



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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## Headteacher Reports:

Last Saturday's Children's Parade was an absolute blast: many thanks to the very many parents, carers, children and staff who made it along: it was a brilliant turnout from our whole school community.

Our enchanting Snow Dragon was very cleverly controlled, and interacted with the crowds watching the parade bringing a sea of smiles. Many thanks to Matilda and Eddie's Dad for his key role in creating this magic. The school samba band sounded amazing too: special thanks go to Mrs Hollingworth and Mrs Brewer for the extraordinary amount of work they put in prior to Saturday and on the day to make the morning such a success.

Alongside it being VE Day today, it is also David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are marking this with a number of fun events after school, courtesy of our forever creative PTFA. We will be re-opening our Year 1 and 2 Learning Garden as the 'David Attenborough Learning Garden' in the great man's honour. Mrs Brewer has even written an Attenborough song which the children will sing.

There is also going to be an Attenborough themed cake sale. I've already had a scan of all the cakes-there must be well over 100-and I'm trying very hard to not to eat a cup cake or two-it's difficult to refrain! There are some incredible designs, photos will follow on our school Instagram page.

Next week will see our Year 6 pupils take their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them-they are the best bunch of children you could ever meet. We all wish them well. Mr Jones has sent through a good luck video from Thailand which his old class will be watching this afternoon, he will be with them in spirit! Miss Vaughan and Miss Davies couldn't be prouder of the children.

I hope to see many of you after school for the PTFA Attenborough party but if I don't...

Have a wonderful weekend

*Euan Harington*

Headteacher



Children's Parade 2026



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## James

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James is showing fantastic resilience at the moment. He has worked really hard on improving his name writing and this determination can be seen in the way he is now challenging himself to write words and even sentences. James is working hard to use all the tools he has learnt to make good choices and try his best every day. He is making fabulous progress and we are so proud of how hard he is trying.

## Isaac



Incredible Isaac – what a remembering role model you are! You take everything on board, applying all you have learnt brilliantly. You have wowed us all with your beautiful handwriting and joining – it looks more like year 2 writing to me! Keep shooting for those stars, incredible Isaac – your brilliant attitude and excellent remembering make you a truly super learner!

Y1



## Roman

Roman is such a joy to have in the classroom, and it has been wonderful to watch his love for learning grow. He brings so much happiness and laughter to our class and always manages to make those around him smile! One of our favourite things about Roman is his incredible artwork – Roman truly is an artist in the making! Keep being the fabulous person you are Roman, we cannot wait to see you and your talents grow!

## Alice



Awesome Alice – you have been working so hard with your Readiness and, when you are very ready, you are incredible! It is wonderful how you get yourself ‘supercharged’ and ready for the learning ahead. As Kwazii from the Octonauts would say, "Shiver me whiskers! Sound the Octo-Alert!", because Alice is ready and there’s no stopping her!

Y2

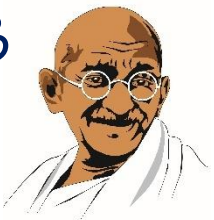


## Cara

Cara, our forest school and tree climbing expert, has shown fantastic reflectiveness and maturity in the way she is beginning to manage her own learning. Cara is making brilliant choices to help herself succeed, including independently using strategies to self-regulate and refocus. She always tries hard to make positive choices and regularly practises her learning at home too – her times tables are coming along fantastically! We love having Cara in our class and we are all so proud of the resilience and independence she is building each day. Well done Cara – you are a star!

## Laith

Y3



Laith has been a star this week! I have been impressed by his superb remembering skills. In maths he always remembers to use the correct techniques we have learnt. Laith has also absorbed new spellings and has remembered his punctuation. However, above all he has never forgets to show kindness to everyone around him. He is a joy to have in the class and Gandhi are lucky to have him. Well done!

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## Sophia

Sophia has had a fantastic week, consistently showing excellent readiness to learn across all areas of the curriculum. She has approached every lesson with enthusiasm, focus and a positive attitude. During English, Sophia wrote a lovely poem, using thoughtful vocabulary and creative ideas to engage the reader. She should be proud of the effort and determination she has shown this week! Well done Sophia!

## Amina



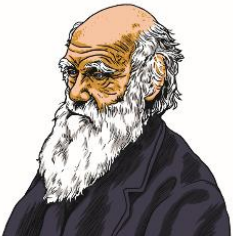
Mr Wynne would be incredibly surprised if Rudyard has ever been graced by anyone more ready than Amina! Before every lesson, she prepares the resources she needs, not only for herself, but for others too! She gets going on tasks instantly, leaving others in her dust! It has been a joy to witness her blossoming confidence. Amina is desperate to answer questions and share her ideas. The sky is the limit for Amina. We couldn't be any prouder!

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## Tiger

Terrific Tiger! Recently, Tiger has been working brilliantly with talk partners, participating in lessons, asking original questions and showing incredible resilience when the going gets tough. Tiger is a tryer, a learner, a friend, a mathematician, a writer, a reader and a shining star in Franklin class. We feel lucky to grow alongside him!



## Lana

Lana has shown superb resilience and readiness recently that has really impressed all in Team Darwin. Lana has produced some super English work based on our book 'The Adventures of Odysseus' and has been pushing herself in Maths. She has mastered co-ordinates as a result! You are a superstar Lana, keep it up!

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## Jaxon

Jaxon deserves this special mention for his remembering! He truly has the memory of an elephant and never forgets a fact, bringing life and excitement into every lesson. Jaxon has grown so much this year, and this progress is evident every day through his perseverance and determination.

## Max



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Max has shown outstanding resilience in his learning, consistently pushing himself to improve and never giving up. Over the past few weeks, he has worked incredibly hard in preparation for his SATs, demonstrating real determination and focus. Max always rises to the occasion and gives his very best in everything he does. What a fantastic attitude, he should be very proud of himself!



Nursery	Eliza	A super project on a slow worm
YR Thunberg	Arthur	A super project on a slow worm
Y1 Kahlo	Hattie, Lacey, Emma, Emilia and Saad	Amazing writing
Y1 Obama	Ronnie, Isaac and Klara	Writing wizards!
Y3 Gandhi	Tallulah Zohan Leo	A brilliant poem. A fantastic character description. Handwriting heroics!
Y3 Pankhurst	Tommy and Albie Isobel	Handwriting heroes! A super diamante poem.
Y4 Mandela	Charlotte Millie Orin	A super Roald Dahl picture on canvas. Writing beautifully using great, rich language. Impressive decimals work in maths.
Y4 Franklin	Frankie and Hartwell Tiffany and Oscar Grayson and Chester	For being maths magicians. For being a Writing Wizard! Excellent descriptive writing.
Y5 Darwin	Archie Dexter Gracie and Halle Aoife and Evan	A super diary entry. Superb descriptive writing. Fantastic writing. Wonderful Attenborough artwork.
Y6 Yousafzai	Amna Matilda and Jasper	Exceptional librarianship. Secondary school standard grammar work.



## Stars of the Week



**After School Club:** KS1 – **Amelia on Parks** for helping at A.S.C

KS1- **Talia in Franklin** for being an amazing sofa monitor at A.S.C

## Weekly Maths Challenge

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# PTFA Events

## Y6 Prom

★ It's party time! ★ We are really excited to share the booking link for this year's leavers prom 2025. Please be sure to fill in the Ticket Tailor form as soon as possible for catering numbers.

<https://shorturl.at/DNBE8>



## Bullying

The term 'bullying' can sometimes be incorrectly, used to describe instances of occasional, unkind behaviour. At Rudyard, we always try to model and nurture kindness between all children. However, we are aware that children will sometimes make mistakes and display unkind behaviour, as they grow and navigate friendships and social situations.

For clarification, bullying is:

- Repeated, unkind behaviour
- Intentional
- About trying to create a sense of unequal power
- It can be face to face or online

Thank you for talking to your child about this as appropriate.



## Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year R (14<sup>th</sup> May)**.

## Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Franklin AM

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 Pankhurst PM

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Seacole AM

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Yousafzai PM

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 2 Parks AM



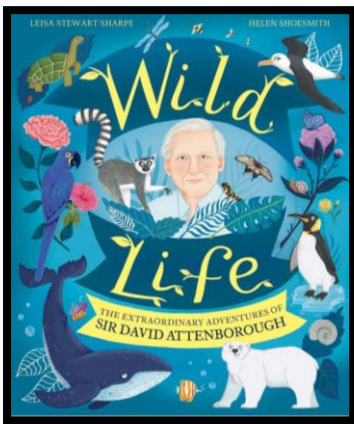
# Reading Recommendations

## 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.

## Sir David Attenborough books to help celebrate his birthday

Wild Life: The Extraordinary Adventures of Sir David Attenborough by  
Leisa Stewart-Sharpe and Helen Shoesmith

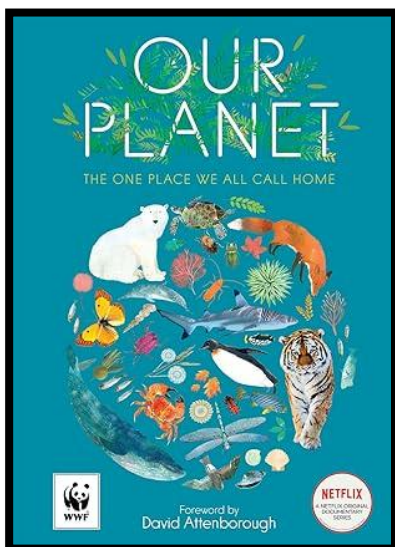


Colourful and wonderful - just like its topic, this children's story book might just inspire a new generation of naturalists.

Journey through jungle and coral reefs, across the African plains and icy poles, and even to the Galapagos Islands, as you discover all there is to know about the world's best-known and best-loved naturalist, Sir David Attenborough, in this beautifully illustrated non-fiction picture book.

Learn about his childhood spent searching for fossils, his pioneering work as a broadcaster and conservationist, and his untiring efforts to convince us to protect our planet.

Our Planet: Created in partnership with WWF, *Our Planet* is a stunning book for children and adults, featuring a foreword by Sir David Attenborough by Matt Whyman (Author), Richard Jones (Illustrator), Sir David Attenborough (Foreword)



**The official children's book to the Netflix original documentary series, *Our Planet*, with a foreword by Sir David Attenborough.**

This glorious visual celebration of the natural world combines extraordinary photography from the series with stunning illustrations from acclaimed artist, Richard Jones. Lose yourself in icy landscapes, dense jungles and endless oceans. Learn how our fascinating habitats, and the plants and creatures living there, interconnect to create the one place we all call home – Our Planet.

This beautifully written and informative book for children has an uplifting message of hope that will strike a chord with all the family. The perfect gift for families the world over to treasure forever.

*‘You will be among the next characters who can, if they wish, tell the most extraordinary story of all – how human beings in the twenty-first century came to their senses and started to protect Planet Earth’ Sir David Attenborough*

# Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters

## **Attendance at RKPS**

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.



# And finally...

## Dates for the Diary

May 26	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	SATs Week starts
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Local Walk
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Franklin Farm School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Outreach Science Workshop
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTFA Art Open House Event
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF HALF TERM, INSET DAY</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	NEW: Half Term Holiday Camp (see flyer on notice board)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	NEW: Half Term Holiday Camp (see flyer on notice board)
June 26	
Monday 1st	<b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	RKPS Active Travel Week Starts
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2 Drusillas Trip
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Prom

## Notice Board

### YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

**Venue:** RUDYARD KIPLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Dates:** 28TH - 29TH MAY

**Times:** 9AM - 4PM (8:30AM DROP OFF AVAILABLE)

**Price:** £29.95 PER DAY

**Ages:** YEAR 1 - YEAR 7

**Additional info:** [www.premier-education.com/courses/16120-954846](http://www.premier-education.com/courses/16120-954846)

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this May as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

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