



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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### Headteacher Reports:

I'm a Headteacher who still loves to teach and this week have had the pleasure of teaching in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Teaching children is such a joy as they never cease to amaze and always surprise you with what they know. The secret lies in providing them with the confidence in order to do this: we are very fortunate to have many accomplished adults working in our school with the skills to enable our children to shine.

Music is a super way of giving a child confidence and we are establishing a rather lovely music culture here at RKPS. Our children are thoroughly enjoying their Thursday singing assemblies and a number have joined our free after school choir club with Mrs Brewer and Miss Walsh. I know that Mrs Brewer has exciting plans for further musical opportunities in the weeks ahead.

Before school this morning was the first 'Beatboxing' club which was so much fun: I have a feeling that it will soon become one of our most popular clubs, of which there are many!

This afternoon sees the traditional PTFA new Reception starters event. This year it is a 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' theme and I look forward to joining in with the fun later.

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Harington*

Headteacher



BRAND NEW Rhythm & Blues club!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Emilia



Emilia is a shining star in Kahlo class. She is always showing our values, especially respect and is always ready for her learning! She is a kind friend, always helping tidy up the classroom and takes care of all the resources. She sets an excellent example of Rudyard readiness and respect.

## Casper



Casper is an absolute star in every sense. He has the best listening ears and the sharpest learning brain I've ever seen! He's always ready to dive into new challenges, and the way he tackles them head-on is super impressive. Casper's growth is a constant source of inspiration, and it's clear to see he's only getting started. We cannot wait to see where his brilliance takes him – the sky's the limit for Casper! Keep working hard you superstar!

## Oakleigh



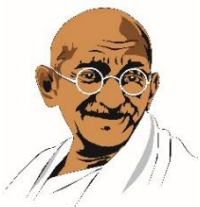
Oakleigh – how truly lucky we are to have you in Attenborough class! You are a shining example of Reflectiveness with how you listen to adults and how you change the way you do things to be even more fabulous and to make things even better. I am so proud of you and very excited to see you continue to grow and learn throughout this coming year. Keep reaching for those stars!

## Hasti



Hasti has had an amazing start to Year 2. She comes in every day with smile on her face and never fails to put her all into her work. She is a role model to others and works hard to encourage other people to match her can-do attitude. We are very lucky to have Hasti in our class. Keep it up!

## Leisha



I am over the moon with how Leisha has slotted into Year 3. She makes sure that every time she does learning it is her best! This means always using her max- effort handwriting for wonderful work. Furthermore, more than once Leisha has gone out her way to help someone in the class. We are lucky to have you in Gandhi class!

## Stanley



Stanley has made a fantastic start to Year 3. He approaches his learning with enthusiasm and takes great pride in the quality of his work. In our first French lesson, he was highly engaged and contributed thoughtful and creative ideas which were wonderful to share with the class.

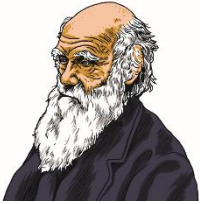
## Daenerys

Y4



Daenerys has been a superstar this week! She has worked her socks off in all her lessons, consistently sharing her wonderful ideas and setting the standard with neat, thoughtful work. She is resilient and welcomes marvellous mistakes in the classroom, knowing that we all learn most from getting things wrong. Lastly, Daenerys has been a wonderful friend this week, looking after her peers, giving out compliments and supporting other children when they get stuck. Bravo Daenerys!

## Max



Max has had an incredible start to Year 5. He is always enthusiastic and ready to learn and takes on any challenge that comes his way. Max can always be relied on to answer a question or share his ideas with the class. He has a fantastic memory and is able to recall facts with ease. Max not only pushes himself to do his best, but he also supports others around him as well. He is a delight to have in class – well done Max!

Y5

## Nate



A huge well done to Nate! He wowed us all early on with an incredible show and tell, proudly presenting a handmade Viking longship, showing such creativity and effort! But what really earns Nate this special mention is his reflectiveness in his work. Every time I mark his books, I see thoughtful improvements in blue pen — whether it's upgrading an adjective or correcting a spelling, Nate is always striving to take his work to the next level. Fantastic effort, Nate — keep it up!

## Henry

Y6



Well done, Henry! You have made a fantastic start to Year 6 by consistently showing great readiness for learning. You always make sure to turn your chair to face the front, showing that you're fully focused and engaged during teaching input. This positive habit sets you up for success in the activities that follow. Your enthusiasm and determination have really stood out – keep it up!



## EQUALITIES



This week, one of our children chose It's Okay to Be Different by Todd Parr for story time, which sparked some wonderful conversations about what makes each of us unique. The children were eager to talk about their own lives and we discovered together that our families come in all shapes and sizes, each one special in its own way. It was lovely to see the children celebrating their differences and recognising that these are the very things that make our class such a warm, welcoming and inclusive community. What a lovely start to the year.





Y1 Kahlo	<b>Beau, Millie-Rose, Woody and Amber-May Hannah</b>	Wonderful writing about hats they have designed! Super 'one less' maths learning
Y2 Parks	<b>Greta</b>	Amazing writing and spelling!
Y3 Gandhi	<b>Freddie and Laith</b>	Exceptional Pebble in my Pocket writing with amazing handwriting
Y3 Pankhurst	<b>Neal Brody Albie Jude</b>	Super partitioning maths work. Pleasing PSHE learning. For being a maths magician! Excellent writing.
Y4 Mandela	<b>Harrison Luke Tiger</b>	Amazing effort in maths. Superb science learning. Superb science learning and maths.
Y4 Franklin	<b>Oscar and Aitor</b>	A superb start to their English books.
Y5 Darwin	<b>Archie and Amelia Daniel, Liam, Arthur, Max, Aoife and Evan Halle and Ole</b>	Exciting Viking diary entries.  Thinking of some clear football rules for the whole school.
Y5 Seacole	<b>Ruben</b>	Super visualisation based on 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'

## Year 1 Geography

We devised a simple map with a key, working together to build our own towns



## NEW: Rhythm and Blues Club



Rhythm and Blues club takes place every Friday morning. There are a few places left, so if you would like to book, please contact the school.





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!



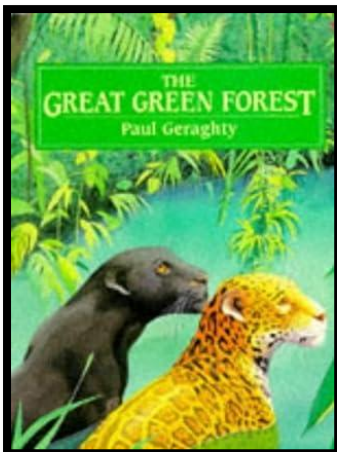
**Reading quote alert!**



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

### KS1 Recommendation

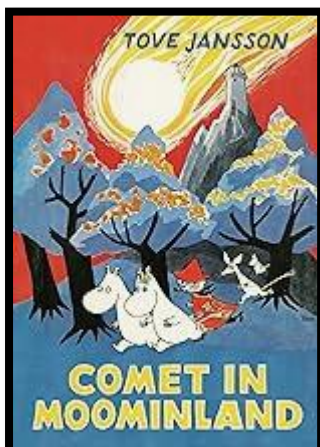
The Great Green Forest by Paul Geraghty



The Great Green Forest is a gorgeous story about a little tree-mouse, trying desperately to get to sleep in the world's noisiest forest. She hates the sounds of the other animals, until one day, it all goes quiet. Too quiet. Full of exciting jungle sounds, detailed illustrations and beautiful language, this story will transport its reader to another world. Paul Geraghty teaches a valuable life lesson about protecting our environment and appreciating nature. This picture book is adored by children of all ages, but will definitely be a hit with the little ones (KS1).

### KS2 Recommendation

Comet in Moominland by Tove Jansson



Comet in Moominland by Tove Jansson is a tale of adventure, wonder and bravery. When signs appear that a comet is heading towards their beloved Moominvalley, Moomin and his friend Sniff set sail to consult with the professors in the distant Lonely Mountains. This is a thrilling and endearing story that captures the hearts of both children and adults alike!

# 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

### Forest School

#### What should you wear?

There's no such thing as bad weather, just unsuitable clothing...

#### Cold/Wet

Waterproof coat/All in one

Hat, Scarf, Gloves

Long-Johns/Thermal trousers and top

Trainers, Boots, wellies - Waterproof

Thermal Socks

#### Warm/Dry

Long sleeve jacket/top

Trousers - No Shorts

Trainers, Boots - No Sandals/Crocs (open toed)

Sun Hat

Forest School takes place across the year, in all weathers (if safe), given the UK's weather is changeable regardless of season, it is imperative that suitable clothing that is capable of keeping you dry, warm and comfortable are worn or available to be put on.

#### Think about?

Suncream  
Insect repellent  
Water bottle

You may need these in all seasons

**No Shorts please**

### Forest School Volunteering!

We would love for you to join our growing team of volunteers at Forest School!

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to support our weekly sessions. If you are able to offer more time than just for your own child's class, you will have the opportunity to receive additional, specialised training with our Forest School leader to help you in your role. This is a fantastic opportunity to become a core part of our learning community and help shape the children's experience.

#### The Role of the Volunteer

We are seeking enthusiastic and reliable volunteers to join our team and support the delivery of high-quality Forest School sessions. This role is perfect for anyone who has a passion for the outdoors, enjoys working with children, and wants to contribute to a unique and rewarding educational experience.

#### Key Responsibilities:

**Supporting the children:** Assist the Forest School leader in ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants. You'll help children engage with activities and encourage them to explore and learn at their own pace.

**Facilitating activities:** Help to set up and supervise various activities, such as den building, using tools (under direct supervision), and fire safety, while following our strict health and safety procedures.

**Encouraging positive behaviour:** Model respectful behaviour towards the woodland, other participants, and yourself, fostering a supportive and non-judgmental community.

**Site management:** Help with the daily checks and preparation of the site, ensuring it is safe and ready for the session. This includes tasks like checking for hazards and helping with tidying up.

**Documentation:** Assist the Forest School leader with taking observational notes and photographs to help track the children's progress.

This role is ideal for you if you are:

- Passionate about the outdoors and the benefits of nature-based learning.
- Patient, enthusiastic, and reliable. Happy to work in all weather conditions, from sun to rain. Able to support and encourage children's self-esteem and confidence. A team player who can work collaboratively with the Forest School leader and other adults.

We believe that our volunteers are a vital part of our community of learning. This role offers a fantastic opportunity to develop your own skills, gain experience in outdoor education, and make a real difference to our children's experience.

Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer!

## Wescott Thursdays

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be **Year Y1**.

### Scooters

No scooters on the playground please

In order to ensure the safety for all our school community, children should not use their scooters on the playground. Thank you for reinforcing this with your children.



### Swimming

Swimming lessons for primary school age children are statutory which means every child has to attend them. We are required by law to teach it, with have no option but to. It is unfortunate that coach travel has become so expensive in recent years and we wish that the cost could be lower. Thank you to all parents for your understanding and support.



## PTFA Events

### Pop-Up Charity Shop

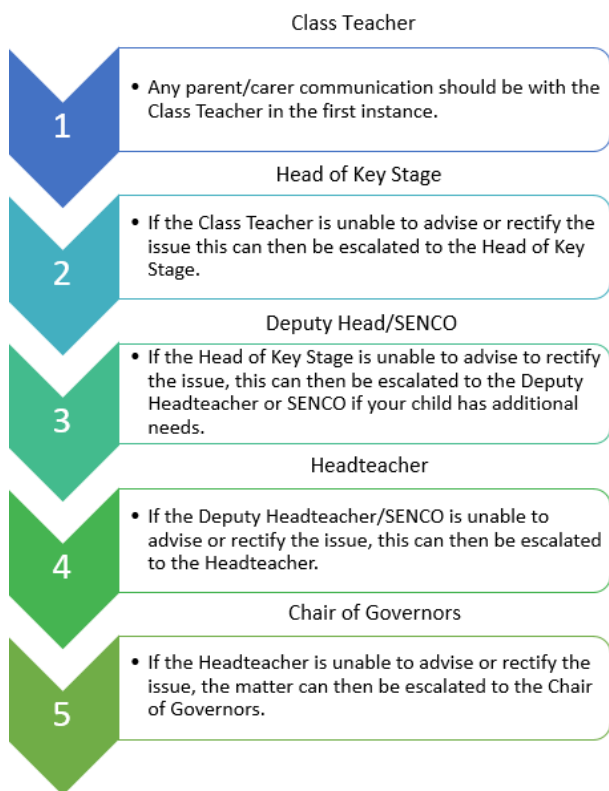
- ♥ RKPS PTFA Pop Up Charity Shop - 26th September. 3pm.
- ♥ Good quality pre-loved items wanted for our pop up charity shop.
- ♥ Please drop off your donations on Thursday 25th from 8.15am outside the school office.
- ♥ Sale will be held in the KS2 school hall along with 2nd hand uniform on the 26th September from 3pm.
- ☀ Help us to use your pre-loved items to make some money for the school!
- 🙏 Please note, whilst we appreciate all donations please make sure they are in a good sellable condition. We are not able to dispose of items if unsold.

### RKPS PTFA AGM

- 🕒 Friday 10th October 1.30pm
- 📍 Rudyard Kipling Primary School dining hall
- ☀ Everybody is welcome

- ? Would you like to be more involved with the events that happen at the school?
- ? Would you like to be involved with how we spend and donate our funds?
- ? Would you like to have prior knowledge of the events ahead?
- ? Would you be able to help, no matter how often or little? Even as little as an hour once a year is helpful!

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



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Reception in September  
2026?

## OPEN EVENTS

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

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## Secondary Open Events

**Longhill High School**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 5pm-7pm

**BACA**

Wednesday 1st October, 6-8pm.

**Lewes Priory**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 5pm-8pm

**Dorothy Stringer**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm-7pm

**Blatchington Mill**

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

**PACA**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 5pm – 8pm

**Cardinal Newman**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Patcham High School**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm -  
7.30pm.

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