



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

Yesterday, we proudly hosted the first inter-school sports tournament of this academic year, on this occasion: tag rugby.

Our school has a long history of sport and it was fitting that yesterday's sport was rugby as this is a long standing tradition of the school. Some parents will likely remember Mr Lacey, Rudyard PE teacher in the 1990s. Rugby was one of his passions and I am delighted that we continue to teach our children this super team sport to this day.

It was a special occasion last weekend which saw the England women's rugby team win the world cup: hats off to the 'Red Roses'! It represents a fantastic opportunity to encourage more girls to play rugby.

As a school, we are passionate about encouraging our children to enjoy a healthy lifestyle in terms of exercise and diet. All research shows that what a child eats and their ability to concentrate and learn is directly linked.

As a healthy school, we ask that children do not eat crisps or chocolate at breaktime. Such 'junk food' will likely have a negative impact on the child's learning in class. A piece of fruit or cereal bar is a much better alternative to provide a child with the energy they need to be at their 'brain best'.

It is fine for a child to have one 'sweet treat', either crisps or chocolate, in their lunch box to accompany their healthy food but this should be the exception to a healthy lunchbox or school lunch. I will be speaking to the children about healthy eating in this coming Monday's assembly.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who ensure that their children are enjoying a nutritious lunch each day: it really does help with their learning.

Tomorrow is our first Open Event for prospective Reception 2026 parents. We have lots of families booked onto the tour and look forward to showing them around our school in the morning.

Have a wonderful, windy weekend

Euan Flannington

Headteacher



Help support your child's learning
by providing a healthy snack.



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Arlo



Amazing Arlo! What a fabulous start to Year 1 you have had. Your readiness for learning is inspirational – you are a true role model! You come to school each morning with a huge smile and an eagerness to learn, making you truly unstoppable! We are so lucky to have you in Kahlo class, and we can't wait to see what amazing things you will continue to do. You are a star, Arlo!

Nicole



Never without a smile so bright,
Imagination flying like a kite
Can-do attitude everyday
On the playground, leads the way
Loves to learn and laugh out loud
Everyone says she makes us proud!

Amber



Amber, you're amazing, like a fire you're always blazing,
Motivating, always creating, never ever hesitating.
Brave, shining bright, with your smile as warm as sunlight.
Embodying Readiness in everything you've done.
Role model and positive – you embrace it all with fun.

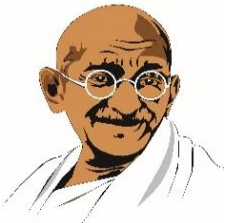
Alexandria



What can we say about Alexandria? Ask her a question, she's quick to answer ya, Around the school she couldn't walk calmlier, A dazzling star, she couldn't be shinier!

Well done for an excellent start to Year 2 Alexandria. Your excitement for learning and outstanding readiness always puts a smile on Miss Walsh's face. Keep it up, superstar!

Orya



Wow, what an outstanding week! Orya is a bucketful of joy that spills out into Gandhi class every day. I have been extremely impressed by Orya's willingness to always have a go and never give up. This fantastic resilience has led to outstanding improvements in her writing. Orya is always sparkling with ideas like crystals catching the light. Well done you superstar!

Isobel



Isobel is a wonderful member of Pankhurst class who always comes into school ready to learn. She consistently tries her best in all areas of her learning. Isobel listens carefully and follows instructions well, and demonstrates perseverance. She sets an excellent example to others through her effort, focus and commitment. Isobel is a valued and respected member of the class.

Henry S



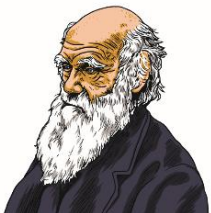
This week's award goes to Henry S who has proven that being "ready" is basically his superpower. Whether it is books, brain or brilliant attitude, Henry always arrives like a secret agent on a mission, pencil sharpened, chair at the ready, eyes sparkling with determination. If readiness were an Olympic sport, Henry would already be polishing his gold medal and probably doing his homework at the same time. Well done Henry you make being prepared look seriously cool!

Amelia



Astounding Amelia!
She couldn't be squealier.
Seriously, she giggles at everything.
A joy to teach,
She is brave, she can reach
For the stars, for the moon,
In a hot air balloon,
She is going to achieve her dreams.
Bravo Amelia! You are ready to learn!
Bravo Amelia! Like a little green fern,
You are growing, growing, growing.
growing, growing.

Dougie



Determined Dougie, always giving learning a go,
Overcoming challenges and letting progress show.
Unlocking his focus, one step at a time,
Growing with each effort – the mountains he climbs!
Inspiring us all with the resilience he shows,
Every small victory helping him grow.

Keira



Keira works with steady grace,
Always ready to embrace,
The trickier tasks that come her way,
She gives her best each learning day,
Well done Kiera with this effort you will always shine!

Thomas



With focus and care, he found his stance,
A sketch inspired by Lowry's glance.
Through every line, his strength made sense —
Thomas showed true *resilience*!

Well done, Thomas! Your sketch was fantastic!



YR Thunberg	Zain James	Fantastic phonics! For writing his name perfectly.
Y2 Attenborough	Harry	For being a handwriting hero!
Y2 Parks	Harper and Freddie	For being maths magicians!
Y3 Gandhi	Eddie and Leisha	An amazing diary entry.
Y3 Pankhurst	Dylan	For being a maths magician.
Y4 Mandela	Freddie and Luke Jack Lenny	Excellent writing on climate change. A wonderful Forest School poem. Amazing maths.
Y4 Franklin	Daenerys Grayson Tiffany	Super instructional writing and poetry. Excellent instructional text writing. Fantastic learning.



EQUALITIES



In Year 2, we have been thinking about the 5Cs and discussed how helping people to feel 'comfortable' can look very different for each of us, as we are all unique. We have chosen ways that help us as individuals be 'in the green'.

We have also practised and chosen our own affirmations to enable us to feel 'capable' for those moments when we are in the 'growth zone' or the 'panic zone'.



Stars of the Week

After School Club KS1 – Woody In Kahlo for being very creative at After School Club.
 KS2 – Willis in Seacole for being so kind to others at After School Club



Forest School with Mr Wescott


Tuesday 7th October - Reception Thunberg AM

Tuesday 7th September - Y2 Parks PM

Wednesday 8th October – Y5 Seacole

Wednesday 8th October – Mandela PM

Thursday 9th October Y1 Obama PM



Forest School

What should you wear?

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

<p>Cold/Wet</p> <p>Waterproof coat/All in one</p> <p>Hat, Scarf, Gloves</p> <p>Long-Johns/Thermal trousers and top</p> <p>Trainers, Boots, wellies - Waterproof</p> <p>Thermal Socks</p>	<p>Warm/Dry</p> <p>Long sleeve jacket/top</p> <p>Trousers - No Shorts</p> <p>Trainers, Boots - No Sandals/Crocs (open toed)</p> <p>Sun Hat</p>
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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 Y3**.



Swimming

Swimming lessons for primary school age children are statutory which means every child must attend them. Schools are required by law to teach swimming. 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 their understanding and support.

Google Forms

When completing a form for your child to sign up to a club or sporting event, please make sure that you complete the 'YOUR CHILD'S NAME' field. This enables us to clearly reference your response with a child. Thank you.

Water Bottles

Please can you make sure your child comes to school prepared with a water bottle.



Equipment Shout Out

If anyone has pool cues or aqua beads that are no longer required our After School Club are in need of some replacements. If you have any cues or beads please drop into the main office. Thank you!



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations being held on 14th, 15th and 16th of October. The booking system is now live on Arbor. To book your slot please log on to the App. If you have any issues, do let the office the know.

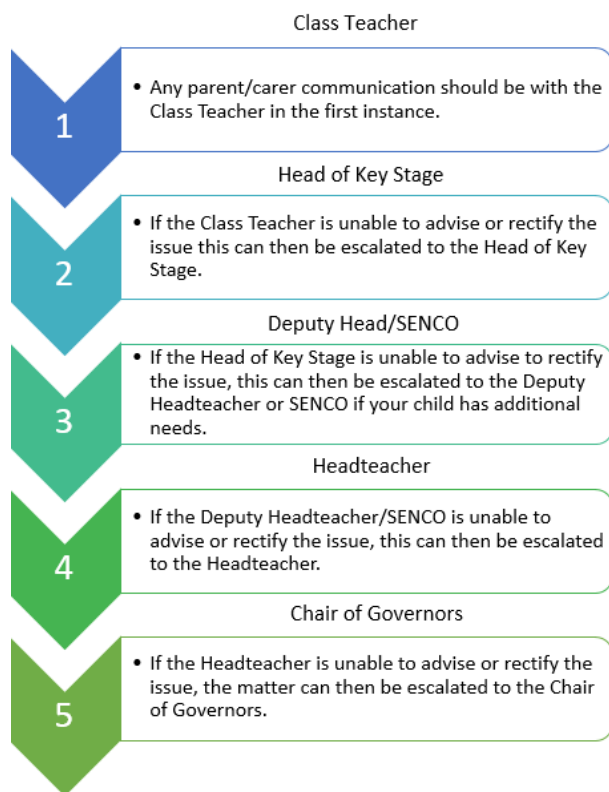
PTFA Events

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

October 25	
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 & Pankhurst)
Thursday 16 th	Wescott Thursday Year 2
Friday 24 th	PTFA Spooky Dress Up Day, Break up for Half-Term
Monday 20 th	Start of PTFA 'sponsored read'
Mon 27 th – Tues 31 st	HALF-TERM



Notice Board

CROSSFIT KIDS

MON 3RD NOV - WED 17TH DEC

(Ages 7-11) - 15:30-16:15

(Ages 12-17) - 16:30-17:15

Location :

KS1 Hall in Rudyard Kipling Primary School



Book in now using
the QR code for a
Free trial on either
Monday 13th Oct or
Wednesday 15th Oct

Limited Spaces Available



Contact Laura for more info - 07900441994



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



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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

Secondary Open Events

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.

Harmony Haven

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Saltdean Lido

Wednesdays

1.35-2.35pm

A singing group
for women

No auditions, no sheet
music, no judgements

Bring your baby
or preschooler

To book, scan the QR code, search
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email

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