



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

Today marks the end of the first half of this academic year. It's been the wettest half term I can recall but also one of the most fun.

We really do have a remarkable group of children here at RKPS. Every single one of our children is unique and brings something special to our school community. Our children are creative, resilient and a whole heap of fun, it is a pleasure to educate them.

For this September coming, we are once again significantly over-subscribed for our Reception classes: more families than ever are keen for their children to join a school which celebrates diversity and provides our children with a rich and creative curriculum. Our staff team are passionate about our children receiving a education which will provide them a variety of skills-from writing beautifully constructed sentences to learning how to tie a variety of knots. Because of the quality outdoor education we provide, if any of our children ever end up stranded on a desert island, they will be just fine!

Many thanks to the parents and carers who attended Mr Wynne's times table workshop earlier this week. If you missed it, the presentation is available on the school website. Mr Wynne provided plenty of ideas as to how to make learning times tables fun.

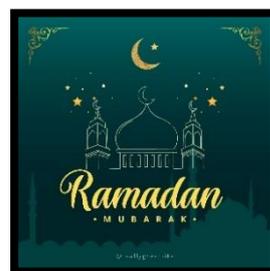
I sign off this half term by once again thanking everyone who has helped out in school this half term: from supporting in Forest School to helping out on school trips.

Finally, for those members of our school community celebrating next week: Ramadan Mubarak.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday February 23rd.

Euan Hainington

Headteacher



Ramadan Mubarak



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Heidi-Rose



Wow Heidi-Rose! What a fabulous half term you have had. You have been such a resilience role model! Each day you try your hardest whether that's being brave coming into the classroom or tackling some tricky learning. You have been amazing at your phonics sounds too! We are so proud of you and how you never give up. Keep shining bright and being our amazing resilience role model - well done you, Heidi-Rose!

Y1

Klara



Klara, we are so incredibly proud of you this year. You've shown such talent and determination in maths, tackling challenges with confidence and a brilliant, curious mind. What truly makes us proudest, though, is your kindness and respect for everyone around you. You work hard, stay positive, and treat others so thoughtfully. Keep shining, Klara - you're a star!

Giulia



Giulia is the Queen of Remembering! When it comes to handwriting, spelling and planning her writing, Giulia takes on board all the teaching points and gives it her very best. Good job, Giulia! Giulia is also amazing at remembering all our values, and she is an exemplar to all how to respect and behave towards each other. Thank you, Giulia. And she's trying so hard to channel her remembering skills when jumping into the growth zone in Maths. What a super star!

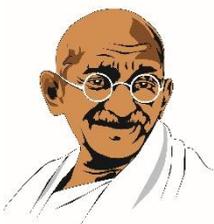
Y2

Hasti



Hasti is an absolute superstar and a wonderful example of readiness in Parks Class. She comes to school eager to learn, always making thoughtful choices and sharing her ideas with confidence. She is our resident maths magician and her recent hard work on improving her handwriting has been fantastic and shows the same care and pride she takes in all her work. Hasti's bright smile and kind friendship lift everyone around her, and we are incredibly lucky to have her in our class. So keep shining, Hasti - you make us proud every day!

Robin



Wow, what a wonderful week Robin has had! I have been so impressed by her superb resourcefulness. Robin always thinks on her feet and solves problems using the resources around her. If she can't spell a word, she will look it up in a dictionary. This is just one example of the many ways Robin will tackle problems by using her thinking skills. To add further Robin is so helpful to have in the class. She helps other students who are stuck with their learning. We are so lucky to have Robin in Gandhi class!

Y3

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Neal

Neal has worked incredibly hard this week. He showed excellent focus and concentration, especially when carefully writing a letter in English. Neal used a fantastic range of language, including adjectives, conjunctions and time connectives which really improved his writing. He showed great perseverance and remained focused through the task. Well done Neal – keep up the brilliant effort.

Riley



Lately, Riley has been working himself to the bone to ensure he has been writing in a fully cursive style, using a specialised English book. He is reaping the rewards now however, as his handwriting looks spectacular with ascenders, descenders and beautiful strokes. But wait, there's more! He has also mastered the art of editing, picking his blue pen without prompt to improve and up-level his learning!

Y4



Daenerys

Delightful Daenerys has been working her socks off this half-term. Not only is she an enthusiastic and determined learner, but also a reflective one who takes a resourceful, problem-solving approach in the face of challenge. Daenerys has mastered converting fractions, accurately using speech marks and writing from the heart all in one week. What's next Daenerys – building a rocket ship? This unstoppable girl can do it all!



Maxim

We would like to celebrate Maxim for his fantastic resilience and hard work since starting Year 6 in September. We have seen Maxim grow in confidence and determination, even when learning feels tricky. He keeps trying, never gives up, and is doing a truly wonderful job. Keep it up, Maxim! We are so proud of you!



Y2 Attenborough	Bobbi	Being amazing at working in her 'Growth Zone'.
	Kedar	Accomplished writing.

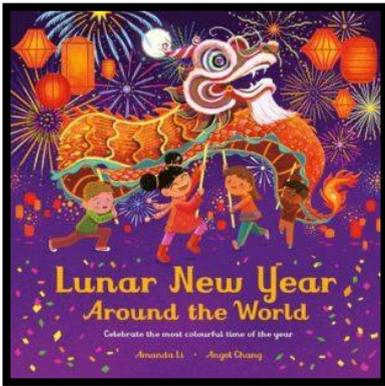
Rudyard Reading Recommendations

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:

“When someone reads aloud, they raise you to the level of the book. They give you reading as a gift.” Daniel Pennac ‘The Rights of the Reader’

Lunar New Year By Amanda Li and illustrated by Angel Chang



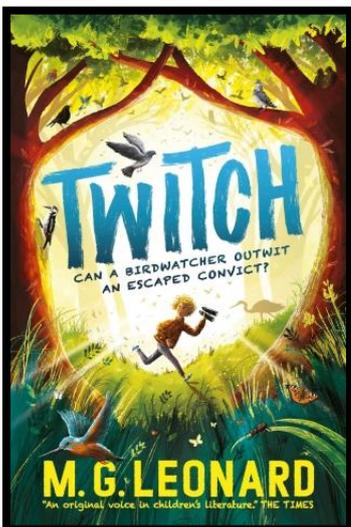
Find out all about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated in different communities across the world!

This stunning picture book is the perfect introduction for little ones to Lunar New Year celebrations. The most colourful time of the year is celebrated in communities around the world and you can now discover how it's celebrated through the eyes of the children who live there.

Meet families in China, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia, as well as in bustling cities like San Francisco, London, Sydney and Toronto and join them in their celebrations at home and on the streets in parades, lantern festivals and in temples.

Packed with fascinating facts, young readers will love finding out all about different Lunar New Year traditions in this gorgeously illustrated picture book.

Twitch by M G Leonard



From the internationally bestselling author of Beetle Boy and the Adventures on Trains series, comes the first book in The Twitchers, a brand new mystery adventure series celebrating friendship, bravery and the incredible world of birds, starring a birdwatching detective called Twitch!

Can a birdwatcher outwit an escaped convict?

Twitch has three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer holidays, he arrives at his secret hide to find police everywhere: a convicted robber has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Can Twitch use his talents for birdwatching to hunt for the dangerous prisoner and find the missing loot?



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday (26th February) will be **Year Y3**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 24th February – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Tuesday 24th February – Year 1 Obama PM

Wednesday 25th February – Year 4 Franklin AM

Wednesday 25th February – Year 5 Darwin PM

Thursday 26th February – Attenborough AM



Yellow School Markings

To help keep all our children, families and staff safe, we kindly remind parents that parking on the **yellow zig-zag lines** outside school **is not permitted at any time**. These markings must be kept clear to ensure visibility for pedestrians and to allow safe crossing for children. **This also includes, stopping to drop off children. CCTV footage of any cars pulling over a dropping of children will be reported.**

Additionally, the staff car park cannot be used by parents, as it is small, busy during peak times and shared with our Nursery for drop offs and pick ups. A few families with Blue Badges have an arrangement with the school to use the car park. By avoiding these restricted zones, you help us maintain a safe and smooth arrival and departure for everyone. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

If you see any antisocial parking or hazardous stopping, please report this with photo evidence to 'Operation Crackdown' via this link: <https://operationcrackdown.org/>



ACE - Rugby

Please find a QR code / alternatively the website is Brighton blues.co.uk -

Can you please send this out with your Newsletters following the successful Rugby events encouraging any interested children and their adults to look at the website for contact/team details.

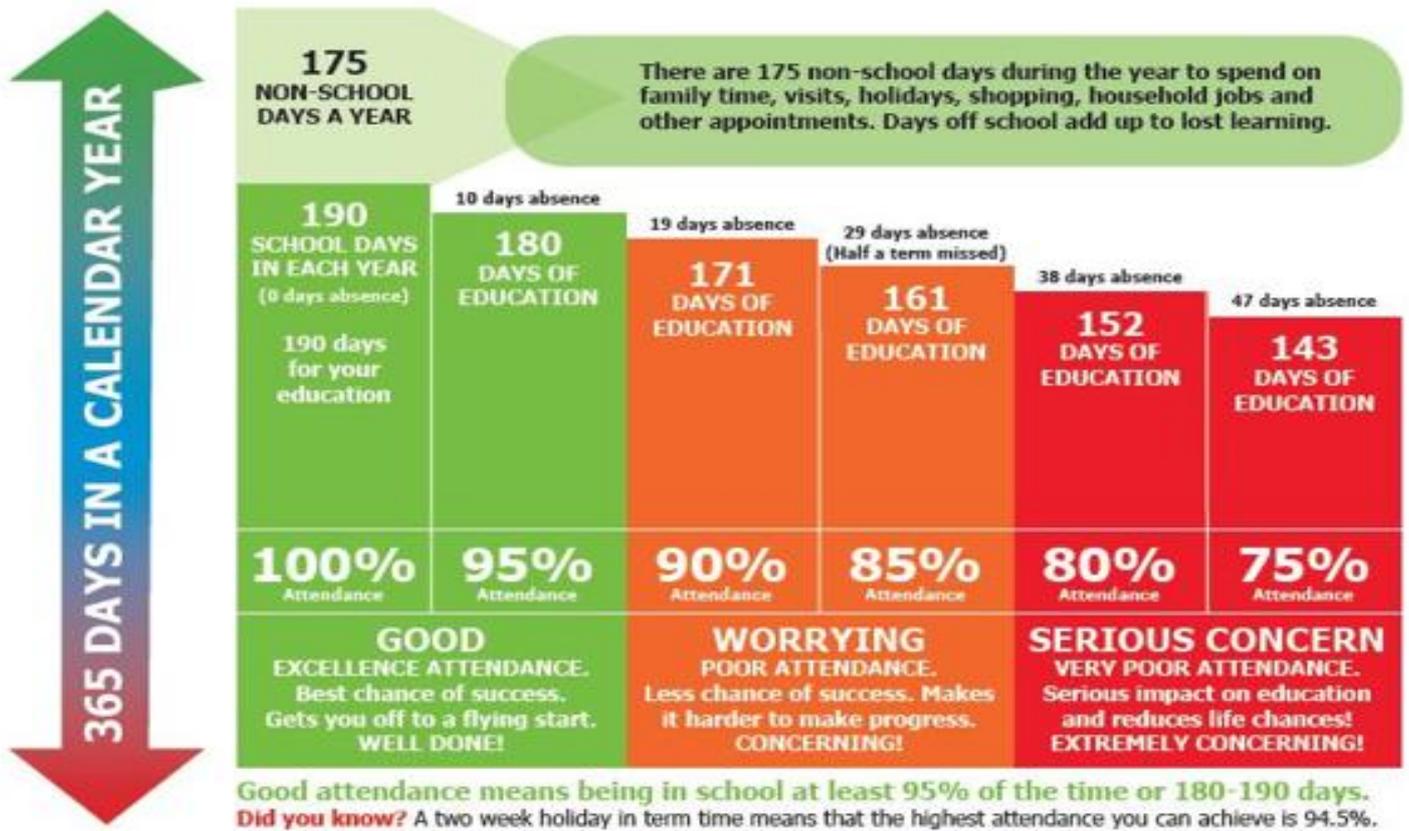
Top right you can select teams and from their select mini or girls.

It's also free taster sessions, no payment until they decide they are committed.

It would be really nice to see some of our children take this up outside of school.



Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters



And finally...

Dates for the Diary

February 26	
Friday 13 th	LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM
Monday 23 rd	CHILDREN RETURN
March 26	
Wednesday 11 th	NSPCC workshops – all day
Tuesday 17 th	Let's Dance, Parent Consultations Day 1(TBC)
Wednesday 18 th	Parent Consultations Day 2
Tuesday 24 th	Rocksteady Concert 14:30
Wednesday 25 th	Y6 Residential Day 1
Thursday 26 th	Y6 Residential Day 2
Friday 27 th	Y6 Residential Day 3, LAST DAY OF TERM
April 26	
Monday 13 th	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL



Notice Board

Join us at the 2026
**BRIGHTON HALF MARATHON
YOUTH RACES!**



**BRIGHTON HALF MARATHON
YOUTH RACE 2026**

**SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY
FIRST RACE 1 PM**

- Open to 7-17 year olds of all abilities
- Officially measured 1-mile course
- Receive a medal, Race T-shirt and Goody Bag
- Prize Presentations

Run a mile along
Hove Promenade and be a part of the
BRIGHTON HALF MARATHON WEEKEND!

ENTER HERE!



BRIGHTON MILES

SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026

JOIN OUR FIRST-EVER DAILY MILE WAVE!

Take on the one-mile route to receive
a medal and a free Daily Mile T-shirt!

**SIGN UP
HERE
FOR FREE**



The Daily Mile has teamed up with
Brighton Miles to create a brand-new
Daily Mile Wave!

Children and their parents/guardians,
friends and family are invited to join
The Daily Mile Wave
at 10:45 in Preston Park.



**WHAT IS
THE DAILY MILE?**

The Daily Mile is a fun way to
get moving at school! You can
run, walk or wheel around
outside with your friends for 15
minutes. It's not a race - you
go at your own pace, enjoy the
fresh air, and have a great
time being active.



FREE

half term girls rugby camp

FUN RUGBY CAMP FOR YEAR
4 - 7 GIRLS

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEB . 9AM - 12PM

Come along to our girls rugby camp at Hove Rugby Club,
for free! Open to club members, New players and
Players from other clubs. To book or to find out more
information, please email girls@hoverugbyclub.co.uk

DBS & QUALIFIED COACHES

HOVE REC . SHIRLEY DRIVE . HOVE