



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

The long-awaited sunshine has returned this week and yesterday we celebrated in grand style with another memorable RKPS World Book Day.

Many thanks to families for all their efforts in sending their children to school in feathered representations of the beautiful book: 'The Last Rainbow Bird' and for the myriad of other fantastic costumes which arrived at school.

Across the school, our children have been enjoying the text: 'The Last Rainbow Bird', undertaking a variety of activities including some superb, colourful artwork. If you would like to treat your child to a new book, this is a great choice-the illustrations are amazing and the message is relevant and powerful; that we need to look after our beautiful planet, maybe more so now than ever.

Many thanks to Miss Vaughan for her literary creativity, she always organises such exciting World Book Days.

Earlier this week, I took seven girls to a girls indoor cricket tourney at BACA. They had a super afternoon and qualified for the finals event after Easter. This means that the cricket season has officially started and I look forward to re-starting my Year 5 and 6 cricket club soon. This, as many of our clubs, is completely free of charge-we try and make as many of our clubs free-it ties in with the inclusive culture of our school.

One new free club that started on Monday is Mrs Brewer and Mr Campbell's Performing Arts club. The hall was packed with young performers as they work towards a very special performance of 'Matilda'-it's definitely going to be a showstopper!

Our Year 6 children are now proudly wearing their 'Leavers Hoodies' but thankfully, we still have this remarkable bunch of children for four months yet. And they have their residential trip to look forward to in a couple of weeks time too.

There's so much to look forward to now that Spring has arrived.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



Year 5 and 6 Girls Cricket Team



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Rosie



Rosie shows wonderful readiness for learning every single day. She always tries her hardest and comes to the carpet with her thinking thumb ready! Rosie is becoming a fantastic writer, constantly challenging herself and giving everything a go. All of her hard work is really showing in the spectacular writing she produces. Well done, Rosie. We are so proud of you!

Hattie



Hattie the hardworking superhero! You consistently show readiness for your learning, with heaps of enthusiasm every day! You are always ready to give everything your absolute best. Your fantastic focus and brilliant attitude make you a true classroom hero! Not only this, your respect for others and your pride in everything you do is admirable. Hattie you are a shining star and a wonderful role model, keep being your happy, hardworking self – we are so proud of you!

Ernie



Ernie has been flying through the Spring term, showing great reflectiveness and a true Rudyard Role Model attitude. He takes time to think carefully about his learning and understands that mistakes are an important part of learning. Ernie takes pride in his work and shows real maturity by listening to feedback and using it to grow. This helps him develop as a learner every day, and it is a wonderful quality to see. Well done, Ernie - we are very proud of the effort, reflection, and positivity you bring to your learning.

Harry



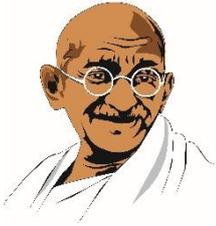
Harry – you are such a hero with your remembering! This has made an incredible difference to your handwriting and composing as a writer, too. Like Messi, you are aiming for that goal and scoring again and again! Keep shooting for those stars!

Drazon



Drazon is a fantastic example of readiness in Parks class. He arrives each day ready to learn, settles quickly and works hard in every lesson. Drazon is always keen to share his thoughts, and he often brings such interesting ideas to our discussions. Whether it's Maths, Science, Geography or History, it's clear he loves reading and learning new things, which makes his curious mind shine. Drazon is always wonderfully considerate and helps create a calm and purposeful classroom where everyone can learn. Drazon, thank you for being such an inspiration to Parks class!

Eddie



I have been delighted with Eddie's approach to school life. He always puts in his best effort, leading to some wonderful work. Eddie has flair and originality in his writing that makes his work a joy to read. Eddie has been trying his best to improve his presentation and give his awesome work the platform it deserves. Furthermore, Eddie embodies all our school values in particular kindness that radiates from him. We are so lucky to have him in Gandhi class. Well done Eddie.

Khaliyl



Khaliyl has shown a fantastic attitude, and he has been putting in great effort during lessons. Khaliyl demonstrated excellent understanding in Science when we were learning about forces, especially pushes and pulls. He shared thoughtful ideas during discussions and was able to explain how different forces make objects move. Well done Khaliyl!

Chiara



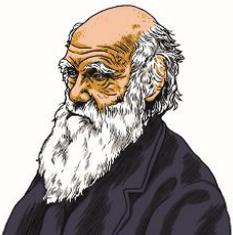
Like a rocket surging into space, Chiara's learning has really taken off as of late. She has worked tirelessly to ensure she is sounding out words carefully, creating meaningful sentences with clever adjective and verb choices. It has been so delightful to see her smile light up the room as she feels increasingly capable day by day! Keep up the superb effort and positivity, Chiara!

Hartwell



When Hartwell joined Franklin class at the beginning of the year, we were all delighted to meet such a kind, empathetic and reflective person. Each day, Hartwell's positivity lifts us up. His inquisitive nature spurs interesting conversation, his belief in fairness makes him a fantastic friend and his industrious attitude results in the most amazing work. Well done Hartwell. Keep up the sunny smile and hard-work!

Curtis



Curtis has really impressed all adults in Team Darwin recently. He has returned from half term with a can do and flexible attitude – a key pair of skills for being a super learner! Curtis has been pro-active about asking an adult for help, therefore really taking ownership of himself as a learner and his confidence has grown as a result. Keep up the hard work Curtis, you are a fantastic member of our class and we love being greeted by your enthusiastic and happy energy every day!

Nate



A special mention for the resourcefulness of Nate. Not only did he complete his own rocket experiment over half term, but he also created a space timeline and this fantastic planet replica! This extra effort has really helped to deepen his understanding of our space topic and has greatly supported his learning. He is a shining example of hard work, curiosity, and dedication



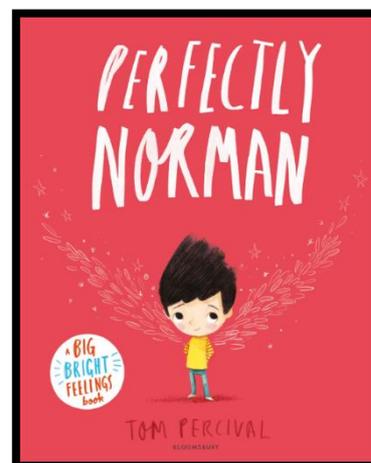
Y1 Kahlo	Saad Arlo and Emma Hattie Millie-Rose Lacey Amber-May, Eliza and Hannah	Super science learning. For being Writing Wizards! Super writing about penguins! Amazing writing about robins! Fantastic writing about toucans! Wonderful poems
Y1 Obama	Klara and Isaac	Amazing World Book Day costumes: a Flamingo and James from the peach from James and the Giant Peach!
Y2 Attenborough	Moses	For being a Handwriting Hero and for majestic writing about 'The Last Rainbow Bird'.
Y3 Gandhi	Albie Rudi	For working hard across all subject areas. Fantastic writing about a special bird!
Y3 Pankhurst	Stanley Cooper Reuben	Excellent coding in computing and helping other children too. Super creative writing linked to 'The Last Rainbow Bird' Impressive creative writing.
Y4 Mandela	Amina Harrison Freddie	Superb maths work An excellent piece of writing Very descriptive, impressive, independent writing.
Y5 Darwin	Isaac, Joseph and Lana	First class poems based on 'The Last Rainbow Bird'
Y5 Seacole	Jacob and Daisy	Wonderful poems based on 'The Last Rainbow Bird'
Y6 Yousafzai	Archie	Secondary school ready writing.

EQUALITIES

This week we enjoyed sharing the story **Perfectly Norman**.

The children met Norman, who discovers he has beautiful wings but worries about being different. Through our discussions, we talked about how everyone has something unique about them and how being different is something to celebrate, not hide.

We reflected on what makes each of us special and reminded ourselves that our classroom is at its best when everyone feels counted, connected and proud to be themselves.



Rudyard Reading Recommendations

World Book Day Special

We're so excited to share the World Book Day 2026 £1/€1.50 books with you. From laugh-out-loud tales to magical mysteries, there's something here for everyone.



Beginning

Peppa Pig: One Big Family
Published by Penguin Random House UK



Beginning

Un I Ti ac Un I Fi
Written By Aneirin Karadog
Illustrated by Matt Abbott
Published by Gwasg Rily Publications

📍 Wales only



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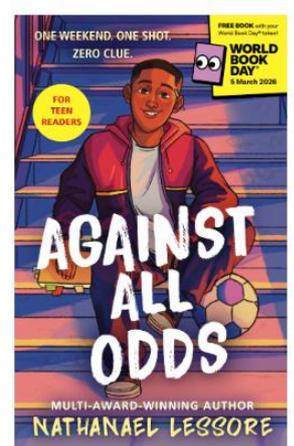
The Big Bang
Written By Rose Ayling-Ellis, in collaboration with Katie Blackburn
Illustrated by Paddy Donnelly
Published by DK



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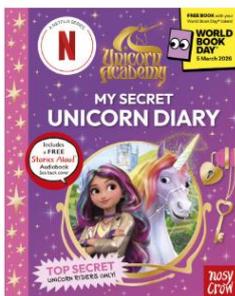
Rita agus an tEachtrán
Written By Máire Zepf
Illustrated by Andrew Whitson
Published by An tSnáthaid Mhór

📍 Ireland only



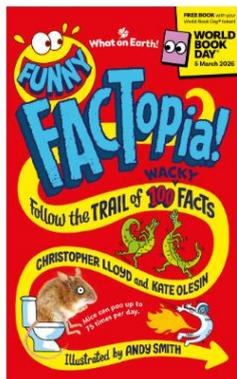
Independent

Against All Odds
Written By Nathanael Lessoré
Published by Hot Key Books



Early

Unicorn Academy: My Secret Unicorn Diary
Published by Nosy Crow



Early

Funny FACTopia!
By Christopher Lloyd & Kate Olesin
Illustrated by Andy Smith
Published by What on Earth!



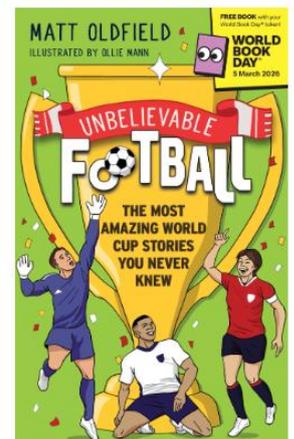
Early

Pablo and Splash: The Castle Quest
By Sheena Dempsey
Published by Bloomsbury



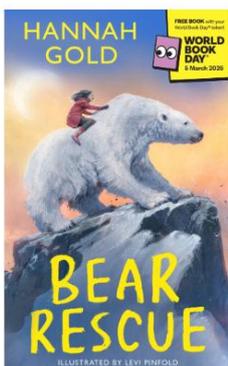
Early

Pia's Pet Club: Iguana Escape
Written By Serena Patel
Illustrated by Emma McCann
Published by Usborne Publishing



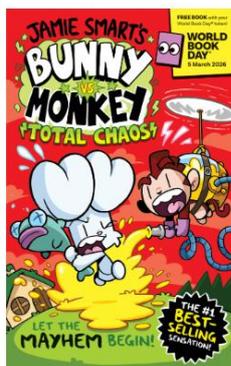
Fluent

Unbelievable Football: The Most Amazing World Cup Stories You Never Knew
Written By Matt Oldfield
Illustrated by Ollie Mann
Published by Hachette Children's Group



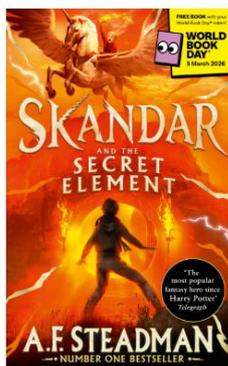
Fluent

Bear Rescue
Written By Hannah Gold
Illustrated by Levi Pinfold
Published by HarperCollins Children's Books



Fluent

Bunny vs Monkey: Total Chaos!
By Jamie Smart
Published by The Phoenix Comic Books (an imprint of David Fickling Books).



Fluent

Skandar and the Secret Element
Written By A.F. Steadman
Published by Simon & Schuster



Fluent

Chaos at the Chocolate Factory
Written By Sibéal Pounder
Illustrated by Emily Jones
Published by Puffin



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year Y2**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 10th March – Year 3 Gandhi AM

Tuesday 10th March – Year 1 Kahlo PM

Wednesday 11th March – Year 5 Seacole AM

Wednesday 11th March – Year 5 Darwin PM

Thursday 12th March – Y4 Mandela AM



UPDATED: Parents Evening Dates

Monday 16th March: Franklin, Pankhurst and Obama

Wednesday 18th March: Thunberg, Obama, Kahlo, Attenborough, Parks, Gandhi, Mandela, Franklin, Darwin, Seacole and Yousafzai

Thursday 19th March: Thunberg, Kahlo, Attenborough, Parks, Gandhi, Pankhurst, Mandela, Darwin, Seacole and Yousafzai

PTFA EVENTS

Eid Celebration

- 🌍 One World – Celebrating Our Diversity Together 🌍
- 🌙 Eid Al-Fitr Mubarak Celebration 🌙
- 📅 Friday, 20 March
- 🕒 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- 📍 Outdoor Playground / Tea Hut

The PTFA warmly invites our school community to celebrate Eid Al-Fitr together as part of our One World celebration, recognising and appreciating the cultures and traditions within our community. After the month of Ramadan, when Muslims fast from dawn to sunset to practise patience, gratitude and kindness, Eid Al-Fitr is celebrated as a joyful time to give thanks, share happiness and come together as a community.

🌟 Activities include:

- 📄 Eid Mubarak card making
- 🏮 Lantern colouring and crafts
- 🎨 Face painting
- 🎵 Music and movement

Join us for a fun and inclusive celebration where children can learn, create and celebrate together.

🌟 Eid Mubarak to all our families!

Egg Eggshibition

🥚 Egg Eggshibition ❤️

Roll up, Roll up!

Join us in celebrating the change in season and the start of all things blooming!

We would like to offer all children from each class the opportunity to decorate their very own egg. Which will be celebrated and shown as "egghibit" in the school. Be as crafty, arty, imaginative as you like. Let's have fun filling the school with eggtraordinary creations. You could create a pop star, film star, sports person alien or teacher. Be as creative as you like, paint glitter, material, clay. Eggsplore your wild creature side.

Prizes up for grabs, so get cracking and share the yolk!

All eggs will have to blown before display or decoration. Instructions can be found online or with the poster displaying the event.

The eggtravaganza will be from the 23/3/2026-26/03/2026 Monday till Thursday morning only.

Each year group will have a winner selected by the eggcellent Mr Hannington.

Can all entries be clearly named with child, year group and class.

All entries will be displayed in the lobby.

Good luck and get cracking! 🥚



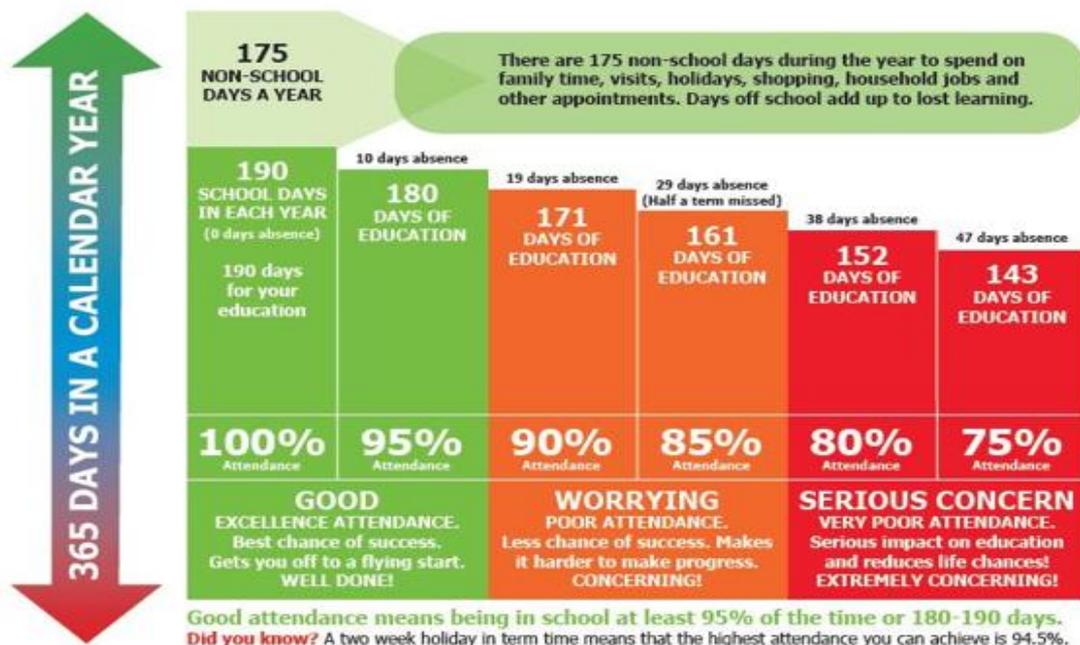
Save the Date: 12th April - PTFA Ground Day

We'll be holding our annual **PTFA Grounds Day** on **Sunday 12th April**, from **10:00am to 2:00pm**. If you'd like to volunteer and help give our grounds a refresh - whether that's gardening, planting or even some fence painting - the PTFA and the school would love to have your support.

A sign-up form will be sent out soon for anyone wishing to take part. Children and other family members are very welcome to join in!



Attendance at RKPS - Every Day Matters



And finally...

Dates for the Diary

March 26	
Tuesday 10 th	Y4 Mandela trip to LA Choza
Wednesday 11 th	NSPCC workshops – all day, Y4 Franklin trip to LA Choza
Thursday 12 th	Rainbow Theatre visiting Reception
Monday 16 th	Franklin, Pankhurst and Obama Parents Evening
Tuesday 17 th	Let's Dance at The Dome
Wednesday 18 th	Thunberg, Obama, Kahlo, Attenborough, Parks, Gandhi, Mandela, Franklin, Darwin, Seacole and Yousafzai Parents Evenings
Friday 20 th	PTFA Eid Celebration (tea hut at 15:00)
Thursday 19 th	Thunberg, Kahlo, Attenborough, Parks, Gandhi, Pankhurst, Mandela, Darwin, Seacole and Yousafzai Parents Evening
Tuesday 24 th	Rocksteady Concert 14:30, Y3 trip to Brighton Museum
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	
Tuesday 12 th	PTFA Grounds Day (10:00-14:00)
Monday 13 th	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 16 th	Reception 2026 Offer Day
Tuesday 28 th	Y1 Trip to Sea Life Centre

