hosting this wonderful community event once again and hope that the sun will shine.

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Hannington*

Headteacher



Sussex Cricket Enrichment Session



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Hannah



Hannah is an absolute joy to have in the classroom. She comes in each day eager and ready to learn, always full of thoughtful questions and excited to share her ideas. Her memory is truly impressive—especially in maths, where she confidently uses STEM sentences to explain her thinking. What stands out most about Hannah is her kind heart and incredibly mature mindset. She approaches everything with such focus and independence, and we couldn't be prouder of the amazing growth she's shown this year.

## YRR

## Esmay



Esmay has made fantastic progress in her reading and writing this year. It's been such a joy to see her confidence grow and to watch her face light up with pride at her own achievements. Her positive attitude and eagerness to learn have helped her grow in confidence, and there is no stopping her now. Her hard work is really paying off, and it's clear how much effort she puts into everything she does. Esmay, you should be incredibly proud of yourself!

## Harry



Harry has been an absolute star in Year 1! He is a kind, respectful and thoughtful member of the class, and it's a joy to have him each day. He always brings a smile to everyone's faces with his lovely nature and wonderful sense of humour – we can always count on him to brighten the day! Lately, we've been especially impressed with how hard he has been working on his handwriting and focus in lessons. His efforts have really paid off, and this week he completely wowed us with his fantastic description of a stormy sea – it was imaginative, detailed, and beautifully written. It's been such a pleasure to see his confidence grow and his determination shine through. Keep being the amazing person you are, Harry – we're all so proud of you. Well done!

## YR1

## Rudi



Rudi, you rule at Remembering! You organise your mathematical calculations to produce the most eloquent reasoning, remembering to give excellent examples why. You remember to use expressive and interesting vocabulary, combined with detailed punctuation to produce narratives of such a high standard. You remember to be reflective and apply your learning to be even better with your next piece of work – well done! Keep being an inspiring and shining example!

## YR2

## Wren



Resourceful Wren! Whether she is solving tricky problems in maths and finding clever ways to use our resources, or helping others when they are stuck, Wren is always thinking outside the box. Wren's curiosity for learning and creativity make her a problem-solving superhero! It has been wonderful to see her tackle her learning head on, whilst also being a helpful friend to others in the class. Parks class are lucky to have you, Wren!

## Lottie



This young girl is often referred to as 'lovely Lottie' and it's so easy to see why! She bounces in school each day with an infectious smile and her positivity is ever-present, a trait I'm certain rubs off on those around her. This positive attitude has gone a long way in helping her remember and make so many connections as of late in our maths learning on money. She has blossomed in confidence and now exudes the stuff! It's an absolute joy and honour to have you in Gandhi class, lovely Lottie!

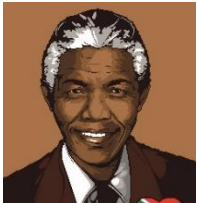
## YR3

## Freddie E



Freddie has not failed to impress me with his resilience towards the end of last time and since coming back to school. He is always up for a challenge and does not shy away when things get tough. This brilliant attitude has led to the most unbelievable writing in English (I think we may have a future wildlife reporter on our hands) and such a positive start to the term. Keep up the effort Freddie, you are showing me Year 4 readiness every day.

## Keira



Keira has been working really hard to be ready for her learning. It was tricky to decide which of the 5 Rs to recognise for Keira's special mention as she does a fantastic job with all of them. She is reflective and ensures that all of her 5Cs are met so that she can radiate readiness in every lesson. She has also been working really hard on her resilience. Keira's positive energy is a pleasure to have in class. Keep it up, Keira!

## 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!

## 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!

## Connie

Whenever a challenge comes Connie's way, she smashes it out of the park! Her attitude and effort during SATs were outstanding but, most importantly, she has remained the kind, caring, supportive friend that we've all come to know in Year 6. Keep it up Connie!

## YR6

## Millie



Millie is a fabulous member of Yousafzai Class who puts her all into every task – she works incredibly hard and has truly shown that she's ready for secondary school! Her great sense of humour never fails to make Miss Vaughan smile and her brilliant musical knowledge always stands out – especially when she sings *Spandau Ballet's "Gold"* with such confidence and flair! Millie's values shine through in everything she does – she's kind, dedicated, and a real joy to teach. You really are *gold*, Millie!

Ela



Ela is a *fabulous* member of Yousafzai Class, who brightens up our classroom with her smile. Her *un-bee-lievable* creativity shone through in her incredible book about bees, which she worked hard to finish even at home. She goes above and beyond in every lesson, always giving her best effort. Ela is polite, kind, and thoughtful – she even says, “*Thank you for teaching me, Miss Vaughan*” at the end of the day! Bravo Ela!



Class	Child's name	Brief explanation
YR Rashford	Casper and Atticus	Both are writing wizards!
Y1 Kahlo	Sailor, Alayna Bobbi Lyla	Brilliant storm writing. Impressive independent learning at home. Fantastic writing.
Y1 Obama	Harley Kedar	Super descriptive writing and spelling. Fantastic phonics!
Y2 Attenborough	Eddie Macy	A superbly crafted letter. Amazing maths!
Y3 Gandhi	Grayson Ayham	Pleasing English, maths and science learning. Excellent work on the life cycle of a plant.
Y3 Pankhurst	Jack	Excellent extra maths work.
Y4 Mandela	Isaac Keira Logan	For being a Handwriting Hero! For being a writing wizard! Three super sentences!
Y5 Seacole	Mason  Dempsey	High quality history work including immaculate presentation. Pleasing writing.
Y6 Turing	Ona	For her consistently excellent attitude to learning.
Y6 Yousafzai	Alexandra Fletcher Fin, Chelsea	Secondary school standard writing. A collection of rich, descriptive phrases. Exceptional history writing linked to Anderson Shelters.

Equalities



#### Year 5 Equality

This week, Year 5 have been exploring the importance of kindness. We discussed the difference between kind and unkind behaviour, and how unkind actions can affect our feelings. Through our conversations, we all agreed that kindness not only makes others feel good but also makes us feel better about ourselves.

To put our learning into action, each student drew a secret angel from the hat. Over the past week, everyone has gone the extra mile to show kindness towards their assigned person, whether through kind words, thoughtful gestures, or helpful actions. It's been wonderful to see how small acts of kindness can have such a positive impact on our classroom community!

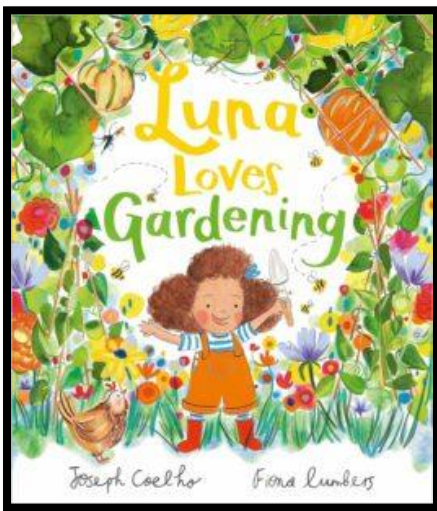




Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

**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.

### *Luna Loves Gardening Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers*

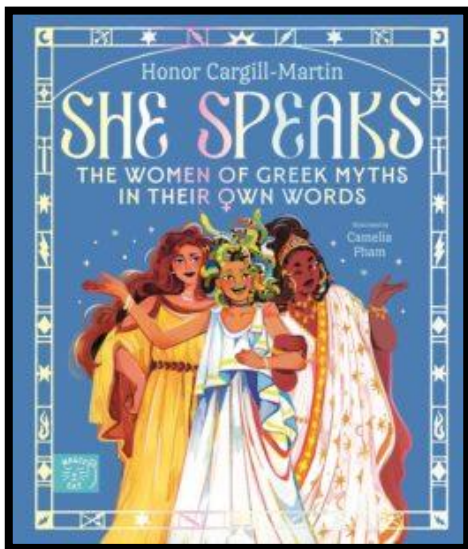


Previous Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho returns with his well-loved character Luna. This time, Luna is exploring the magic of gardening.

Luna is impressed by the community allotment when she visits with her family. Luna takes time to wonder about each seed she encounters – where in the world it came from and what it will turn into. With the help of Grandpa and Nana from Jamaica, Luna realises that every new seed planted will have its own story to tell.

This is a really beautiful picture book celebrating nature, gardens, community, the interconnectedness of humanity and the importance of stories. Fiona Lumbers' artwork is stunning, drawing out the elements that most capture a young child's imagination with an abundance of colour, while also contrasting the vibrancy of the community garden with the grey, surrounding cityscape.

### *She Speaks: The Women of Greek Myths in Their Own Words by Honor Cargill-Martin & Camelia Pham*



In *She Speaks*, passionate classicist Honor Cargill-Martin redresses this imbalance by retelling eight classic Greek myths, this time from an all-female perspective.

Written in first-person, we hear from the astute sorceress Medea and her pivotal role in the quest for the Golden Fleece; discover the contributions of Cretan princess Ariadne in the slaying of the Minotaur; witness the strength and resilience of Atalanta, Circe, Helen of Troy, and many other women who have been previously overshadowed by their male counterparts.

With her meticulous research and insightful storytelling, readers will be mesmerised as Honour resurrects these voices, breathes new life into well-loved stories, and drags the Classics into the modern world.

# Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – Leo in Attenborough for being so kind to others  
KS2 – Talia in Gandhi for always being so positive and happy.

## Play Stars of the Week

Woody, Ronnie and Leighton for being kind and helping a friend in the dining room.



## Wescott Thursdays Spring 2

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be Year Y6.

## Forest School with Mr Wescott!

### Next Forest School Sessions

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Y4 Mandela AM & Y2 Parks PM  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 Gandhi 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.

## Make Your Mark — Become a Parent Governor

We're looking for passionate parents and carers to join our Governing Body from September 2025!

With just **6 meetings a year (3:30pm-5:30pm)**, scheduled around your life, you can make a real impact without a huge time commitment. No experience? No problem – we'll provide **online training** to help you get started.

**"Being a governor isn't just about meetings, it's about driving real change. Bring your ideas, energy, and passion. We're excited to welcome parents who want to make a lasting impact!"**

In the first instance, please contact the school office, marked for the attention of Mr Hanington, to express your interest. **The closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.**

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

– Craig Munro & Alex Brewer, Co-Chairs of the Governing Body

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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.



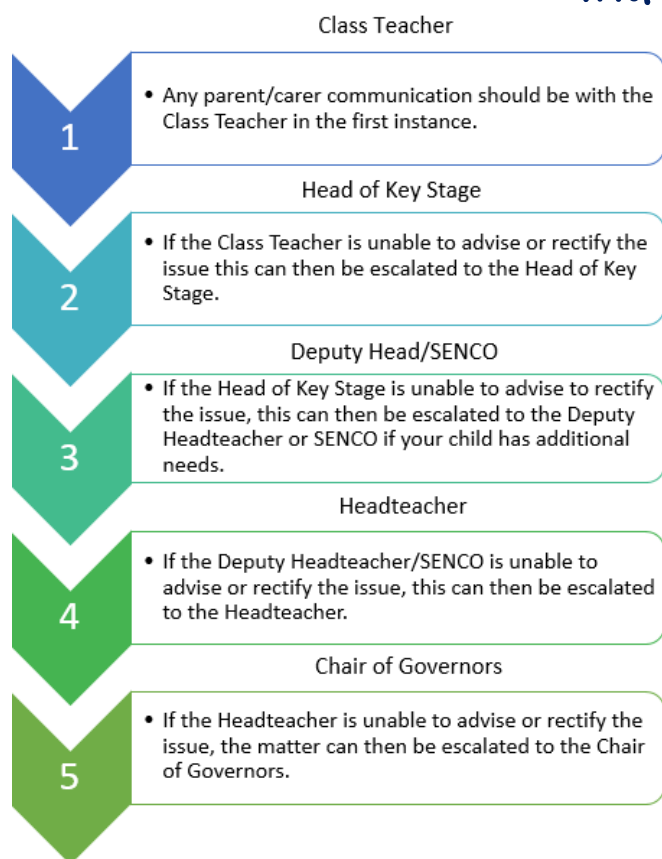
## HAF Summer Activities

HAF Summer Activities are Live!

Please promote with your families [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/holiday-activities-and-food-haf)

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# 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	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Superman Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Whole Class Phtotos
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Withdean Athletics
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Trip to Drusillas
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Graduation Headshots
July 25	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Nurse Drop-in from 8:30am
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Woodingdean Carnival at RKPS (11am-3pm)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	SPORTS DAY - Rec 9.30 am & Y1 & Y2 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	SPORTS DAY – Y3 & Y4 9.30 am & Y5 & Y6 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>	LAST DAY OF TERM (SUMMER 2 ENDS)





# Community Notice Board

 **Bright Spark Sports**

## MULTI -ACTIVITY Holiday Camp

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Enjoy over 30 different activities and sports:

- ✓ Nerf Wars, Bubble Football & Glow Dodgeball
- ✓ Archery, Uni hoc, Football & Basketball
- ✓ Circus skills, arts & crafts and many more!

**MON - FRI | 8:30AM - 16:30PM**

**Week 1**  
11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Week 2**  
18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug

**HAF**  
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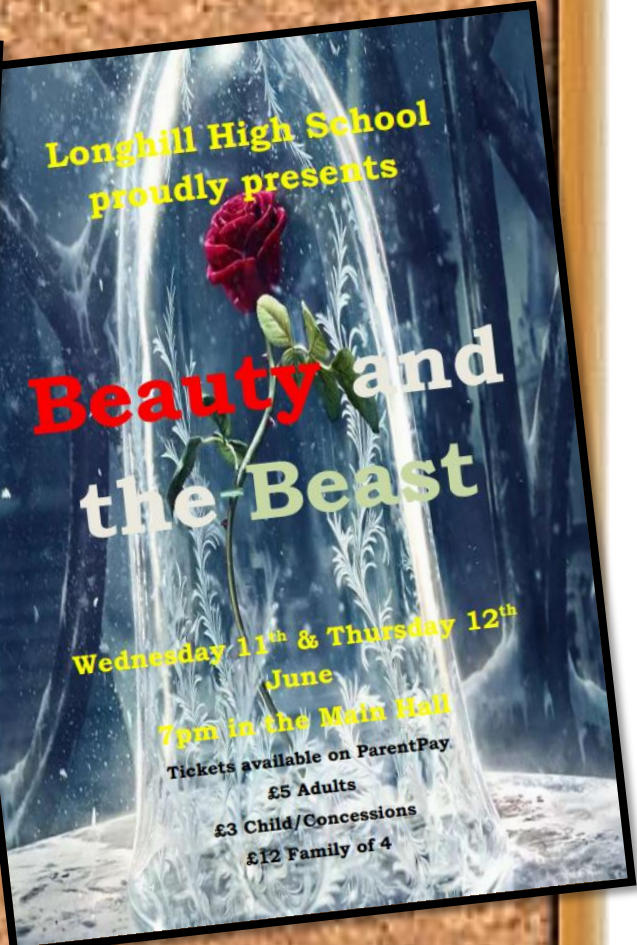
## Beauty and the Beast

**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



**PLAY RUGBY WITH ENGLAND**  
AT HOVE RUGBY CLUB

**SUNDAY JUNE 15TH**

Free Coaching for all ages  
Q&A Session  
Autographs & Photo Ops

  
**ZOE HARRISON**

  
**TATYANA HEARD**



**10:30AM - 1:30PM**  
**HOVE RFC . SHIRLEY DRIVE . HOVE**



**FREE ALL AGES & PLAYERS WELCOME**

## SPACES FOR HIRE

### at Rudyard Kipling Primary School

Support your local primary school by hiring our facilities. We can offer you:

- Competitive rates
- Multifunctional spaces
- Out of hours hiring
- Great access / customer parking
- In the heart of Woodingdean
- A well-established community hub

For more information, please email: [admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin@kipling.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

