



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

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'Rain, rain, go away' is what we've all been wishing-for what feels like weeks now-but with no joy. There doesn't look like being any respite next week either. The rain of course, hasn't prevented our children from enjoying their outdoor learning.

Moving forward, children should come to school in their Forest School clothing: if they have Forest School in the afternoon, they should still arrive for school in their Forest School gear (with waterproofs in their bag, ready to put on). We are doing our level best to counteract the harsh weather. Yesterday, we laid down some hay on our Forest School path, another great idea of Ms White!

When I chat to the children every day at lunch, they tell me how much they love their Forest School sessions. Amongst myriad other benefits, it is great exercise: climbing trees takes a lot of stamina!

Speaking of exercise, I am pleased to share that our school are now the proud recipients of the Platinum School Games Mark. We have a proud history of sport stretching back to 1959 when we first opened. Our Head of PE, Mr Wynne, upholds this sporting legacy to this day and we continue to provide our children with a plethora of sporting opportunities.

Next week is the last before a half term break. There is a lot to look forward to including two dress up days: 'World Number Day' on Wednesday with a number theme and the traditional PTFA Valentines non-uniform day next Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



Forest School: Muddy Edition!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Amber May



The amazing Amber May! Your readiness for learning each day and your curiosity about what the day will bring is inspiring! You throw yourself into all you do, working hard each and every lesson. There is no challenge Amber May won't tackle with enthusiasm and pride! We are so lucky to have you in Kahlo class, and we are proud of everything you do. Keep shining bright, amazing Amber May!

Y1

Ronnie



Readiness Ronnie! Where to start? You approach tasks with growing confidence; a readiness to learn and take pride in doing your best, which makes us so proud. You are learning to make thoughtful choices and look after yourself and others, and that shows such maturity. Keep up the fantastic effort, Ronnie — we can't wait to see how much more you grow and achieve as Year 1 continues

Chinmaya



Let's cheer for Chinmaya - she is such a superstar! Chinmaya, since you arrived at Rudyard in November, you have embraced school life here with increasing resilience and a positive outlook. You are recognising when you are not in your Comfort Zone and embracing the thrill and joy of being in your Growth Zone. You are learning to adapt and select resources more independently and to appreciate when you've achieved your goal by being determined and not giving up. You are also such a kind and thoughtful member of Attenborough Class, and we are so lucky to have you!

Y2

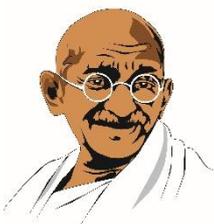
Sailor



Sailor is our remembering superstar today. She is learning to use what she knows to help herself make thoughtful choices about her learning. In Parks class, Sailor is our handwriting queen, taking real time and attention over her work. Recently, she has been remembering expectations more consistently and has even started asking to finish tasks during together time, shows a brilliant sense of ownership over her learning! Sailor, you are taking confident steps towards being Year 3 ready - keep going, we are so proud of you.

Oliver

Y3



Oliver has taken off this spring term. His enthusiasm and curiosity have enabled him to fly in his learning. Every piece of writing he does whether it is in Maths, English or History. He will make sure he uses his best and clearest handwriting. He keeps his letters a consistent size and on the line as well as beautifully joined up. I can't wait to see what you will achieve in the second half of Year 3!

Y3



Theo

Theo has shown fantastic learning in English. He has approached challenges with a positive attitude and kept going even when the tasks felt tricky. Theo has shown great enjoyment and enthusiasm, particularly when exploring 'Pugs of the Frozen North.' His excitement for the story and willingness to share his ideas have been a real joy to see.

Elliott



Our very own 'dino king' has got quite the brain for remembering! Although it can be tricky, Elliott has ensured all his writing is cursive with beautiful strokes, ascenders and descenders. To add to this, he has also mastered the rapid-fire recall of his times table facts. Year 4 is proving to be a year of triumph. Onwards and upwards for Elliott!

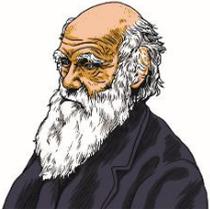
Y4



Ted

Terrific Ted! Over the last few weeks, I have watched Ted make huge leaps in how he approaches his learning. His attitude has shifted and he is now reflecting deeply and writing from the heart. It is so exciting to see a child unleash their potential and I cannot wait to see what Ted creates next!

Elizabeth



Elizabeth has settled into Team Darwin brilliantly and has quickly become an enthusiastic and valued member of the class. She shows super readiness to learn and always approaches tasks with focus and energy. Elizabeth has an impressive knowledge of geography and asks thoughtful questions that show she is curious and eager to understand more about the world around her. Her positive attitude and engagement make her a real asset to the class. Well done, Elizabeth!

Y5



Jacob

A big special mention to Jacob for the amazing effort he has been putting into his handwriting. You have been working really hard to improve your cursive writing and to build up your stamina so you can write for longer periods of time. It has also been fantastic to see you beginning to edit your work independently, without needing reminders. This is helping to make your work more Year 6 ready, and it shows how determined and motivated you are. Keep practising, keep believing in yourself, and keep up the fantastic hard work — you should be very proud of yourself!



YR Thunberg	Zain and Ivy	Super vehicle inventions!
Y2 Attenborough	Oakleigh Kedar	Super writing of 'The Beast'. For being a maths magician
Y3 Gandhi	Eren Zohan	Excellent descriptive writing. For being a Writing Wizard!
Y3 Pankhurst	Brody, Albie and Neal Kody	First class writing on 'Pugs of the Frozen North'. For showing kindness to another child.
Y4 Mandela	Lenny Harry	Superb handwriting improvement. An impressive letter linked to Michael Rosen.
Y4 Franklin	Amelia, Daenerys and Harper	Super writing on Michael Rosen
Y5 Darwin	Dougie and Joseph Curtis	For a superb science model showing Earth's rotation in the solar system A super poem.
Y6 Yousafzai	Dempsey, Thomas, Betsy, Sanvi	Super prefix and suffix learning.

Weekly Maths Challenge

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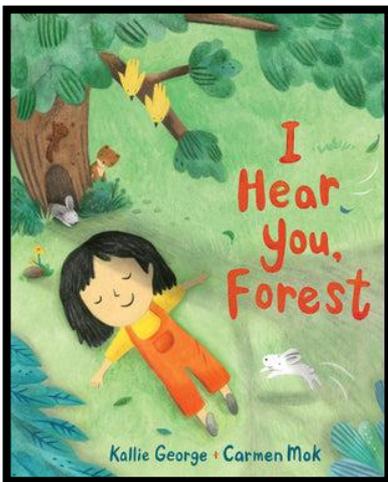
Rudyard Reading Recommendations

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 with more positive attitudes towards reading are more likely to read at or above the expected level for their age.” Clark 2014.

I hear you by Kallie George and Illustrated by Carmen Mok



This is a beautiful book that transports us into the serene and majestic world of the mountains. Through the eyes of a child, the story explores the quiet conversations we can have with nature when they take a moment to truly listen. A little girl with her family venture through a lush mountain landscape, listening carefully to the whispers of the natural world around them. From the rustle of the trees to the calls of birds, the story beautifully captures the magic of mindfulness, connecting with nature, and appreciating the small yet meaningful sounds that often go unnoticed.

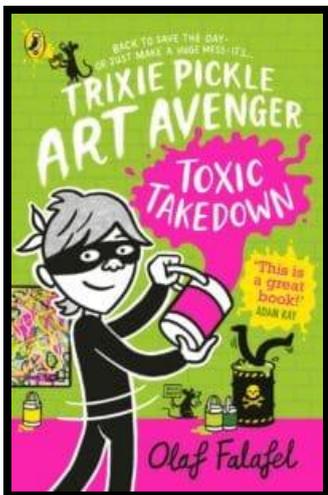
We love that this book and in fact the whole series, is a great way to introduce mindfulness to children. It also created space for conversations about the wonders of the natural world, encouraging outdoor activities and adventures. The gentle onomatopoeic sounds throughout create a sense of calm and are also a great way to explore language together.

The illustrations are so beautiful and bold. Each page is filled with rich, vibrant depictions of forests, mountains, and wildlife created with soft, warm tones.

We felt really immersed in the mountains and the wildlife.

The message of slowing down to appreciate the world around us is an important one for all ages and makes this a perfect addition to every bookshelf!

Trixie Pickle Art Avenger: Toxic Takedown by Olaf Falafel



Trixie Pickle is an arty ‘sort-of-superhero’ and this is her second adventure (the first being Trixie Pickle, Art Avenger). Trixie and her best friend, Beeks, have a lot going on in their lives. First, there is the latest edition of their comic, Blammo, to work on. Then there are the ‘mean girls’ to avoid or they will cause all sorts of trouble for Trixie and Beeks. There is also a new mystery illness doing the rounds; nicknamed ‘Wormwood fever’, it makes the patient very ill and can be briefly summed up by the words ‘it’s coming out both ends’. Could the mystery illness have anything to do with someone Trixie sees dumping toxic waste in the local reservoir? Who is it and can they be stopped? Trixie has a comic to finish, a mystery to solve and enemies to get revenge on . . . but all in an artistic way of course and with plenty of scope for mishap.

Full of fantastic, detailed fact files of the real artists who inspire Trixie and fully illustrated by the author, it was great to discover some artists I hadn’t been aware of before. This is a fast-paced, funny, fact-filled book which will appeal to art lovers, adventure lovers and humour lovers. It would also lend itself extremely well to a variety of art projects based on the artists featured.

Fab Fit Fridays

Gandhi

For our penultimate Fab Fit Fri of the year, we celebrated our Y3 class hero Mahatma Gandhi by learning about some cultural traditions in India through yoga- if you'd like to give it a try at home:

[Around the World Yoga for Kids | INDIA | Learn about Indian Culture with Yoga Poses | Yoga Guppy](#)



Pankhurst

For our final Hero celebration, we had fun learning about the wonderful Jamaican nurse, Mary Seacole. We paid homage to other Jamaican sporting heroes through athletics races and enjoyed parachute games to celebrate the strengths of Seacole! With huge thanks to the committed members of Fabulous Fitness Friday who come along every week full of enthusiasm- we'll be back again next Autumn and until then keep being FAB-U-LOUS!



RKPS Football Team

On Monday 2nd February, our year 5/6 football team played against St Paul's in a cup match. It was a very tight yet exciting affair with both teams racking up multiple shots but the deadlock was not to be broken in the first half as we headed into the break goalless. In the second half, it was more of the same - both goals took a peppering of shots but it was St Paul's who managed to sneak in a winner after Euan's sublime save was followed in by the instinctive St Paul's striker. Despite Rudyard's best efforts, they couldn't find an equaliser and the game ended 1-0 to our opponents. As expected, our children were a credit and represented the badge with pride, displaying our school values in abundance.

Well done to player of the match: Josph. Well done also to: Halle, Eli, Jacob, Dexter K, Dexter B, Rocco, Jaxon, Ole, Ruben, Euan and Oakley.

We look forward to upcoming games where more of our eager footballers will have a chance to showcase their talent!

Mr Nicholson and Mr Wynne





After School Club KS1 – Rosie in Thunberg for being so kind and caring.
 KS2 – Robin in Gandhi for being a great role model.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday (29th January) will be **Year Y6**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 10th February – Year 5 Seacole AM

Tuesday 10th February – Year 3 Pankhurst PM

Wednesday 11th February – Year 4 Mandela AM

Wednesday 11th February – Year 1 Obama PM

Thursday 12th February – Rockets AM



Car Park

Please can children not ride scooters or run between cars whilst waiting the car park for club collections. This is to prevent unintended damage to vehicles but mainly for the children's safety.

Friday Play Group

There will be no morning Playgroup next Friday February 13th. Playgroup will return on Friday February 27th so see you there!

PTFA Events

Smarties Challenge

- On Friday 13th February the children will all come home with a tube of Smarties and some instructions.
- The Smarties are our treat - But the tube they must keep!
- Over the Half Term week we would like them to do some really helpful jobs for you, and in return the tubes can be filled with coins.
- 1p, 5p, 20p or £1 coins all fit inside a tube.
- Filled tubes must then be returned to school by the 2nd November.
- The class with the most money raised will win a class prize!!!
- You can opt out or request an alternative treat for your child - please just message us directly.
- 👤 Please return your tubes with any change to class teachers by 24th February.

Non-uniform Day

💖💖 PTFA Non School Uniform Day 💖💖

💖 Friday 13th February

💖 If you'd like your child to take part please bring in a £1 cash donation on the day. Or you can transfer to the PTFA account -

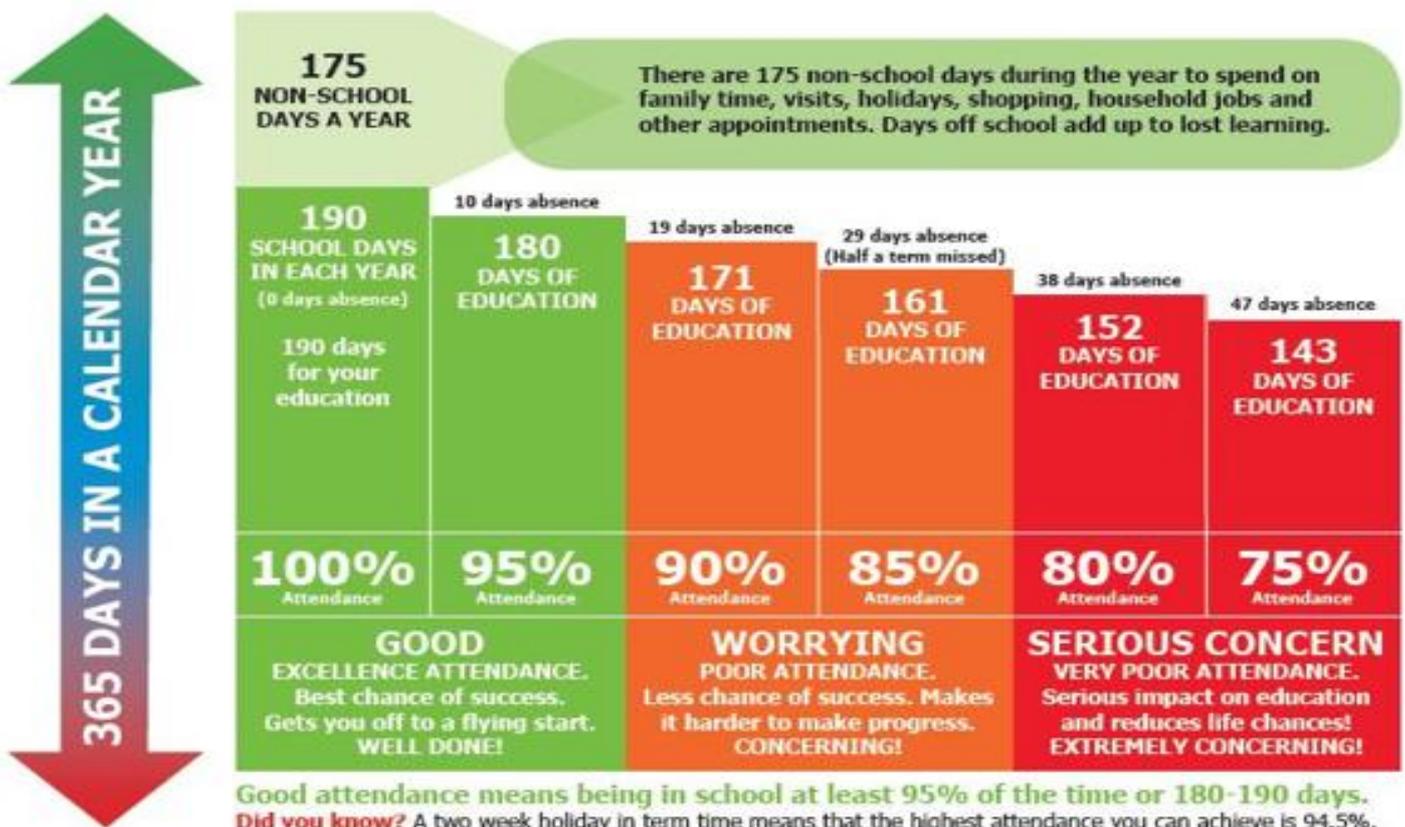
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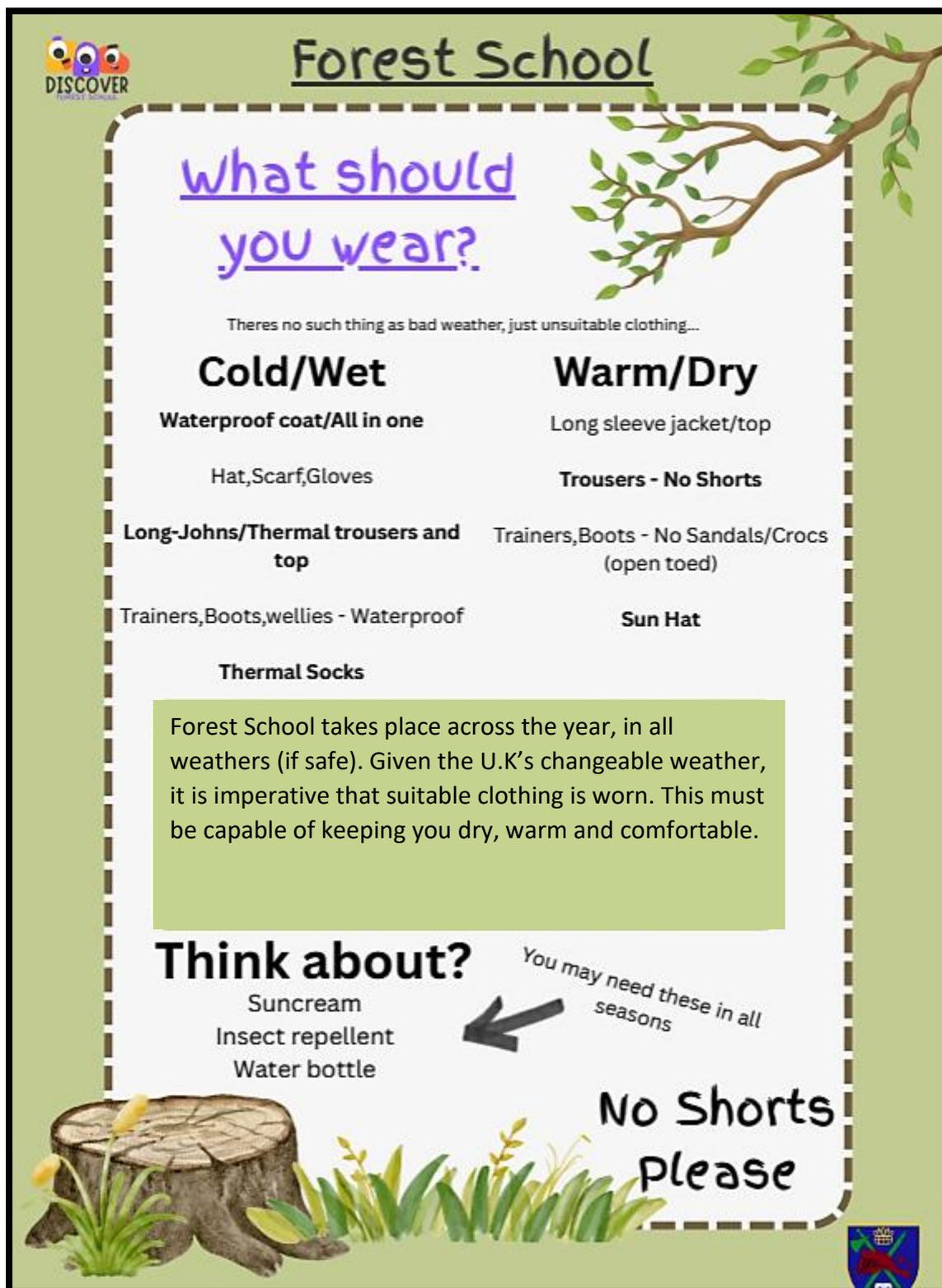
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💖 But it's a non school uniform day with a twist for valentines...

Attendance at RKPS - Every Day Matters



Forest School – What to Wear?



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FOREST SCHOOLS

Forest School

What should you wear?

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

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

Forest School takes place across the year, in all weathers (if safe). Given the U.K's changeable weather, it is imperative that suitable clothing is worn. This must be capable of keeping you dry, warm and comfortable.

Think about?

- Suncream
- Insect repellent
- Water bottle

You may need these in all seasons

No Shorts Please



And finally...

Dates for the Diary

February 26	
Tuesday 10 th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th	Reception Police Visit, World Number Day Dress Up, Y3 Junior Roedean Academy
Friday 13 th	PTFA Non-uniform Day, Y5 Trip to Chichester
Friday 13 th	LAST DAY OF HALF-TERM
Monday 23 rd	CHILDREN RETURN
March 26	
Wednesday 11 th	NSPCC workshops – all day
Tuesday 17 th	Parent Consultations Day 1
Wednesday 18 th	Parent Consultations Day 2
Tuesday 24 th	Rocksteady Concert 14:30
Wednesday 25 th	Y6 Residential Day 1
Thursday 26 th	Y6 Residential Day 2
Friday 27 th	Y6 Residential Day 3, LAST DAY OF TERM
April 26	
Monday 13 th	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Notice Board

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
JUNIOR BAKE OFF
Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

**Make a lavender bag
&
Show the Love**



Green crafting event for parents and children
on
14th February 10-12
at the Church of the Holy Cross
Woodingdean

Come and make a heart-shaped green lavender bag to show your love for the environment and learn new skills.

Each child will make a lavender bag to take away.

Each lavender bag will be decorated with a flower that has a button at its centre. Parents can have a hot drink and chat, or help their children if they need it.

£4 / child

Call Penny on 07749751334 to book your place