



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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## Headteacher Reports:

As an inclusive school, we want as many of our clubs as possible to be free and therefore accessible for all children.

This week, Mrs Newbold started a new after school free club: 'Zentangle'. This mindfulness approach teaches children how to use art techniques as a way of focussing. After school on Wednesday, Miss Sandat launched her new after school Cheerleading club which is proving to be extremely popular. These two new clubs add to our ever growing portfolio of clubs at RKPS. The full list is posted on Instagram so take a look and see what your child might be interested in joining.

Our children really are fortunate to have so many teachers and learning support assistants who are willing to give up their own time to provide these extra special club opportunities.

Next Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Brewer is leading a parents phonics workshop which we are sure you will find helpful in supporting your child's learning at home; it would be lovely to see you there.

There have been many fun experiences for our children this week which have included one Year 3 class visiting Roedean for a problem solving task and Roedean students visiting our other Year 3 class to teach them British Sign Language. Year 5 are having guitar lessons as I write-they are sounding good!

As a community school, our priority is to create a safe and secure environment for everyone. A key part of this revolves around safe parking. Thank you to the vast majority of adults who always park legally and safely. Thank you to those who live locally to the school and choose to walk to school, leaving the car at home.

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Hainington*

Headteacher



Lego Club



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Saad



Wow Saad! What amazing progress you have made in your short time with us at Rudyard. Your readiness and eagerness for learning have been amazing to see – you are becoming a true readiness role model! Your determination and hard work have not gone unnoticed – we are so proud of you and everything you have achieved and we are so lucky to have you in Kahlo class! Keeping shining bright, you are a super star!

Y1

## Emelyn



Emelyn has an incredible talent for reading and writing, the kind that makes you do a double-take and wonder if she's been peeking at much older books. She plays with words confidently and expresses ideas with ease, but what really stands out is how reflective she is—she doesn't just read or write, she *thinks* about it. It's that mix of strong skills and genuine thoughtfulness that makes her such a joy to learn with. We're very proud of you Emelyn!

## Rosa



Rosa is her name, and Readiness is her game! Rosa, I am so proud of your learning behaviours and organisation. Whatever the task in hand, your table is neat and tidy, ready for anything. You are always ready with a smile, energy and a positive attitude, as you demonstrated with your brilliant acting and enthusiasm in Peter Pan. You are our very own Tinkerbell, sprinkling magic as you motivate others around you to be ready, too. Keeeeeeeep sparkling!

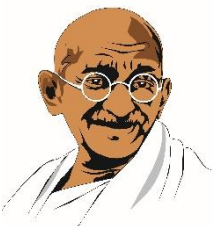
Y2

## Greta



Greta has been a real superstar this week. She's shown brilliant resourcefulness by supporting her learning partner with kindness, patience and confidence - what a joy to have two teachers in the classroom! Greta notices when others need help and takes action straight away, helping everyone feel ready to learn. A wonderful role model who shows that learning grows stronger when we work together. A true star – well done Greta!

## Iris



I have been wowed away by Iris this week! She has shown amazing resilience with her learning. When dealing with multi -step multiplication problems, she has persevered and tried her best. On top of this, she is such a kind and thoughtful member of Gandhi class, always helping others and showing respect. I can't wait to see how Iris will continue to flourish in Year 3 and beyond. Well done!

Y3

Y3



### Brody

Brody has shown great resilience with his work, even when he finds it challenging. Brody listens carefully to feedback and makes thoughtful improvements to his writing, using more interesting vocabulary and improving his sentence structure. He takes pride in his work and does not give up, which is helping him to become a more confident writer. Great work Brody!

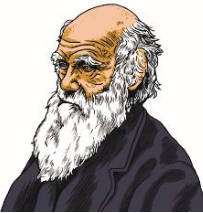
Y4



### Amina

This wonderful young girl is an absolute breath of fresh air. She displays the 5 R's throughout each school day but recently, her remembering skills have shone through. She has worked tirelessly on her times tables and as a result, she has rapid recall of them. Not only this, but she has even asked to take times tables sheets home, proving her willingness to learn outside the classroom and her desire to improve. Mr Wynne simply loves teaching her – keep being you, Amina!

Y5



### Daniel

Daniel's work ethic never ceases to impress his teachers in Year 5. Daniel is focused, curious and engaged, always striving to produce his best work and challenge himself along the way. In English, you really impressed us with your descriptive writing and it is great to see you exploring different techniques within writing! Learning aside, you are such a wonderful member of team Darwin, kind and a friend to everyone, we are truly lucky to have you in our team!

Y6



### Mariatou

Mariatou is truly a shining example of kindness and thoughtfulness. She comes to school every day with a positive attitude, ready to take on any challenge with a smile. Always curious and eager to learn, she inspires everyone around her. Her caring nature and willingness to help make her a joy to be around, and her dedication sets a great example for her classmates.



### Mia

Mia's marvellous manners and magnificent mindset make her wonderfully helpful every day. She is a brilliant, thoughtful talk partner, always contributing meaningful ideas, and I absolutely love her writing. Her kindness consistently shines through in everything she does, making her a much-valued member of our classroom.



YR Thunberg	Rosie Riley	Impressive independent writing Excellent ideas in English
Y1 Kahlo	George Hannah Bodhi	For writing a super sentence For writing a super book For being a writing wizard!
Y2 Attenborough	Bobbi	Super 'Lonely Beast' writing
Y3 Pankhurst	Khaliyl  Brody	Impressive writing based on 'The Frozen Pugs of the North' For consistently demonstrating the school values, including Respect.
Y6 Yousafzai	Fox Archie Carter Ariah	For an excellent evacuee poem Super maths progress Pleasing science work on nutrients First class work in science and maths

## NEW: Weekly Maths Challenge

The Maths team are excited to start adding maths challenges to our newsletter. As times tables are a key focus this year, we'll begin with a missing-number multiplication grid. One challenge will be included each week, and children can complete it independently, with family, or share their answers with myself or Miss Wiseman. We hope you enjoy giving them a go!

Miss Davies

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				24
	21			12



After School Club    KS1 – Jaleela in Armstrong for always following the rules at A.S.C  
                                  KS2 – Henry in Mandela for being so creative at A.S.C



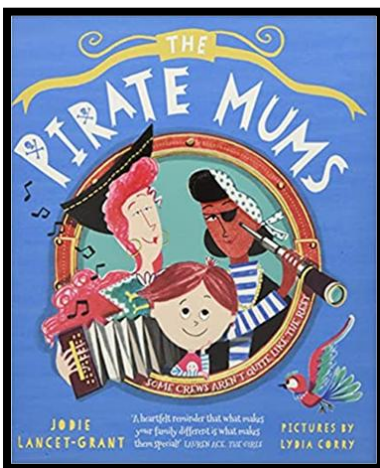
## Rudyard Reading Recommendations

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:**

*"There is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development." Clark and Rumbold, 2006.*

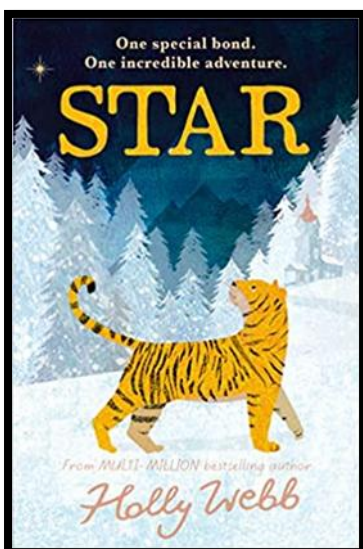
### The Pirate Mums By Jodie Lancel-Grant Illustrated by Lydia Corry



Billy's family is a little bit different. His mums like to dress up as pirates, sing sea shanties and rather than a cat or dog, they have a parrot for a pet! Billy wishes his family were more like everyone else's; he wishes they were more ordinary. So when his Mummy and Mama are invited to help on his school trip to the seaside, at first he is mortified! However, when the weather starts to change on board the ship and Billy's pirate mums save the day, he couldn't be more proud of his family.

This is a fun and adventurous story which celebrates diversity in family units. We love how it ends with, 'Who cares about ordinary!?' and that the main character goes from feeling embarrassed to super proud of his two pirate mums.

### Star by Holly Webb



When Anna borrows a tiny wooden tiger from her Russian grandmother's mantelpiece, little does she realize that it is the start of a magical adventure...

Waking the next day, Anna finds herself in a snowy Russian village, where she hears the news that a tiger cub has been spotted in the nearby woods. Anna knows this is why she must be here - the cub needs her help! But is Anna brave enough to set out in search of a tiger in the forest at night?



## Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup> January) will be **Year Y4**.

## Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Year 5 Yousafzai AM

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 Pankhurst PM

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Year 4 Parks AM

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Year 4 Obama PM

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Year 4 Mandela AM

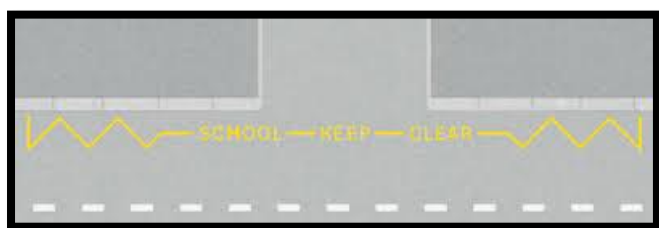


## Parking and dropping off

To help keep all our children, families and staff safe, we kindly remind parents that parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school is not permitted at any time. These markings must be kept clear to ensure visibility for pedestrians and to allow safe crossing for children.

Additionally, the staff car park cannot be used by parents, as it is small, busy during peak times and shared with our Nursery for drop offs and pick ups. A few families with Blue Badges have an arrangement with the school to use the car park. By avoiding these restricted zones, you help us maintain a safe and smooth arrival and departure for everyone. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

If you see any antisocial parking or hazardous stopping, please report this with photo evidence to 'Operation Crackdown' via this link: <https://operationcrackdown.org/>



## Donations of clothing for KS1

We are running low on KS1 leggings and joggers. If you have any spare, we kindly welcome donations.

## PTFA Meeting – All Welcome

PTFA meeting 6th February

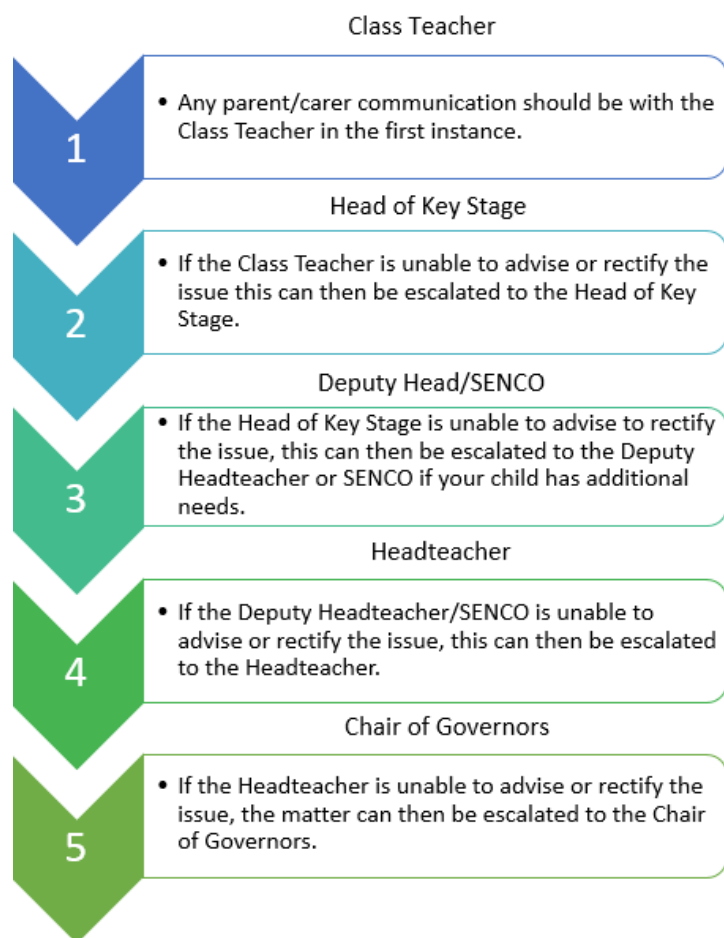
📌 Our next PTFA meeting is 2pm on the 6th February. In the dining hall.

❤️ Come along to have your say on future events and spending (and meet some lovely people)

😊 We have some very exciting events planned for this next term and ideas for how we'd like to spend money fundraised.

👋 If you would like to have your say please do come along to the meeting. You can also post suggestions in the PTFA post box in the reception area or email on [rkpsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:rkpsptfa@gmail.com)

# 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

January 26	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Classroom Connect Y4 at 14:45
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Classroom Connect Y3 at 14:45
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Junior Roedean Academy Y3, Phonics Workshop 14:45
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Farm School - Reception
February 26	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Roedean Academy Y3
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Police Visit, World Number Day Dress Up
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	CHILDREN RETURN



# Notice Board

## Ollie's RHYTHM MASTER CLUB

"OUTSTANDING!" (OFSTED January 2025)

ollieheath.com



### Beatbox, Sing, Rap & Drum

What will your child experience in the club?

Learn to beatbox, learn to sing, learn to rap and make beats with everything! Each term we learn new songs, raps and rhythms. So, if you've been before, there's more to learn, much more!

Pupils will all get to make music with 'Rhythm Master Microphones' and a wide range of percussion and drums.

#### More than Music!

Benefits include improvement in confidence, creativity, cooperation and concentration.

#### About Ollie:

Ollie is a qualified Teacher, guest lecturer, professional musician and YouTuber.

He has been running workshops and training Teachers across the UK and beyond for 25 years.

Day: Fridays  
Times: 8 - 8.40am  
Open to: Rec - Yr 6



Dates:  
16/1, 23/1, 30/1  
6/2, 13/2, 27/2,  
6/3, 13/3, 20/3 & 27/3

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.

Purchase a Space for Rhythm Masters

[ollieheath.com/rhythmmasterclub](http://ollieheath.com/rhythmmasterclub)

## Brighton Futsal

Book your child's two FREE taster sessions NOW!

Our Futsal sessions aim to develop players technical ability and confidence on and off the ball all whilst having lots of fun, making new friends and instilling a love of movement.



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## AFTER SCHOOL SKATE CLUB

RUDYARD KIPLING  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Tuesday from  
24th Feb - 24th March  
3.15 - 4.15pm

For ages 7 +

Suitable for  
Beginners &  
Improvers  
with all  
equipment  
provided



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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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15:15-16:15 from  
16th January to 20th  
March 2026