



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

This week, we have had the pleasure of welcoming our new summer and spring born Reception children, who will on Monday be joined by their autumn born peers. With their unique personalities and talents, our school has become that little bit better and we look forward to seeing incredible things from them over the next seven years!

We have a long established reading culture here at Rudyard and our children are taught a love of reading from the moment they set foot in our Nursery. As a Power of Reading Associate school, we have around twenty other schools in the city who Miss Vaughan works with to help train them in this dynamic approach to reading and writing. We are proud to be a local authority school, working with other Brighton and Hove schools to help raise standards for all our city's children.

The Power of Reading approach fosters in children a true love of reading and writing, always using fresh new texts from a variety of authors. One technique which is intrinsic to the approach is drama and our teachers always look at ways to incorporate drama opportunities into their teaching.

Continuing on the reading theme, next Tuesday we will be visited by Liz Pichon, author of the best-selling Tom Gates books. The BBC 'One Show' cameras will be in school to capture the moment so do tune in on Tuesday evening to see RKPS on your tv screens!

A reminder that next week sees the start of our Autumn Term 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, I hope that you are able to make it along.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



We welcome The One Show to Rudyard next week.



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Ilya



Ilya has had an amazing start to year 1! He has settled into our routines well and is always showing readiness for all his learning. He is kind, thoughtful and helps his friends get ready for their learning too – you are a readiness role model, Ilya!

Y1

Azaan



Azaan has settled back into school so beautifully! From the moment he walked through the door, he's shown such a positive attitude and a real readiness to learn. He's focused, engaged, and always ready to give his best. Azaan, we're all so impressed with how you've started this term – keep shining!

Darcey



Darcey is her name and Readiness is her game! Darcey, you have made an incredible start to this year. Your perfect posture, eyes looking to the front and your resources ready show that you know what is expected and you have been a shining example to others. Keep being the star that you are!

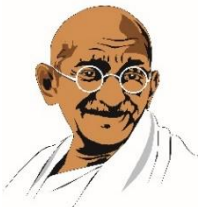
Y2

Rocky



Rocky has had a fantastic start to Year 2. On the first two days, Rocky showed everyone the expectations for Year 2 readiness. Over the past week he has become increasingly reflective, thinking about making safe choices and how best to help himself achieve the ultimate learning behaviours. Keep it up Rocky, you should feel very proud!

Bear



What an outstanding start to the year Bear has made. He comes into every lesson with a smile on his face and 'a can do it,' attitude! Bear has been showing superb readiness and respect this first week. He always listens carefully to instructions and is polite and considerate with others. He produced some excellent diagrams of different rocks and crystals for science yesterday. Keep up the brilliant work Bear!

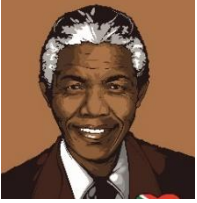
Y3

Erica



Erica has made an incredible start to Year 3. She comes into class each day with a positive attitude and a real readiness to learn. Erica tries her very best in all of her lessons and shows great effort and determination in her work. She is also a kind and caring member of the class, always looking out for her friends. Erica is ready to help and support others when they need it, and she sets a wonderful example for those around her.

Luke



Luke has seamlessly slotted into Mandela class this past week. He has taken to all the new routines, tasks and children like a fish to water. He enters school determined for what's ahead and beams with pride as he smashes each task and as a result, he is going from strength to strength! Well done, Luke, you should be ever so proud of yourself for the start you have made. Keep it up my man!

Y4

Carter



Carter has made a great start to Year 4 in the classroom. He arrives at school with a positive attitude each day, showing readiness and curiosity in all subjects. Not only this, Carter also works hard, persisting when faced with new challenges and reflecting on his understanding. Carter is joyful, resilient and honest, and a delight to teach every day. Keep it up Carter!

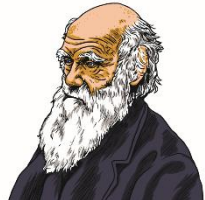
Isaac



Isaac has started Year 5 with a bang! From day one, he has consistently demonstrated impeccable respect — not just towards his teachers, but also towards his peers and our classroom environment. Isaac listens attentively, follows instructions carefully, and always treats others with kindness and fairness. Whether he's helping a friend, waiting patiently for his turn, or taking care of our classroom resources, Isaac sets a brilliant example for everyone around him. His respectful attitude creates a positive and welcoming atmosphere that helps everyone feel safe and valued. Well done, Isaac, keep it up.

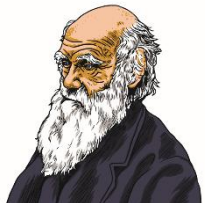
Y5

Charlie



Charlie has started Year 5 with an incredible can-do attitude. He's excelling in maths, confidently learning numbers up to a million, and he approached his TV advert project with great flair and creativity. With such enthusiasm and dedication, there's no doubt you will fly through Year 5!

Oakley



Well done Oakley, he has been a fantastic mentor and role model for the younger students. He has truly impressed Miss Hay with his leadership and kindness. I'm really looking forward to seeing him continue to impress me throughout the year!

Fox



Fox joined our class showing all the 5 Rs. She has been listening carefully, participating enthusiastically, and even taking extra work home! Her bright smile lights up the classroom and encourages others around her. She has completed our class, and we are so happy to have had her with us. Bravo, Fox!

Y6



Y1 Obama	Lottie and Nicole	Super writing about 'Our Wonderful World'
Y2 Attenborough	Lily	For being a Handwriting Hero!
Y3 Gandhi	Roma Albie Orya Leisha	Excellent presentation in his English book. Super maths work. Incredible reading! For being a maths magician!
Y3 Pankhurst	Asiyah and Theo	Excellent poems
Y4 Mandela	Riley	For being a maths magician!
Y4 Franklin	Hartwell	First class writing linked to his class book 'Mama Miti'.
Y5 Seacole	Charlie and Alaa	Impressive writing
Y6 Yousafzai	Luca , Ariah and Archie	An excellent Roman shield Super 'roles on the wall' linked to the class book: 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom'.

Secondary Open Events



Is your child starting Reception in September 2026?

OPEN EVENTS

Saturday 4th October, 10am
Wednesday 8th October, 9:30am
Thursday 13th November, 5:30pm
Thursday 20th November, 9:30am
Wednesday 7th January, 9:30am

CALL US NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

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START YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING ADVENTURE WITH US TODAY!

Rudyard Kipling Primary School & Nursery
Chalkland Rise, Woodingdean, Brighton BN2 6RH

Longhill High School

Thursday 2nd October, 5pm-7pm

BACA

Wednesday 1st October, 6-8pm.

Lewes Priory

Thursday 25th September, 5pm-8pm

Dorothy Stringer

Thursday 25th September, 4pm-7pm

Blatchington Mill

Thursday 18th September 2025, from 5pm to 7.30pm

PACA

Thursday 2nd October, 5pm – 8pm

Cardinal Newman

Thursday 23rd October

Patcham High School

Thursday 24th September from 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

Stars of the Week

Breakfast Club – KS1- Lily in Kahlo for always being friendly and kind

KS2 – Archie in Seacole for always being polite and courteous. Archie is also a very funny comedian.

After School Club – KS1 - Curtis in Armstrong for settling in so well at A.S.C

KS2 – Talia in Franklin for being so creative at A.S.C



Hello all, each week we will be recommending books to read at home or in school! We hope you indulge in the magical world of reading!



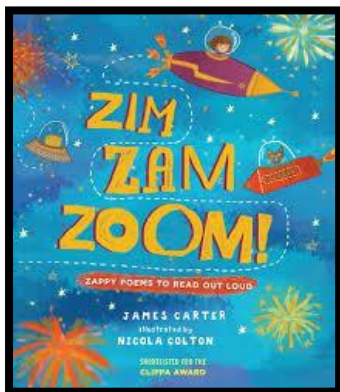
Reading quote alert!



"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book"
— Dr. Seuss

KS1 Recommendation

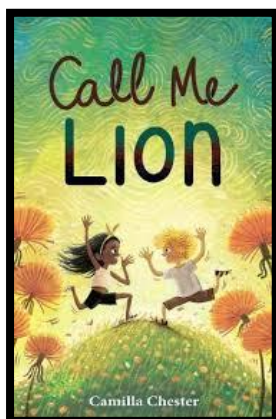
Zim Zam Zoom: Zappy poems to read out loud.
Written by James Carter, Illustrated by Nicola Colton



This book is a delightful and engaging introduction to poetry for young children, encouraging them to read, imagine, and perform the verses. The poems cover a range of subjects, including space travel, mythical creatures, everyday topics, and fantastical element. It's written by James Carter, an award-winning children's poet, and illustrated by Nicola Colton, known for her whimsical and colourful style. Miss Sandat has read this in reception and year 1, and all of her children love the peculiar poems (especially when they get to choose which one to read)!

KS2 Recommendation

Call me lion.
Written by Camilla Chester



Call Me Lion is a heart-warming children's novel by Camilla Chester about Leo, a ten-year-old boy with Selective Mutism who dreams of dancing in the West End. His loneliness during a summer heatwave is broken when he befriends his chatty new neighbour, Richa. As their friendship grows, they discover each other's secrets and support each other in overcoming their fears to achieve their dreams. The book explores themes of courage, true friendship, and compassion, and was written and portrayed authentically with help from families affected by selective mutism to promote awareness and positive representation.

School Notices

Forest School with Mr Wescott Timetable

Year Group	Class	Forest School Day(s)	Dates (2025)	Notes
Reception	Thunberg	Wednesday (first session) and week 3 then Tuesdays (mornings)	Wed 10 Sept; Tues 15, Wednesday 23rd, 29 Sept; 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct	Autumn 1 half term
Year 1	Obama	Thursday afternoons	11, 18, 25 Sept; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct	Autumn 1 half term
Year 2	Parks	Tuesday afternoons	9, 16, 23, 30 Sept; 7, 21, 28 Oct	Autumn 1 half term
Year 4	Franklin	Tuesday & Wednesday mornings	Tues 9 Sept; Wed 24 Sept; Wed 23 Oct	Specific session dates
Year 4	Mandela	Wednesday afternoons	10, 17, 24 Sept; 1, 8, 15, 22 Oct	Autumn 1 half term
Year 5	Darwin	Tuesday morning & Tuesday afternoon	Tues 23rd Sept; Tues 14 Oct	Specific session dates
Year 5	Seacole	Wednesday morning	Wed 1st Oct Wed 15th Oct	Specific session date
Year 6	Yousafzai	Wednesday mornings	17 Sept; 9 Oct	Specific session dates

As we approach wet and cold weather, please make sure children are prepared for their session by ensuring they have:

- change of footwear
- waterproof jacket
- thermal socks / Long Johns
- hat, scarf, gloves
- water bottle

Wescott Thursdays

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be **Year Y4**.

Uniform

Our children look so incredibly smart in their uniform. We are only holding limited stock in school moving forward, as you can now order uniform directly from our supplier, please see the below link and password.

Link: <https://workkit.co.uk/collections/rudyard-kipling-primary-school>


Password: RudyardKipling25

Please note that due to the uniform being embroidered it can take up to 10 days to arrive. Please make sure you use the sizing chart before, ordering as return postage is not covered. You are more than welcome to size check at school if required.



PE Timetable

PE Timetable – ‘KS1 Hall’ Autumn 2025

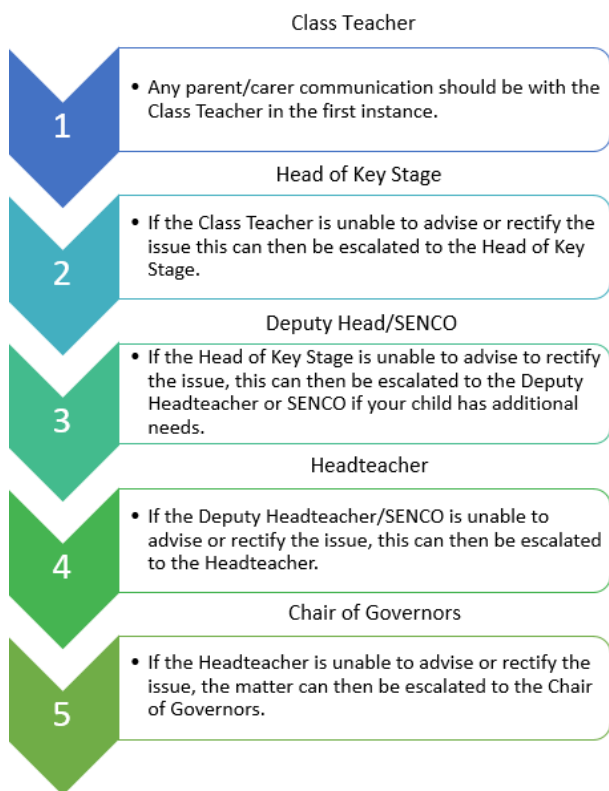
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45am	REGISTER				
9.00am	ASSEMBLY				
9.30am (or as soon as assembly has finished)	Obama – coaching from Simon – ECT time – 9.20 – 10.20 Parks – coaching from Simon – ECT time 10:25 – 11:25 (Start before break and finish after)				
10.45am	BREAK				
11.00am	Parks – coaching from Simon – ECT time 10:25 – 11:25 (Start before break and finish after)				Thunberg 11.00 – 12.00
12:00 - 12:30pm	LUNCH				
1.00 – 2.00pm	Attenborough 1.00 – 2.00	Rock Steady 	Khala 1.00 – 2.00		
2.00 – 3.00pm					

PE Timetable – ‘KS2’/Main Hall Autumn 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.45am	REGISTER				
9am				WESCOTT THURSDAYS	
10.45am	BREAK				
11.00am	Yr 5 Seacole – Simon coaching – ECT time – 11.30 – 12.30			WESCOTT THURSDAYS	
	LUNCH				
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Yr 3 Pankhurst – Simon coaching – PPA cover – 1.00 – 2.00			Yr 4 Mandela – 1.00 – 2.00	Yr 5 Darwin - Swimming – 1.00 – 3.00
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2.00 – 3.00pm	Yr 3 Gandhi – Simon coaching – ECT time – 1.00 – 2.00	Yr 6 Yousafzai 2.00 – 3.00		Yr 4 Franklin – 2.00 – 3.00	

Due to the extensive Forest School provision at RKPS, there will now be one PE session per week in line with statutory requirements. Forest School is an active and physical session which helps keep children fit and healthy.

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

September 25	
Monday 15 th	Autumn Born Reception Start, Year 2 'Meet the Teacher'
Tuesday 16 th	Year 1 'Meet the Teacher'
Wednesday 17 th	Year 6 'Meet the Teacher'
Thursday 18 th	Wescott Thursday Year 5, Year 5 'Meet the Teacher'
Friday 19 th	Reception 'Meet the Teacher'
Monday 22 nd	Year 4 'Meet the Teacher'
Tuesday 23 rd	Year 3 'Meet the Teacher'
Thursday 25 th	Wescott Thursday Year 1
October 25	
Thursday 2 nd	Wescott Thursday Year 6
Saturday 4 th	OPEN DAY – Prospective Reception 2026
Wednesday 8 th	OPEN MORNING – Prospective Reception 2026
Thursday 9 th	Wescott Thursday Year 3
Friday 10 th	PTFA AGM (2pm) All Welcome
Tuesday 14 th	Parent Consultations DAY 1 (times tbc)
Wednesday 15 th	Parent Consultations DAY 2 (times tbc)
Thursday 16 th	Parent Consultations DAY 3 (Darwin class only)
Thursday 16 th	Wescott Thursday Year 2
Friday 24 th	Break up for Half-Term
Mon 27 th – Tues 31 st	HALF-TERM



Notice Board

Little Lambs

Singing & story group for ages 0-4



FIRST CLASS HALF PRICE FOR RUDYARD KIPLING FAMILIES!

Join Lisa (experienced primary & SEND teacher) & have fun, singing old favourites & new songs in a welcoming & friendly environment.

The Holy Cross Church Hall, Woodingdean
Wednesdays 10.30-11.30am (term time only)

£6 per class (siblings & extra adults £1)

Concessions available for those claiming Universal Credit, Income Support or if you have refugee status. Please contact me for details.

For further information & class updates, please follow 'LM Personal Tutoring' on Facebook



All Welcome!

Pay as you go... cash only!

Mindfulness Yoga

WITH HANNAH FIGG



Sundays
10am

Slow, intentional yoga to relax the body and calm the mind.

At Rudyard Kipling School,
Woodingdean

£9 per class

£8 concession

£5 for your first class



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For class schedule and booking visit:
<https://bookwhen.com/yogawithfigg>

All abilities welcome. Please bring your own mat. Message me if you need a mat provided.



GLOW DODGEBALL Club



FRIDAYS 15:15 - 16:15 - KS2

Get ready for an electrifying twist on a classic favourite! Join our Glow Dodgeball sessions and experience dodgeball like never before—under UV lighting, with neon bibs, bright face paint, and energy-pumping music—the perfect combo for glowing fun and friendly competition. Held in a safe, supervised setting with all equipment provided.



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