



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

Friday 27th June 2025

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Headteacher Reports:

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Earlier this week, I had the pleasure of visiting Longhill and was shown around the school by Headteacher, Mrs Otulakowski. I was incredibly impressed at how focussed the children were on their learning.

In every classroom I visited, I observed a studious atmosphere and it was lovely to see so many ex-RKPS children enjoying their studies. We are proud of the strong partnership we have between our two schools: next week some Longhill students are visiting our school to teach our Year 6 pupils some Spanish which should be super.

Over the course of this week, I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. I find that the best way of delving into the teaching and learning happening in classrooms is by teaching myself. It's been fun!

Monday sees the start of the building of a rather special new piece of playground equipment: a wooden roleplay house in our KS1 playground. It is being positioned in a spot where every child across the school can enjoy it. As always, this is completely PTFA funded so thank you for continuing to support our PTFA events-without your donations, our children wouldn't be able to enjoy all the wonderful play equipment and experiences they do currently.

Next Saturday, July 5th, is the Woodingdean Carnival here at Rudyard. This year's will be the 58th edition: it is a historic community event which we are always proud to support. As always, Carnival starts with a parade-as usual, we will re-enact our Children's Parade performance and will be displaying majestic 'Dawn' to the residents of Woodingdean. Please meet us in Central Park at 10:30am. Our samba band should wear green clothes, everyone else, grey/silver clothing please: it's going to be a blast!

I would like to finish by thanking mums Ella and Anik for the significant part they play in the organisation of Woodingdean Carnival. They are part of the Woodingdean Carnival Committee and, without this group of dedicated volunteers, this fantastic community event would not happen.

It's forecast to be very hot on Monday and Tuesday so please ensure your child arrives in school wearing sun cream and a hat.

Have a wonderful, sunny weekend

Euan Flaxington

Headteacher



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Lacey



Lacey, what an incredible year you've had! We've watched you grow into such a confident and capable learner, and it's been a joy to see you absolutely *smash* your phonics—moving from Mrs Jones' table to the carpet with confidence and pride. You come into school each day with a smile on your face and a readiness to learn. You also play respectfully and kindly with your peers, always showing care and consideration! We're all so proud of you, Lacey, and we just know your love for learning is only going to keep growing. Keep shining!

YRR

Emelyn



Emelyn truly marches to the beat of her own drum. She is full of joy, wonder, and a wonderfully unique way of seeing the world. Lately, Emelyn has been going from strength to strength, and we are all super proud of her. Whether it's her boundless enthusiasm for number bonds or the fabulous books she creates. There is no stopping her and Year 1 will be lucky to have her.

Gus

YR1



What a super week you have had Gus! I have noticed how hard you have been trying in your work to make sure it is your best! Your last piece of writing on Anna Hibiscus stood out using the correct spelling, punctuation and finger spaces. Gus clearly has all the skills to be Year 2 ready! Furthermore, I have seen what a good friend Gus is, always making sure his friends know what to do in the learning or have someone to play with. We are so lucky to have you in Kahlo class. Well done, Gus!

Albie



Amazing Albie – you really are adaptable! You truly embody all the 5Rs, but it is your reflectiveness where you are excelling! Your maturity with your approach to independent learning, speaking to your peers and adults, using resources and taking on board guidance to further improve the quality of your work is nothing short of incredible. We all admire and appreciate your progress. Keep being your adventurous and adorable self, awesome Albie!

YR2

Asiyah



Asiyah has a magical way of turning problems in puzzles – solving new and challenging maths questions with a huge smile and lots of enthusiasm. She always has creative ideas, spotting patterns and finding solutions. She is a true number ninja! Her resourcefulness impresses us all. Keep it up, Asiyah!

Amelia



Amelia has shown an abundance of readiness over recent weeks. Most notably, her confidence has skyrocketed, and she is now raising her hand to answer questions. It doesn't stop there however, as when tasks begin, she jumps into action ready to make a start independently and all adults around her have noticed her effort in letter formation! There is simply no stopping this girl! Amelia, you're a star - Keep it up!

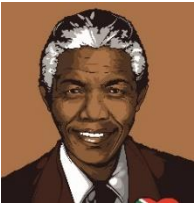
YR3



Riley

A huge well done to Riley for really making the most of his time in class- literally! Throughout our unit on time, he has shown amazing understanding and impressed us all with his focus and effort. He has taken each challenge in his stride and is showing real resilience if there is a question he is unsure of. Well done, Riley!

Ruben



Ruben is one of those children who is always doing the right thing. This bundle of energy comes into class every day with a smile and a can-do attitude that sets him up for an amazing day's learning. We can always count on Ruben to make thoughtful insights in class discussions and make us laugh. He also takes great pride in his presentation which shows just how much he cares about his learning. He is definitely showing Year 5 readiness. Well done, Ruben!

YR4



Archie

The progress that Archie has made over this year cannot be put into words. He has gained so much confidence in relation to everything – he now feels confident sharing his brilliant ideas, he feels confident challenging himself in Maths. He feels confident starting his work independently and so the list goes on. Well done Archie - you should feel very proud of yourself.

Lewis



Make way for Lewis the Tank! This week, he's been charging through his learning with power, focus and creativity. He's poured care and detail into his incredible Greek pottery artwork—seriously, it's museum-worthy! And when it came to seed dispersal, Lewis absolutely smashed it, showing a brilliant understanding and some top-notch science thinking. Whether it's art, science, or just being an all-round legend, this Tank is unstoppable. Keep on rolling, Lewis—you're a force to be reckoned with!

YR5



Betsy

Watch out - Betsy Byars, the legendary Midnight Fox, has been on the prowl this week and absolutely *pounced* on decimals! With stealth, style, and seriously sharp thinking, she's tackled every challenge with ease and confidence. Whether it's adding, ordering or comparing, Betsy's been swift, smart and totally unstoppable. Maths better watch out - this fox is on fire! Keep it up, Betsy - you're dazzling us all!

Summer

YR6



Summer brings sunshine into our classroom every day! Her creativity has truly shone through in the powerful poetry she has created—each piece has been a joy to read. She always shows her values and puts her very best into everything she does. Thank you for your positivity, effort and enthusiasm. Keep shining! Bravo Summer

Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – Hannah in Thunberg for playing so well with others at After School Club.
KS2 – Jack in Pankhurst for always being so polite and kind.

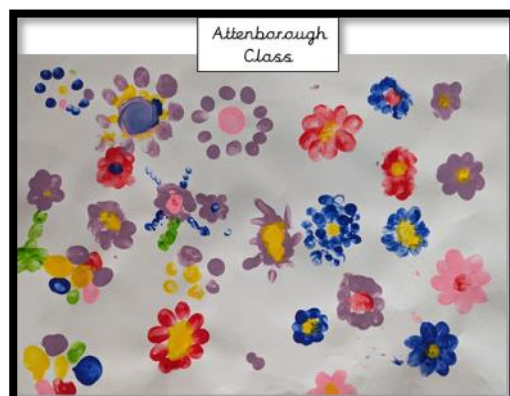


Y2 Attenborough	Jack and Orya	An excellent write up of the trip to Drusillas!
Y2 Parks	Asiyah, Dylan and Albie	A super recount of her trip to Drusillas
Y5 Seacole	Jasper Archie Dexter	Sensational Newspaper report Great independent writing Superb reasoning in maths to explain decimals
Y6 Turing	Mujahid, Jack, Michael, Arthur, Lottie, Thea and Sienna	For being superb play mentors: all have a brilliant manner with the children they work with
Y6 Yousafzai	Fin	For his incredible design of our Year 6 Production programme!

Equalities



Year 2 created artwork by all having a turn to print with our fingers. Without all the fingerprints from the people in this class, the picture would not be the same. We are all different and all special. All the prints were made with fingerprints, but they are all different. We are all humans, but we are all different.



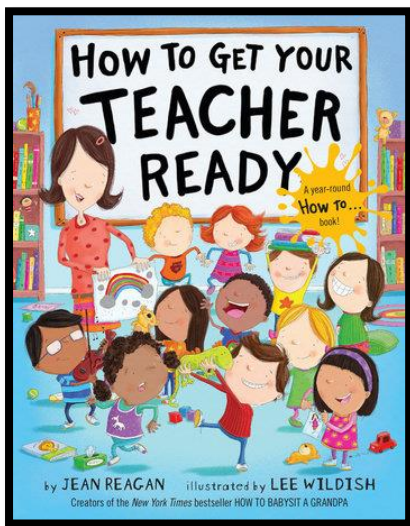


RKPS Reading Recommendations

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.

How to Get Your Teacher Ready by Jean Reagan and illustrated by Lee Wildish

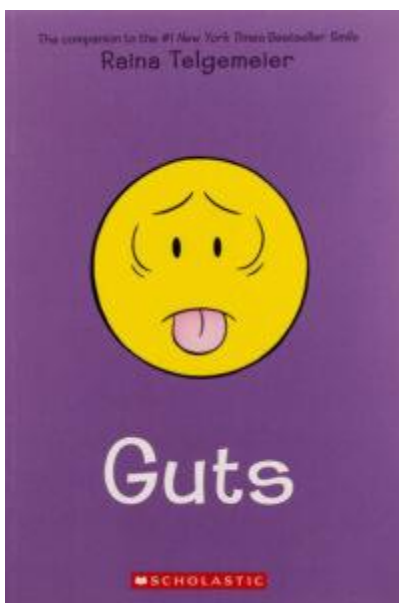


Everyone focuses on getting kids ready for school, but what about teachers? How do they get ready for the year ahead?

In this light-hearted and funny "How To" book, the kids are the ones in charge, and they have a lot to say about what their teachers should be doing. Young readers will learn a lot about what to expect from the new school year through the children's instructions.

Filled with energy, humour and warmth, this is the perfect book for little ones getting ready to go back to school!

Guts by Raina Telgemeier (graphic novel)



Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mum has one, too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she's dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends, and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships. What's going on? Raina Telgemeier once again brings us a thoughtful, charming, and funny true story about growing up and gathering the courage to face - and conquer - her fears.

Times Tables Rockstars

TTRS Battle of the Bands

The next whole school Battle of the Bands starts TODAY at 3.30pm and end on Thursday 3rd July at 4pm. Certificates will be handed out in the following day's assembly.

Get involved in running or Athletics

If your child would like to get involved with more running or athletics in B&H, please click on the most appropriate link for FREE junior park runs that are in B&H.

Preston Park [home](#) | [Preston Park junior parkrun, Brighton](#) | [Preston Park junior parkrun, Brighton](#)

Hove Park [home](#) | [Hove Park junior parkrun](#) | [Hove Park junior parkrun](#)

Queens Park [home](#) | [Queen's Park junior parkrun, Brighton](#) | [Queen's Park junior parkrun, Brighton](#)

Speaking of Parkrun, a HUGE congrats to Howdy Ranger's dad, David, who recently completed his 300th Parkrun and to Howdy Ranger (Amelia) herself for her help in volunteering at the Preston Park event!

There are also 2 junior clubs in the city:

[Brighton Phoenix](#)

[Club news — Brighton & Hove Athletic Club](#) [Brighton & Hove Athletic Club \(brightonandhoveac.com\)](#)

They do have waiting lists for their junior sections.

Freedom Leisure also run Junior drop in Athletics sessions at Withdean [Withdean Athletics Academy \(briefyourmarket.com\)](#)



Wescott Thursdays Summer 2

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be Year 4.

Forest School with Mr Wescott!

Next Forest School Sessions

Monday 30th June – Y5 Seacole AM

Tuesday 1st July – Y3 Pankhurst PM

Wednesday 2nd July – Y3 Gandhi AM & Y6 Turing PM

Thursday 26th June – Y6 Yousafzai 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.

A Big Thank You

Massive thanks to Bobbi's nan, Chris, for her kind donation of 19 new beanbags for our school. Children will now be able to enjoy a book from the comfort of a beanbag chair.



School Orchard

Our new Orchard needs your help!

Does anyone have access to any wood chip or a wood chipper machine? In this hot weather, we desperately need to mulch around our trees to help them retain water, add nutrients and cool their roots throughout our summer months. Pick up could be arranged.

Could you give up 30 minutes of your time in the summer holiday to help keep our 9 orchard trees watered? They need water once a week and we could do this on a rota system. Even doing this once would be a great help. Info, watering cans and a long hose supplied!

Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you, on behalf of our young thirsty fruit trees.



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) 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. Sun cream should be applied before your child comes to school.

Uniform Shop going LIVE SOON

We are pleased to announce that from 23rd July 2025, families can now order our embroidered uniform online directly from our supplier. This is especially useful for ordering over the summer holidays when school is closed.

Due to uniform being embroidered there is around a 10 day delivery time.

To access our shop please use the following link: <https://workkit.co.uk/collections/rudyard-kipling-primary-school> or visit the uniform page on our website. If a password is requested please contact the school.

The school will still have limited stock onsite, its worth checking sizing charts before ordering. We are happy for you to check sizes by coming to the school office before ordering.

And finally...

Class Teacher

1

- Any parent/carer communication should be with the Class Teacher in the first instance.

Head of Key Stage

2

- If the Class Teacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue this can then be escalated to the Head of Key Stage.

Deputy Head/SENCO

3

- If the Head of Key Stage is unable to advise to rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Deputy Headteacher or SENCO if your child has additional needs.

Headteacher

4

- If the Deputy Headteacher/SENCO is unable to advise or rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Headteacher.

Chair of Governors

5

- If the Headteacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue, the matter can then be escalated to the Chair of Governors.

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

July 25	
Tuesday 1 st	School Nurse Drop-in from 8:30am
Friday 4 th	Meet the Teacher 1
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
Wednesday 16 th	Armstrong visit to Stanmer Park, 10:30am to 1:30pm Armstrong CLOSED!
Thursday 17 th	Y6 Productions 2pm and 5:30pm
Monday 14 th	Meet the Teacher 2
Friday 18 th	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 22 nd	Y6 leavers assembly 2:15pm, KS2 hall
Tuesday 22 nd	LAST DAY OF TERM (SUMMER 2 ENDS)



Community Notice Board



SPORT ENGLAND

FREESUMMER 2025 BASKETBALL

BRIGHTON BEACH AND WILD PARK BASKETBALL COURTS

6-17 YEAR OLDS

- 3 WEEKLY SESSIONS
- REGISTRATION BEFORE ATTENDANCE REQUIRED
- LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES
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MON - FRI | 8:30AM - 16:30PM

Week 1
11th - 15th Aug

Week 2
18th - 22nd Aug

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