



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

## where learning is an adventure!

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### Headteacher Reports:

What a magical last couple of weeks it has been!

Last Saturday's PTFA Christmas Light Trail was something to behold. Father Christmas grotto, fun crafting stations, toasting marshmallows in Forest School, amazing story reading by Jesse's mum, Kelly. I could go on! And all for the princely sum of...£7! This was an inclusive event that will not be forgotten by anyone who attended. There are far too many people to thank so I won't even try but you know who you are.

The long Rudyard history of plays and productions proudly continues. I've just counted up that we put on 17 different performances/events this fortnight: from Nursery 'Crafternoons' through to the choir singing at one of our local care homes. Memories of most of these special events can be seen on our school 'Instagram' page so do take a look at your leisure.

Yesterday afternoon, we were treated to a special performance from our 25 strong RKPS choir. Those parents who came along will vouch for just how high quality the singing was, it was so very impressive.

We are only able to provide our children and whole school community with such high quality experiences because of the excellence of our whole staff team. From the cooks feeding us delicious food to the cleaning team who make our school shine through to the adults nurturing and teaching our children-a more dedicated group of adults you will not find.

I would like to thank each and every adult who works their socks off to provide our amazing children with myriad memorable school experiences, ensuring that learning is an adventure.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for lending us your incredible children for 6 and a half hours a day: every child is unique and talented in their own individual way.

We are all rather proud of our local authority community school, thank you for the part you play in its success.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday January 5th.

Merry Christmas!

*Euan Flanigan*

Headteacher



RKPS Choir



# Special Mentions

## Bodhi



Wow Bodhi, what a superstar you have been! Out of our 5 'R's, you show them all. Your reflectiveness and resilience are inspiring to see. You are a true Rudyard resilience role model! It has been lovely to see how hard you have worked on your responses to change or disappointment, and how well you have been coping both in class and around the school. We are all so proud of you and how hard you are trying. Keep shining bright like the fabulous star you are!

Y1



## Beatrix

Bea has grown so much this term, both in her learning and her emotions, and she should be incredibly proud of herself. She shows kindness and respect every day, often without even realising it, and she always tries her best—even when things feel tricky. And let's not forget her superpower: Bea gives the *best hugs* ever, the kind that can fix a bad day in seconds. She's a joy to be around and makes the classroom a warmer, happier place just by being her wonderful self.

## Moses



Marvellous Moses - what a magnificent journey you are on! You have become much more resilient and your bravery and determination to be fully involved with our KS1 show was a joy to behold. As you reflect more, you are embracing things where you are not at your most comfortable and increasingly ready to face a challenge and get the job done. Like a rocket zooming through space, you are reaching those heights and exploring the mysteries that lie ahead. You are a superstar!

Y2

## Harper



Harper - more like the remembering queen! What a fantastic job of playing Peter Pan you did. You worked so hard on learning all of your lines and did a fantastic job as our leading lady. Your confidence on stage and superb acting skills were off the charts. Miss Walsh is also super proud of how you continued to work hard and keep up with your high standards in your learning whilst wowing us on stage in the same day. What a superstar you are!

Y2

## Ibrahim



Ibrahim - the pirate prince. What an awesome pirate you were! You were on it in every rehearsal, making sure you stayed focused and ready to perform at all times. You have made such progress with your ability to remain ready to learn and your hard work on your learning behaviours has really paid off. We can always count on Ibrahim to bring a smile to our faces. His contagious smile could light up any room. Well done Ibrahim.

## Louie



Louie is always ready to learn and shows outstanding listening skills in every lesson. He approaches his work with a positive attitude that brightens the classroom. His readiness to learn sets a wonderful example for others. We are very proud of his effort and commitment in class. Well done Louie!

Y3

## Ayham



If Ayham lived in a comic, there would be a little lightbulb above his head all day long because Ayham is a big ideas guy. He remembers the names of digestive organs, how to multiply three digit by 1 digit numbers, the words to French songs and what a possessive apostrophe does. Ayham is a remembering riot! It is an absolute joy to teach someone so engaged and focused – thank you Ayham!

Y4

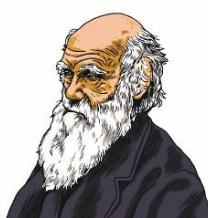
## George



Introducing Year 4's new times table champion... GEORGE! Working tirelessly, he has practised, practised, practised to remember all his times tables. He knows the product of multiplication questions with lightning quick speed and has left mouths gaping in our times table sessions. He deserves a HUGE well done for all his hard work and effort. The times table check come May will be a breeze for this superstar!

Y5

## Fred



If you are ever looking for a student who always gives everything a go, works his hardest at all times and is a supportive and fun friend to all, look no further. Fred, you are an absolute joy to have in Team Darwin. You always share insightful and thoughtful answers in relation to our story, and always remember our school values, particularly embodying positivity, which radiates through our classroom. You are a fantastic person, and it is wonderful to watch you blossom into such a confident one too. Keep shining Fred.

Y6

## Malakai



Malakai consistently shows that he is ready to listen and learn, making him a fantastic role model for his classmates. He approaches each day with a positive attitude and a strong focus on doing his best. Malakai has worked incredibly hard throughout the term, and his efforts have not gone unnoticed. We are so proud of the progress he has made!



Breakfast Club -

KS1 – Klara in Obama for being a good friend to others and great at tidying

After School Club

KS2 – Eren in Gandhi for always being polite, kind and helpful having a great sense of humour

KS1 –Hannah in Kahlo for being so helpful at A.S.C

KS2 – Elliott in Mandela for playing so well with others at A.S.C

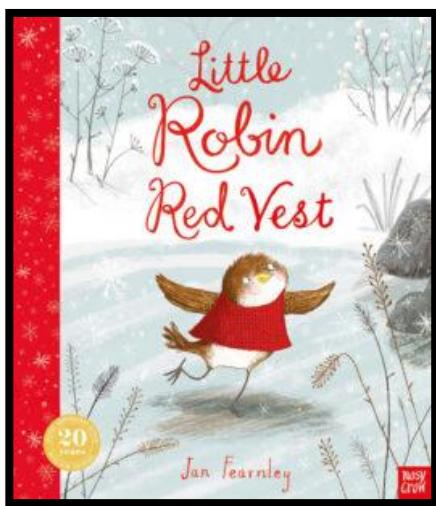
## Rudyard Reading Recommendations

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:**

**“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.”**  
**Sullivan and Brown 2013.**

### **Little Robin Red Vest by Jan Fearnley**



A charming picture book about the joy of giving that has the feel of a gentle Just-So story with a festive twist. It is the week before Christmas and it's getting chilly outside. Little Robin washes and irons seven warm vests to keep him cosy in the frosty evenings leading up to Christmas.

As each day goes by, Robin encounters a different shivering animal and, full of compassion, he generously offers each animal one of his own vests to wear. Robin's kindness may have prevented his animal friends from getting colder, but when Christmas eve arrives he finds himself with nothing warm left to wear. Fortunately, a festive visitor in a red suit and a soft, white beard spots Robin and finds a joyous way to reward him for his kindness to others. The tale is likely to inspire children to tap into the spirit of giving that Robin demonstrates so unreservedly.

### **The Dog That Saved Christmas by Nicola Davies**



Christmas is a nightmare for Jake. He hates the bright lights, all the noise and the disruption to his routine. But everything changes when he finds a lost dog. He names her Susan and adopts her as his own. Jake and Susan form a special bond that helps him to cope with the things that usually stress him out. With Susan around, maybe there's a chance that this Christmas will be one the whole family can enjoy.



YR Thunberg	Ivy	For incredible kindness
Y2 Attenborough	Mubasher Iris Alice Oakleigh	Wonderful writing about a lioness! For being a writing wizard! Excellent science learning. A brilliant jeep design and model.
Y2 Parks	Rocky	Super writing about the African Savannah.
Y3 Gandhi	Ayham  Eren Macy Orya and Zohan	For making an amazing Roman coliseum model out of cardboard! Superb descriptive writing Excellent extra maths home learning Amazing poems!
Y3 Pankhurst	Tommy	Thoughtful writing
Y4 Mandela	Freddie, Luke and Millie	Fantastic science work on teeth



For equalities week, we explored how our brains are all different, and shared things that our brains are good at (learning as well as characteristics and hobbies), as well as things our brains find trickier. We then looked at how we feel when we are faced with things we find tricky, and explored the comfort, growth and panic zones. We also looked at how we find things tricky on the playground, and explored tools to regulate. These included journalling, positive affirmations, listening to music and walking away safely. The children then created their individualized toolkit. We plan to return to this in the new year so that strategies are fresh in our minds, and continue the 'homework' of learning to believe our positive affirmations to enable us to be the happiest and most confident versions of ourselves.

## Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday (8<sup>th</sup> January) will be **Year Y4**.

**School  
Notices**

## Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 Seacole AM

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 Parks PM

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 Mandela AM

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 Pankhurst PM

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Year 4 Franklin PM

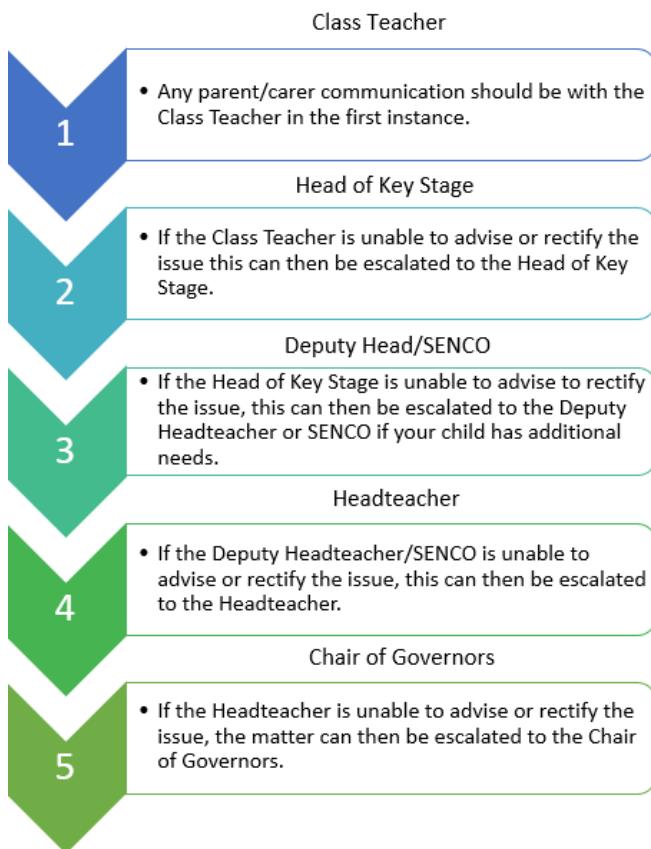




## Salvation Army Donation

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to our Christmas performances. The school managed to raise £513 for the Salvation Army. This donation will be put towards supporting those in need this Christmas. Thank you everyone!

## 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

<b>December 25</b>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM
<b>January 26</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	START OF TERM (children return)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery S&L session (9:00am-10:00am)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Franklin – Farm School
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Soundmakers starts



# Notice Board



Spanish for Everyone

For over 20 years we have been teaching Spanish and we are very happy to be the **Approved and Official Spanish After School Provider at Rudyard Kipling Primary School**

At Olé Spanish for Everyone we offer relaxed, fun and immersive sessions where students can learn through games, food, songs and drama at the school premises

Our team of teachers give personalised attention to each student, ensuring they speak Spanish with ease. Please scan the QR Code or click here to book your child's place. We run sessions every Fridays & welcome children from Y1 to Yr 6.

**5% off this Spring term with the code OLE26**

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Fridays  
15:15-16:15 from  
16<sup>th</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026

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## CROSSFIT KIDS & TEENS

Every Monday starting on  
January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

(Ages 7-11) - 15:30-16:15  
(Ages 11-17) - 16:30-17:15

Location :  
KS1 Hall in  
Rudyard Kipling Primary School

(Rudyard Pupils will come straight to the hall at 15:15)



Free Trial  
Link in  
Instagram  
Bio

Limited  
spaces  
available

Contact Laura for more Info - 07900441994

## AFTER SCHOOL SKATE CLUB

RUDYARD KIPLING PRIMARY SCHOOL



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for more info