



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

Last Friday's PTFA David Attenborough celebration event was another one for the archives, yet another brilliant community event: we are always proud to be a community school.

As well as giving us all an opportunity to indulge in eating a lot of delicious cake, its primary role was of course to raise funds to buy new resources for our fantastic children. Around £700 was raised in little over an hour, many thanks to everyone who came along and contributed in one way or another.

One recent PTFA purchase is a small library of new phonics books for our younger readers and reading books for our older children, £4000 worth in total. I've said it before and I'll say it again: our PTFA are second to none and our children will probably never know how fortunate they are!

Yesterday, our school fields were mown, including our cricket pitch. The start of the cricket season-and accompanying cucumber sandwiches-means that summer is with is (although this frustrating rain might suggest otherwise).

Our talented Year 6 cohort have finished the last of their tests: hats off to them, we are all so proud of them all. Now they can look forward to their end of year production, prom and all the other treats which the summer term has in store.

Next week, there are a number of fun events: Year 3 will be enjoying an outreach science workshop and Year 4 Franklin will be enjoying 'Farm School' in Ovingdean, for which I'll be joining them.

This half term has absolutely flown by and, after school next Thursday, the children will break up for half term: Friday is an INSET day.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



PTFA Book Donations



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Curtis

YR



Curtis is wonderfully resourceful and is always finding new ways to grow his brain. Whether it's practising his times tables in his spare time or helping a classmate understand their learning, Curtis is always ready for a challenge. He is a real master builder too, using his creativity and problem-solving skills in everything he does. His determination and willingness to help others make him such a special part of our class. Well done, Curtis!

George



George, has made a huge amount of progress in many areas of learning, especially writing, phonics, computing and science. He asks excellent questions in the classroom and is always ready for a challenge. George has been a good friend to those in Kahlo and enjoys together time on Fridays. Well done, George. Keep it up!

Y1



Ralph

Ralph has truly become a phonics whizz, and it has been wonderful to watch his confidence and capability grow across every area of his learning. He approaches each day with fantastic focus and determination, always going above and beyond with his learning. Ralph's curious and creative mind is constantly buzzing with ideas and questions, and his perseverance has been exemplary. We are incredibly proud of the progress he has made already and cannot wait to see him continue to flourish throughout the rest of the year!

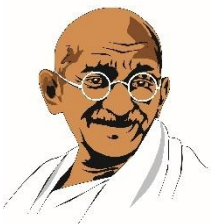
Rocky

Y2



Radical Rocky, our super skateboarding extraordinaire, has been a remembering superstar this week. We're all so proud of how hard he is working, and it's really starting to show in his handwriting and maths. He always remembers his reading book and he's remembering to use adjectives in English and use the resources around him to support his independent learning too. On the carpet, Rocky is trying hard to stay focused and remember key learning, and his confidence is growing every day. He is always thoughtful when explaining his ideas and is working hard on persevering when something feels tricky. You are starting to become so mature and Year 3 ready, Rocky - keep it up!

Orya



Wow, I have been blown away by Orya this week! Orya has shown super readiness for her learning! She wrote an imaginative and detailed happy ending of our story. Not only is her handwriting beautiful and clear, but she has also remembered to use her full stops and capital letters! Orya is showing that she is Year 4 ready. Keep up the fantastic work, you superstar!

Dylan

Y3



Dylan is always enthusiastic, interested and keen to learn. He consistently contributes thoughtfully during lessons and shows genuine curiosity across all areas of the curriculum. In topic, Dylan has gone the extra mile by bringing in items from home linked to our learning, which has helped to enrich class discussions and inspire others. His positive attitude, effort and eagerness to extend his learning make him a fantastic member of the class. Well done Dylan!

Jack



Jack exudes positivity and resilience throughout the school day. No matter the task he's faced with, you can guarantee he'll tackle it with a sense of determination and a smile on his face. Being such a gifted member of the class, Jack often gets to grip with some of the challenges and never gives up when faced with a particularly difficult one. Jack really does light up the classroom and Mandela class are so incredibly lucky to have him.

Y4

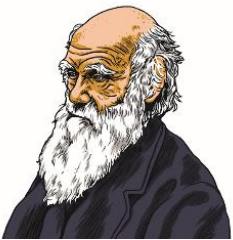
Amelia



Industrious, determined, positive, warm, inquisitive, expressive, bright, quick-witted, brave... the list could go on and on! Amelia embodies all these fantastic qualities and more. She throws herself into every task and has mastered the art of asking for help, which is no easy feat. Adored by everyone in her class, Amelia brings light and positivity into every moment. We are thrilled to work alongside a human sunbeam such as she.

Dexter

Y5



We are beyond impressed with your learning recently! You have wow'd both Miss Stokes and Ms Baldrian with your excellent Maths learning on co-ordinates and your English writing on Odysseus recently. In addition, you have not given up when it has got tough, or even when you are lacking a bit of confidence, you have trusted yourself and not been afraid to give it a go and it has been both a pleasure and a joy to see you beam with pride when you succeed. You are a ray of joyful, cheery, sunshine in our class and Darwin class would not be complete without your beaming smile lighting up our classroom each day! Keep it up super star, you are a learning wizard!

Yousafzai Class

Y6



Special mention to Yousafzai Class, who have smashed their SATs this week. Their attitude has been exemplary - they have truly reached for the stars. The whole Year 6 team felt very emotional watching just how far they have come. Bravo, Yousafzai!



YR Thunberg	Elijah	Super independent writing
Y1 Kahlo	Amber-May, Eliza, Beau, Isaac and Hannah	Superstar learning!
Y1 Obama	Casper	A fantastic newspaper report.
Y2 Attenborough	Giulia Fox Harli, Rosa and Chinmaya	Super 'time' problem solving in maths. A fantastic poem about spiders. An excellent piece of writing linked to 'Greta and the Giants'
Y3 Gandhi	Henry Ben	Wonderful writing! Excellent editing of his writing, adding in effective adjectives.
Y3 Pankhurst	Stanley Theo and Roma Khaliyl	For being a Handwriting Hero! For being writing wizards. For magic maths!
Y4 Franklin	Amelia, Harper, Hartwell, Harli and Rowan	Super rainforest poetry.
Y5 Darwin	Freddie Evan and Freddie Elizabeth, Arthur, Curtis, Grace, Eddie, Halle, Dexter, Archie, Harlow, Aoife, Joseph and Isaac	Pleasing learning on the lifecycle of a frog and super Oydysseus art work A super Oydysseus diary entry. Amazing Greek art work
Y5 Seacole	Ruben Jaxon Oakley	Superb home learning about Greek myths. Excellent geography learning. First class work on volcanoes.
Y6 Yousafzai	Dempsey	Exceptional Anderson Shelter learning.



Stars of the Week



After School Club: KS1 – Harper in Parks for being so kind and helpful at A.S.C

KS2 - Mia is Yousafzai for playing so well with younger children and a great role model at A.S.C

Weekly Maths Challenge

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2				
				24
	21			12

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>



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year 2 (21st May)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 19th May – Year 4 Obama & Rockets AM

Tuesday 19th May – Year 3 Pankhurst PM

Wednesday 20th May – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Wednesday 20th May – Year 4 Franklin PM

Thursday 21st May – Year 5 Seacole AM



Use of scooters during drop off / collection

We kindly ask that children do not ride scooters on school grounds, as they can pose a safety risk to both themselves and others. In busy areas such as playgrounds and pathways, scooters can move quickly and increase the chance of accidental collisions. To help keep everyone safe and happy, we ask that scooters are dismounted and walked while on site.

Toys

A polite reminder that children are not allowed to bring their own toys into the school. Thank you for your support with this.

Help Arlos dad Simon in raising money for the school

<https://superkind.org/campaign/rudyard-kipling-primary-school-ptfa-sky-diving-for-stories>

Sky Dive for Stories is a bold and inspiring fundraising campaign led by Simon (Arlo's dad), with one clear goal: to bring more books, imagination and opportunity to the children at Rudyard Kipling Primary School. This June, Simon will be taking a giant leap out of his comfort zone—completing a skydive to raise vital funds for new books. Every donation will help fill our shelves with stories that spark curiosity, creativity and a lifelong love of reading. We'd love our community to get involved, support the cause and cheer Simon on as he takes on this incredible challenge. It's not just about the jump—it's about what it represents: courage, commitment and a belief that every child deserves access to brilliant books. By supporting *Sky Dive for Stories*, you'll be helping to expand our library, encourage reading for pleasure, and open up new worlds for our children

Term Dates 2026-27



School term dates 2026/27

Name of school: Rudyard Kipling Primary School

	September 2026					October 2026					November 2026					December 2026				
Monday		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	

	January 2027					February 2027					March 2027					April 2027				
Monday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22		1	8	14	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	

	May 2027					June 2027					July 2027					August 2027						
Monday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
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Key

Bank holidays (see details below)

School holidays

INSET day for most schools

(5 INSET days in total, chosen by individual schools)

First day of term

Last day of term

Bank holidays 2026/27

Christmas Day	Fri 25 December 2026
Boxing Day (substitute)	Mon 28 December 2026
New Year's Day	Fri 1 January 2027
Good Friday	Fri 26 March 2027
Easter Monday	Mon 29 March 2027
Early May Bank Holiday	Mon 3 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Mon 31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	Mon 30 August 2027

Number of days (total requirement 195)

Autumn 1 st half	39
Autumn 2 nd half	35
Spring 1 st half	30
Spring 2 nd half	24
Summer 1 st half	34
Summer 2 nd half	33
TOTAL	195
	(includes 5 INSET days)

Reading Recommendations

Reading Research Alert:

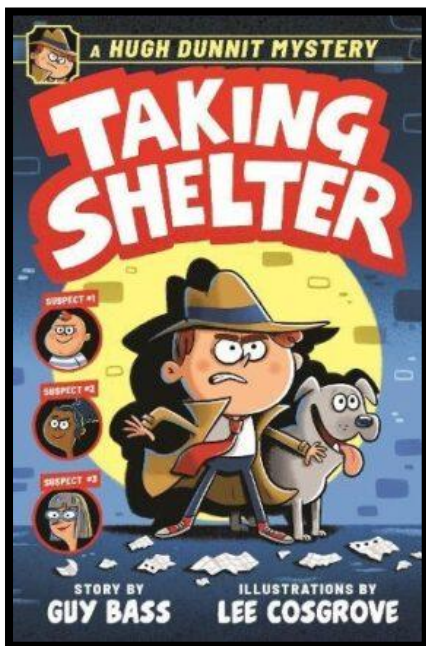
“Students who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.” Sullivan and Brown 2013.

This Rock is Mine by Kaye Umansky and Illustrated by Alice McKinley



Two frogs argue over a small rock where they’ve both set up camp, each insisting, ‘This rock is mine!’ Then a common enemy arrives. It turns out it’s a heron’s rock! The frogs hurry to find a new spot and learn that they can live in harmony after all. This is a great book to open conversations about sharing and compromise with little ones – and giggle about the silliness of bickering! The illustrations by Alice McKinley are funny and detailed, with loads to explore.

Taking Shelter A Hugh Dunit Mystery by Guy Bass, illustrated by Lee Cosgrove



Wannabe detective Hugh Dunit rescues an abandoned dog from a bus shelter and knows that he's found his best friend, even though he's allergic to her. Unfortunately, Shelter – as Hugh imaginatively names her – chews everything in sight and his parents warn that if there's one more 'incident', she'll be sent to the animal shelter.

When Hugh discovers his maths homework has been torn to shreds, all the evidence points to Shelter, and his parents declare that she has to go. Adamant that his beloved dog is not the culprit, Hugh sets out to clear her name.

Piecing together the clues, he comes up with increasingly elaborate theories about who really destroyed his homework, but can he prove it?

Hugh narrates the tale in the style of a cynical private detective, with witty one-liners and daft puns, which will make readers laugh out loud. The relationship Hugh develops with his new dog is touching, as are the lengths to which he'll go to keep her.

This fabulously funny tale is ideal for newly confident, independent readers. The chapters are short, providing natural reading breaks, while hilarious illustrations combine with dynamic comic-strip artwork, to provide an amusing visual narrative to accompany the humorous text.

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	
Tuesday 19 th	Y4 Franklin Farm School
Wednesday 20 th	Year 3 Outreach Science Workshop
Thursday 21 st	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
Friday 22 rd	INSET DAY
Thursday 28 th	NEW: Half Term Holiday Camp (see flyer on notice board)
Friday 29 th	NEW: Half Term Holiday Camp (see flyer on notice board)
June 26	
Monday 1st	CHILDREN RETURN
Monday 22 nd	RKPS Active Travel Week Starts
Tuesday 23 rd	Y2 Drusillas Trip
Friday 26 th	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



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!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



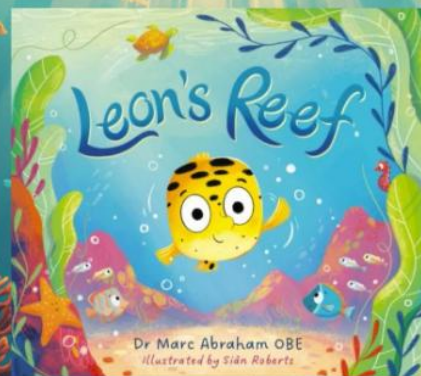
TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*T&Cs apply. Refer a friend discount on new bookings only.



Excellent
★★★★★
Trustpilot

Book Launch & Story Time



Join us for a very special story time, in aid of the PADI Aware Foundation environmental charity

Sunday 31st May, 11am
WITH
Marc The Vet

