



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

It's been super having the sunshine return this week and our children have been thoroughly enjoying their playtimes out on the field. There has been a whole load of fancy dress going on, yellow tractor riding and fun with suitcases!

Sadly, it doesn't seem like this fine weather is going to carry through to next week but that will not spoil our fun! Next Friday, 8 May, we celebrate the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. It will be an Attenborough themed non-uniform day and there will be a rather special ceremony: the unveiling and re-naming of our Year One and Two Learning Garden to...The David Attenborough Learning Garden, in the great man's honour.

Yet another wonderful PTFA initiative, we have written to Mr Attenborough and explained how one of our classes is named after him, how he is part of our front of school mural and the exciting news about the Learning Garden. The letter was signed for at his residence and you never know, he might just surprise us next week!

The 2026 Children's Parade is almost upon us: tomorrow is the day. I'm sure you will join me in thanking the incredibly talented Mrs Hollingsworth for the extraordinary amount of work she has put in to creating our magical 'Snow Dragon'-she really is such a gifted artist. Thanks, of course, go to Mrs Brewer also for all her creativity and hard work too. We can't wait to bounce along to our school samba band tomorrow morning. And thank you to everyone in our school community who has helped get the show on the road.

We are Flag 43, we'll see you at Kensington Street at 10am ready for the 10:30am kick off. Our dress up theme is white, silver or pale blue. It's going to be a morning to remember so see you there!

Have a wonderful, Children's Parade, weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



Snow Dragon taking shape!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Bonnie

YR



Bonnie has shown fantastic **resilience** this year and has made so much progress through sheer determination. She never gives up and always tries her very best, even when things feel tricky. Bonnie has particularly impressed Mrs Goozee recently with some brilliant independent work during Book Club, showing just how much her confidence and hard work are paying off. We are so proud of you, Bonnie. Keep it up!

Arlo



Amazing Arlo! What a readiness superstar you are! Whether it's coming in from play, or getting started on an activity, you are always ready to go! Your excellent attitude towards your learning has helped you continue to shine throughout year 1. You are a breath of fresh air. You are absolutely showing year 2 readiness! Keep shining bright, Arlo – we are so proud of you!

Y1



Finn

Finn, you have had such a fantastic term so far! You've shown such confidence joining Obama class for computing and blown away your adults with your 2 times tables! What really makes you shine, though, is your lovely manners and the kindness you show every day. You are becoming such a resilient Rudyard role model, and we couldn't be prouder—keep being you Finn!

Ruby



Remembering Ruby – what an amazing learner you are! You inspire me with how you use your remembering skills to be more independent. This enables you to be the maths magician that you are, as well as the most amazing reader. You are also reaching for those stars with your writing by remembering all the non-negotiables and producing stunning handwriting. Go Ruby!

Y2

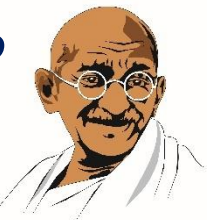


Amelia

Amelia has shown wonderful resilience, especially when learning feels challenging. If something doesn't go quite right, she listens carefully and tries again, always aiming to improve next time. She has been working incredibly hard on her maths and handwriting and is always someone we can rely on to share her thoughts to help the class learn. Amelia's cheerful smile and positive attitude brighten our classroom every day, and she brings such happiness to those around her. We are so proud of you Amelia - thank you for being such a special part of Parks class!

Ben

Y3



I have been blown away by Ben's attitude this week. He has been showing fantastic resourcefulness. He is working incredibly hard on his learning, and it is paying off! His exceptional story writing has been improved by a superb effort in handwriting. Careful editing has ensured his writing is clear for me to understand and has all the correct punctuation. Ben is without doubt becoming Year 4 ready. Keep up the amazing work Ben!

Y3



Stanley

Stanley has shown a wonderful ability to be reflective in his learning, particularly in English. When exploring fairytales, he takes time to think carefully about the question he is asked, consider his answers thoughtfully and make meaningful connections to the text. This reflective approach is helping him to deepen his understanding and come up with some interesting answers! Well done Stanley!

Freddie



Freddie, take a bow! You have mastered the art of remaining in your green zone despite change; you have been a professional when listening to adult advice and support; but most of all, you have made leaps and bounds in your maturity! Don't think it's gone unnoticed, as all the adults across the school have taken note of what a resilient young learner you are becoming Freddie! We're all so proud of you! KEEP IT UP!

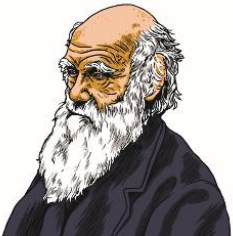
Y4



Arthur

Arthur is like a sponge. He sits in Franklin class, nodding his wise head throughout the day, absorbing all the learning and every now and then, offers the most fabulously profound questions or comments. Arthur is always reflecting, remembering and shows a readiness to learn and express himself. If you've read the moomins, Arthur is just like Snufkin. If you've not read the moomins, Arthur is a deep thinker with a curious soul. Keep up that brilliant pondering Arthur! We love having you in Franklin class!

Eddie



If you are looking for a child who is hard-working, kind, a team player, resilient and more than ready to shine in Year 6, just as he does every day in Year 5, look no further. Eddie is a well loved and respected classmate to all in Darwin class, he shows respect to everyone around him and is a superb talk partner, meaning everyone who gets to sit next to Eddie benefits from his energy and is inspired to also produce their best work. A real superstar Eddie, keep up the hard work and never stop being you – you're fab!!

Y5



Whole Class

A special mention goes to the entire class for their outstanding resourcefulness! From writing stories to organising advertising, you all worked together to produce an excellent newspaper. A fantastic example of teamwork- well done! Keep this up Dougie. What a super star you are!

Whole Class



Y6

Yousafzai, you are all doing a fantastic job preparing for your SATS. Your determination, positive attitudes and resilience are wonderful to see. We are so proud of how hard you are all working, keep it up! The effort that you are putting into your learning will pay off.

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	Hattie	Fantastic rhyming learning!
YR Thunberg	Benedict	For being a superstar learner!
Y1 Kahlo	Isaac	Super singing to 'A Mouse Lived in a Windmill' in assembly!
Y2 Attenborough	Iris Harli and Fox	Rich, descriptive writing! Handwriting heroics!
Y3 Gandhi	Shelby Albie	Super reading! Amazing artwork!
Y3 Pankhurst	Louie and Dylan Sophia	Amazing maths working as a team. For beautiful poetry: Sophia is a talented poet!
Y4 Mandela	Henry Harrison, George and Jamie Luke	For making an amazing wooden guitar in Forest School Super persuasive writing on de-forestation. Excellent guided reading
Y5 Darwin	Isaac Lana	Fantastic subtraction 'Maths Mission' learning. A super piece of abstract artwork.
Y5 Seacole	Whole class	A first class newspaper full of variety: sport, news, technology, nature. Editor-in-chief: Euan. Well done All!
Y6 Yousafzai	Betsy and Sanvi Ava and Fox	Excellent paired maths learning on triangles. Super paired maths work on angles and shapes.

Year 4 Festival at BACA

On Wednesday, our Yr 4 footballers travelled to BACA to take part in a football festival with four other local primary schools. The night before saw one of the best games of football we've seen in a long time played out by PSG and Bayern Munich, but that game was put to shame by the excellence of Rudyard. All children showed positivity, teamwork, sportspersonship and determination in abundance. After four very exciting and competitive games, Rudyard won three, keeping three clean sheets in the process - impressive! Although winning is a great feeling, we all know that the attitude our players show is the most important thing and it will come as no surprise to hear that the children from both Mandela and Franklin class displayed an exemplary attitude throughout. Mr Wynne could not have been prouder! A huge well done to: Harry, Harrison, Hartwell, Isabelle, Charlotte, Oscar, Aitor, Ayham, Frankie and Stanley! Here's to many more sporting events over the summer months!



Stars of the Week



After School Club: KS1 – **James in Thunberg** for doing fantastic tidying up and helping at A.S.C

KS1- **Mia in Yousafzai** for reading to younger children at A.S.C and always being a star.

Weekly Maths Challenge

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			24	48
5	45			
	18	14	6	12

PTFA Events

Y6 Prom

★ It's party time! ★ We are really excited to share the booking link for this year's leavers prom 2025. Please be sure to fill in the Ticket Tailor form as soon as possible for catering numbers.

<https://shorturl.at/DNBE8>



Sir David's 100th Birthday

🌿🎉 Join Us to Celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday! 🎉🌿 8th May 2026 after school at the tea hut!

The PTFA is marking this incredible milestone with a day full of creativity, community, and a love for the natural world!

📅 What's happening?

🍰 Bake Off – Show off your baking skills with nature-inspired treats! (Please see separate message for details)

🎨 Craft Activities – Get hands-on and create something wild and wonderful

💎 Dig for gemstones and adopt an animal

🌿 Non-Uniform Day – Come dressed in green, blue, or as your favourite animal! (£1 donation on the day)

Let's honour a lifetime of inspiring us to protect our planet by coming together for a fun-filled celebration.

Don't miss it – we can't wait to see your amazing bakes, outfits, and creations!

Thanks again to our amazing poster designers Macy and Lola 🙌 see if you can spot all of the amazing designs around school!

Great Rudyard Bake Off

❤️ We are pleased to announce our 6th annual Celebration!!

🎉 The Great Rudyard Bake Off 2026 🎉

📅 Friday 8th May - We have three categories you can enter 🍴 KS1 🍴 KS2 🍴 Adults

❤️ Please bring cakes to the school office on the morning of the 8th by 9am.

👉 After school on the 8th we will be having a special 100th birthday party for David Attenborough. Winners will be announced and all the cakes will be sold to raise money for our school.

🎉 Friday the 8th May will also be a non-school uniform day for a £1 donation. Theme is green, blue, dress as an animal or something to do with nature.

💰 All money raised is spent straight back into our school

Bullying

The term 'bullying' can sometimes be incorrectly, used to describe instances of occasional, unkind behaviour. At Rudyard, we always try to model and nurture kindness between all children. However, we are aware that children will sometimes make mistakes and display unkind behaviour, as they grow and navigate friendships and social situations.

For clarification, bullying is:

- Repeated, unkind behaviour
- Intentional
- About trying to create a sense of unequal power
- It can be face to face or online

Thank you for talking to your child about this as appropriate.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year 1 (7th May)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 5th May – Year 5 Seacole AM

Tuesday 5th May – Year 3 Pankhurst PM

Wednesday 6th May – Year 4 Mandela AM

Wednesday 6th May – Year 4 Franklin PM

Thursday 7th May – Year 2 Parks AM



Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters

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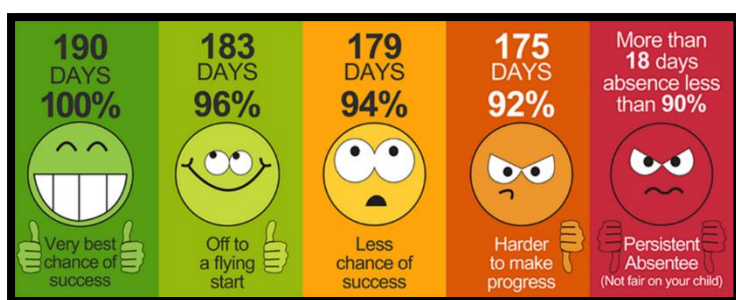
While it is expected that children will pick up illnesses from time to time, we have noticed that some children are missing school for low-level symptoms such as headaches, colds, tiredness, and mild tummy aches. Our expectation is that children should still attend school when experiencing these minor illnesses.

Reporting absences. we have to record a reason for every absence from school so it is important that we have contact from an adult on each day of absence. If your child is too unwell to come to

school please telephone the school office on 01273 303328 before 9.00am to let us know the reason,

Medical/ Dental Appointments Please try to avoid making appointments during school time where possible. Parents/carers must let the school office know in advance of any planned appointments during school time and must provide a copy of a letter / card or a text message confirming the appointment. If this is not provided school will be unable to authorise these appointments.

Lateness The school day starts promptly at 8.45am, so you need to ensure that your child is on the school premises before that time. Late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for your child. We take the view there are no late children, only late parents. Arrival after the close of registration will be marked as unauthorised absence in line with the Department of Education guidance. Persistent lateness can also incur a fixed penalty fine from the Local Authority. Any children arriving after 8.45am must be accompanied to the school office by the parent /carer, where they will be asked to sign them in. Lateness is monitored regularly. Where children have persistent lateness problems, we will inform parents/carers of school concerns by letter, or invite the parents into the school for a meeting.




And finally...

Dates for the Diary

May 26	
Saturday 2 nd	Children's Parade
Wednesday 8 th	PTFA David Attenborough Non-Uniform Day
Monday 11 th	SATs Week starts
Friday 15 th	Year 2 Local Walk
Tuesday 19 th	Y4 Franklin Farm School
Wednesday 20 th	Year 3 Outreach Science Workshop
Thursday 21 st	PTFA Art Open House Event
Friday 22 nd	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM, INSET DAY
Thursday 28 th	NEW: Half Term Holiday Camp (see flyer on notice board)
Friday 29 th	NEW: Half Term Holiday Camp (see flyer on notice board)
June 26	
Monday 1 st	CHILDREN RETURN
Monday 22 nd	RKPS Active Travel Week Starts
Tuesday 23 rd	Y2 Drusillas Trip
Friday 26 th	Y6 Prom



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Times: 8 - 8.40am
Open to: ALL

Dates:
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5/6, 12/6, 19/6, 26/6,
3/7 & 10/7

No Class: 22/5 (INSET)
Cost: £6 per class
Total: £60 (10 classes)

Don't want your child to miss out?
Rhythm Masters usually books up fast. So, do not delay, sign your child up today. [LINK BELOW.](#)

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Venue: RUDYARD KIPLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates: 28TH - 29TH MAY

Times: 9AM - 4PM (8:30AM DROP OFF AVAILABLE)

Price: £29.95 PER DAY

Ages: YEAR 1 - YEAR 7

Additional info: www.premier-education.com/courses/16120-951846

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A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

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Join us this May as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

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