



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

It's been lovely to have the children back for a super first week of the summer term.

Yesterday was 'National Offer Day' when families discover which primary school their child will be going to. Once again we are significantly oversubscribed for our Reception classes. We can't wait to meet the new little characters and personalities who will be joining our school in September.

Last Sunday saw another fun PTFA Grounds Day. Planters were painted, tables and barriers were jet washed, flowers were planted and further additions were made to our Forest School. This includes a very special new feature: our climbing wall. A special thanks to Cara and Lenny's dad, Jason, who shares his engineering skills to help Mr Wescott create an incredibly exciting Forest School setting-we are so lucky to have Jason's help. Many thanks to Iris's mum, Anik, and Mr Stanley for organising the day and thank you to everyone who came along.

Talking of forests, in this morning's assembly, the winners of our PTFA 'David Attenborough will be 100!' art competition were announced. The two overall winners were Lola in Year 2 and Macy in Year 3. Both these talented artists received a special hardback book entitled: 'The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions'. Well done to everyone who entered: we will all celebrate David Attenborough's 100th birthday on Friday May 8th!

Unfortunately, there have been a number of complaints from neighbours about some parents and carers continuing to park illegally on Downs Valley Road and on Chalkland Rise. We are proudly a community school so I ask that families do not park across driveways and park with consideration to our neighbours in our special Woodingdean community. Many thanks to the vast majority of families who always park their cars legally and, even more so, to those who leave their cars at home.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



WINNERS!

PTFA David Attenborough Art Competition



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness



Y2 Attenborough	Harli Moses Ruby and Bobbi	Super handwriting and an impressive use of adjectives. Fractions expert! Amazing independent writing!
Y3 Pankhurst	Hope	An exceptional Ancient Egyptian sarcophagus art work.
Y4 Franklin	Tiffany and Carter	Handwriting Heroics!
Y5 Darwin	Lana, Dexter and Eddie	Impressive data collection work
Y5 Seacole	Oakley Eli	Excellent data collection work For showing maturity and Y6 readiness

Weekly Maths Challenge

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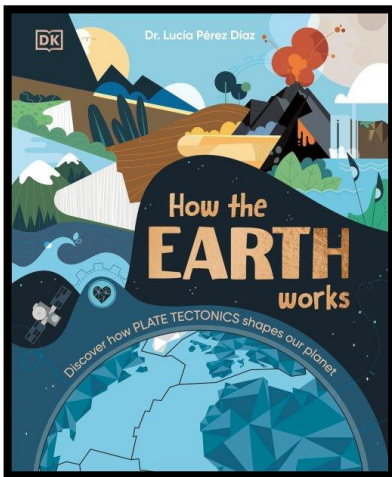
Weekly Reading Recommendations

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.

Earth-themed books to help celebrate World Earth Day on Wednesday 22 April 2026.

How the Earth Works: Discover How Plate Tectonics Shapes Our Planet by Lucia Dr Perez Diaz



See below the surface of Earth and discover the secrets that lie beneath our feet in this fascinating book about Earth.

Author Dr. Lucía Pérez-Díaz offers budding young Earth scientists aged 7-9 everything they need to decode the puzzle that is planet Earth

On a journey like no other, children will learn what our planet was once like, how and why it has changed, and what the future may hold. They will adventure through earthquakes and over towering mountains to learn about our landscapes and unlock clues to Earth's long history.

This Earth science book for children offers:

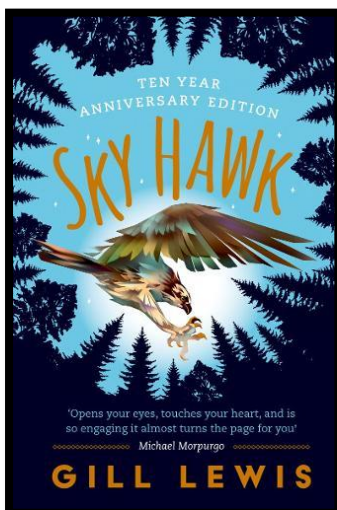
A unique adventure through Earth for kids, covering the past, present and future of our planet's geography.

An in-depth look at the trending topics of Earth and the environment in relation to rising global temperatures.

Material that supports the national curriculum, including plate tectonics and how human actions and the climate affect this.

How the Earth Works digs into all that happens beneath our feet in an accessible and lively manner. The pages of this book are charged with Dr. Lucía Pérez-Díaz's passion and expertise, as she helps us to explore the inner workings of our planet. Filled with dynamic illustrations, this geology book takes on plate tectonics in a digestible and adventurous way that you don't want to miss!

Sky Hawk by Gill Lewis



When Callum and his friends find Iona on Callum's farm they try to chase her back into the village. But Iona runs from them up into the hills. It is late and dark and snow lies in the mountain gullies. Worried for Iona's safety, Callum follows to find her shivering with cold but refusing to leave. She is guarding a secret hidden in the forest above the dark waters of the loch. So they make a deal. Iona shares the secret and in return Callum allows her back onto the farm.

They form a deep bond of friendship and make a promise to keep their secret safe. It is a promise that will change Callum's world forever . . .

Soar above the clouds in this enthralling tale of friendship, loyalty, and hope.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year 3 (23rd April)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 21st April – Year 5 Seacole AM

Tuesday 21st April – Year 1 Obama PM

Wednesday 22nd April – Year 4 Franklin AM

Wednesday 22nd April – Year 4 Mandela PM

Thursday 23rd April – Year 2 Parks AM



RKPS Park Run Takeover

On Sunday 26th April, Rudyard will be hosting a Parkrun takeover! However, there is no expectation for anyone to run at all.

If you want to come along, volunteer, help, support, cheer on or marshal, then please read on...

The event requires volunteers to ensure it is able to take place. If this is something you would be able to help with, then please email: prestonparkjuniors@parkrun.com to confirm that you will volunteer on the day and **also email me back** so I know how many people we have attending.

You must register beforehand and can do so here, free of charge www.parkrun.org.uk/register/ or scan the QR code.



Here are details of the event:

- Address: Preston Park, London Road, Brighton, BN1 6HN
- Arrival time: 8:40am
- Meeting point: Chalet Café (in the middle of Preston Park) Mr Wynne will meet you there next to two Rudyard flags!
- If you are interested in volunteering, please email the event team on prestonparkjuniors@parkrun.com It is great fun and a lovely way to meet new people

Mr Wynne

Pelican Parcel Event at Churchill Square



The poster features a photograph of Churchill Square with a large blue banner at the top that reads "PELICAN PARCELS COMES TO CHURCHILL SQUARE". An orange circular graphic on the right side of the photo contains the text "Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th April, 10am - 5pm". Below the photo, the text "YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US" is written in large blue letters. The main body of text is enclosed in a yellow border and contains the following information:

Pelican Parcels is coming to Churchill Square and we would love you to join us.

This will be a temporary space for people to find out about the work we do and meet the Pelican Parcels team. Come along to donate, browse, and help us make a real difference to local children.

At our Pop-Up, you can make any donation and take home an item of your choice! You can bring donations of clothing for children between 0 to 16 or make a financial donation to support our projects.

We can't wait to see you there!

 **Thursday 16th April to Sunday 19th April**
 **From 10am to 5pm**
 **At Churchill Square, between Mango and Schuh**

Dressing up Clothes

Our KS2 children are absolutely loving dressing up at lunchtime — the more creative, the better! 🎭

To keep the fun going, we'd really appreciate any donations of dress-up clothes. The bigger, fluffier, and sparklier, the better! 👗 👤 👑

If you have any costumes, accessories, or outfits at home that are no longer needed, we'd love to give them a new life in our play area.

Thank you for your continued support in making playtimes magical!

Ordering Uniform

👕 🛒 School Uniform Reminder 🛒 👕

If you need to order school uniform, please use the link below to order directly from our supplier:

<https://workkit.co.uk/collections/rudyard-kipling-primary-school>

🔑 **Password:** RudyardKipling25

Please make sure you check the sizing chart carefully before placing your order.

We only have a limited number of items available in school. If you need any support, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters

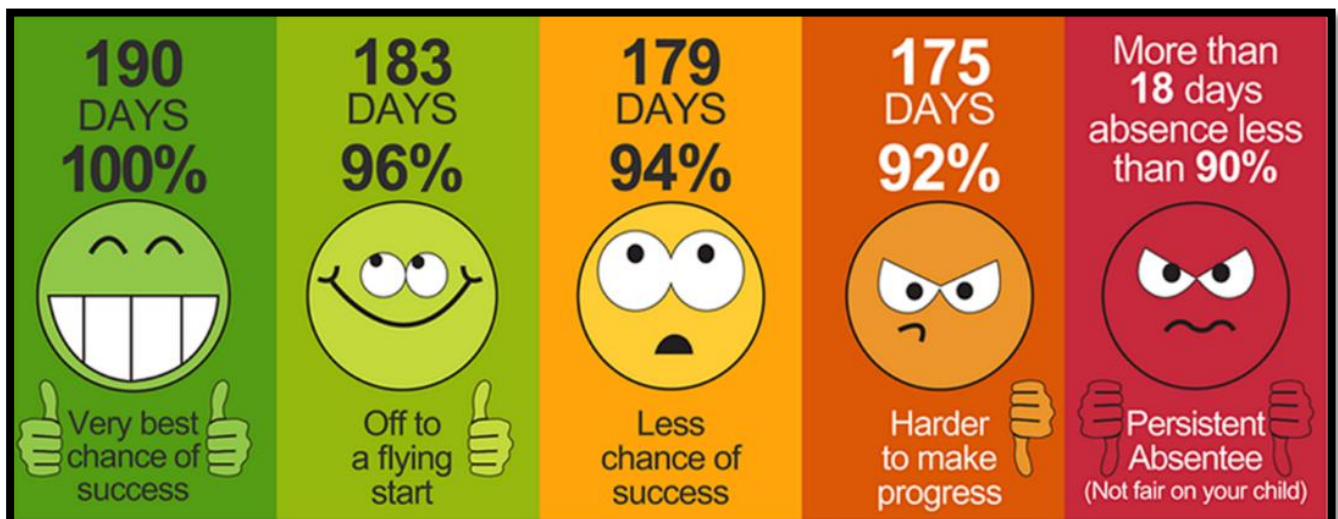
While it is expected that children will pick up illnesses from time to time, we have noticed that some children are missing school for low-level symptoms such as headaches, colds, tiredness, and mild tummy aches. Our expectation is that children should still attend school when experiencing these minor illnesses.

Reporting absences. we have to record a reason for every absence from school so it is important that we have contact from an adult on each day of absence. If your child is too unwell to come to school please telephone the school office on 01273 303328 before 9.00am to let us know the reason,


Medical/ Dental Appointments Please try to avoid making appointments during school time where possible. Parents/carers must let the school office know in advance of any planned appointments during school time and must provide a copy of a letter / card or a text message confirming the appointment. If this is not provided school will be unable to authorise these appointments.

Lateness The school day starts promptly at 8.45am, so you need to ensure that your child is on the school premises before that time. Late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for your child. We take the view there are no late children, only late parents. Arrival after the close of registration will be marked as unauthorised absence in line with the Department of Education guidance. Persistent lateness can also incur a fixed penalty fine from the Local Authority. Any children arriving after 8.45am must be accompanied to the school office by the parent /carer, where they will be asked to sign them in. Lateness is monitored regularly. Where children have persistent lateness problems, we will inform parents/carers of school concerns by letter, or invite the parents into the school for a meeting.

The Attendance Team



Spring/Summer Menu

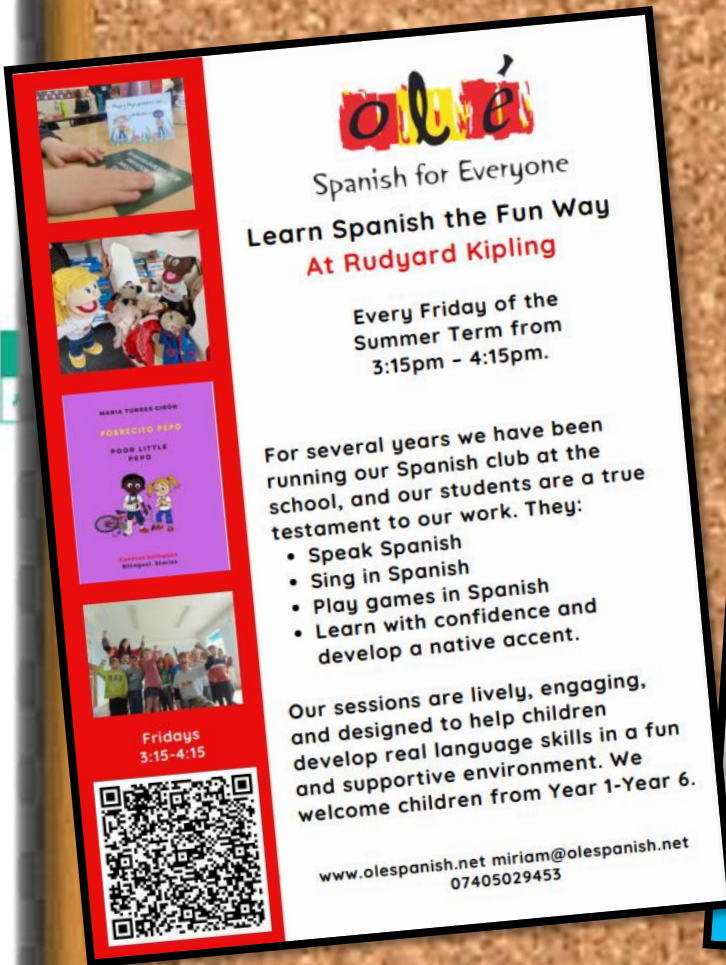
Freshly Baked Bread, Salad, Yoghurt and Fruit available daily.		Brighton & Hove Spring/Summer 2026				caterlink feeding the imagination	(V) Vegan Wholemeal
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE	Option 1	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza 🌱	Pork Sausage Roll with Homemade Paprika Wedges	Marinated Roast Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Wholewheat Penne Pasta Beef Bolognese 🌱	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce	
	13.4 4.5 1.6 22.6 13.7 7.9 28.9 19.10	Option 2	Vegan Chili with 50:50 Rice	BBQ Vegan Sausage Pasta 🌱	Lentil Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V)	Cheesy Baked Bean Puff or Vegan Baked Bean Puff with Homemade Jacket Wedges	Falafel with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce (V)
	Jacket Potato	Baked Beans (V)	Cheese	Baked Beans (V)	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	
	Vegetables	Carrots & Peas	Rainbow Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Roasted Summer Vegetables & Carrots	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Peas & Baked Beans	
	Dessert	Chocolate Shortbread (V) 🌱	Pear & Raisin Cake with Custard or Golden Cookie(V) 🌱	Jelly with Ice Cream or Vegan Custard	Golden Cookie (V) 🌱	Vanilla Shortbread with Fruity Friday (V) 🌱	
	WEEK TWO	Option 1	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Sticky Chicken Noodles	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza 🌱	Breaded Fish with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce
20.4 11.5 8.6 29.6 20.7 14.9 5.10	Option 2	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry With 50:50 Rice(V) 🌱	Vegan Quorn Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy (V)	Roast Quorn (V) with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Wholemeal Pasta with a Vegetable Tomato Sauce (V) 🌱	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce (V)	
Jacket Potato	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Baked Beans (V) & Cheese	Baked Beans (V)	Cheese		
Vegetables	Sliced Carrots & Peas	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Cauliflower & Peas	Sweetcorn & Grated Carrot	Peas & Baked Beans		
Dessert	Apple & Raisin Flapjack (V) 🌱	Gingerbread Cookie(V) 🌱	Jelly with Mandarins (V)	Vanilla Sponge with Chocolate Custard or a Golden Cookie (V) 🌱	Oaty Cookie with Fruity Friday (V) 🌱		
WEEK THREE	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken & Bean Enchilada Bake with Jollof Rice 🌱	Roast Chicken Breast & Stuffing with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Farm Assured Beef Burger with Seasoned Potatoes	MSC Fishfingers or MSC Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce	
27.4 18.5 15.6 6.7 31.8 21.9 12.10	Option 2	5 Bean Chili with 50:50 Rice (V) 🌱	Vegan Mince Bolognese (V)	Mediterranean Gratin with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V)	Vegan Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Wholemeal Pasta (V) 🌱	Spinach & Cheese Whirl or Vegan Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Chips & Homemade Tomato Sauce	
Jacket Potato	Baked Beans (V)	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Baked Beans (V) & Cheese	Cheese		
Vegetables	Carrots & Peas	Coleslaw & Sweetcorn	Carrots & Cabbage	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Peas & Baked Beans		
Dessert	Chocolate & Banana Oaty Square (V) 🌱	Summer Lemon Cake or Oaty Cookie(V) 🌱	Peaches(V) with Ice Cream or Vegan Custard (V)	Cornflake Tart with Custard or Jam Tart with Vegan Custard (V) 🌱	Fruity Shortbread with Fruity Friday (V) 🌱		
	Packed Lunch	Hot Vegan Sausage Baguette	Ham & Cheese Baguette	Roast Meat Baguette	Cheese & Cucumber Wholemeal Sandwich 🌱	Hot Pork Sausage Baguette	

And finally...

Dates for the Diary

April 26	
Wednesday 22 nd	Y3 South Downs Art Trip
Sunday 26 th	RKPS Park Run Takeover
Tuesday 28 th	Y1 Trip to Sea Life Centre
Wednesday 29 th	Reception Local Walk
May 26	
Saturday 2 nd	Children's Parade
Tuesday 19 th	Y4 Franklin Farm School
Thursday 21 st	PTFA Art Open House Event
Friday 22 nd	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM

Notice Board



Spanish for Everyone
Learn Spanish the Fun Way
At Rudyard Kipling


Every Friday of the Summer Term from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.

For several years we have been running our Spanish club at the school, and our students are a true testament to our work. They:

- Speak Spanish
- Sing in Spanish
- Play games in Spanish
- Learn with confidence and develop a native accent.

Our sessions are lively, engaging, and designed to help children develop real language skills in a fun and supportive environment. We welcome children from Year 1-Year 6.

Fridays 3:15-4:15



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Swimming Lessons

AquaSwim provides high-quality swimming lessons for children aged 3+ and adults in Brighton and Hove.

With experienced instructors and a safe, supportive, and fun environment, we help every swimmer – from complete beginners to confident swimmers – reach their full potential.

Lessons we offer:

- Child Group Lessons (3+) – Fun, engaging sessions that build confidence and essential swimming skills.
- Adult Group Lessons – It's never too late to learn, improve technique, or build confidence in the water.
- 1:1 and 2:1 Sessions for adults and children – Personalised coaching tailored to individual goals and learning pace.
- Intro To Synchro: Try our Intro to Synchro class and discover the fun, fitness, and creativity of the sport.

Why us:

- ✓ Free parking at all venues
- ✓ Free taster session for all
- ✓ Small class sizes for focused, individual support
- ✓ SEN-friendly, inclusive teaching approach
- ✓ Fully insured and safeguarding compliant

www.aquaswim-brighton.co.uk

Brighton Festival Young Readers – Some Events Taking place in May.

Michael Rosen & MC Grammar: Ridiculous Raps & Rhymes

Sun 3 May
 Brighton Dome Concert Hall
 Tickets £10

[QUICK BOOK](#) [FIND OUT MORE](#)

Limited availability

Liz Pichon

Author of the Tom Gates series & The Mubbles
 Sun 10 May
 Brighton Dome Concert Hall
 Tickets £10

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Visited Rudyard recently!

Good availability

Kate Pankhurst: Fantastically Great Women

Sun 17 May
 Brighton Dome Studio Theatre
 Tickets £10

[QUICK BOOK](#) [FIND OUT MORE](#)

Some availability

Happy Hills: Create a Comic Character with Sophy Henn Workshop

Sat 16 May
 Brighton Dome Studio Theatre
 Tickets £10

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Author of Super Duper You!

Some availability

Link for All Young Readers Events below:
https://brightonfestival.org/whats-on/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23629528933&gclid=CjwKCAjwhe3OBhABEiwA6392zFza5OC_7fk1ep8cGHOIt1QnvjDFPGalBQVQC7eFub_Xc2ksXV4-hoCnTtMQAvD_BwE#search=Young%20Readers&calendar=false,false&top_filter=all&page=1&view=list