



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

This half term seems to have flown by and the weather is set fair for next week.

Over the last six weeks, our children have experienced many memorable moments, many of them in the sporting arena. Earlier this week, a group of our badminton players enjoyed a super event at Longhill, our local secondary school. There has been plenty of cricket and athletics enjoyed this half term and, when the children return, there will be much more, including our legendary Sports Days!

Our KS1 children have been able to take part in a free after school football club courtesy of Mr Nicholson and Mr Wynne. Many have also enjoyed Miss Sandat's free after school cheerleading club whilst I'm delighted with the group of cricketers I have this year at my free after school cricket club. We are a completely inclusive school and the number of free clubs we offer is testimony to our inclusive culture.

Our teachers accompany our young sportsmen and women to Longhill each week for 'ACE' events against other local schools. Without the commitment of our teaching team, our children would not be afforded such a rich sporting diet and I would like to thank them all for their total dedication to our children. Mr Wynne oversees and leads all the sporting opportunities we offer: we are all grateful to him for his immense hard work.

After half term, our Year 4 children will be taking their Multiplication Tables Check. This is a national test and a key tool in setting up our young mathematicians for success in Years 5 and 6 and beyond. Thank you to all parents who help their children practise their times tables at home too: the children who study at home too are usually the most successful.

Wishing all families a happy half term, we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday June 1st.

Euan Harington

Headteacher



Year 4 Franklin Farm School



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Headteacher Awards

Y1 Kahlo	Amber-May and Millie-Rose Woody	Fascinating learning on star fish. Super learning on hermit crabs!
Y3 Pankhurst	Neal and Reuben	Impressive reading comprehension work.
Y5 Darwin	Harlow and Grace	Superb teamed science learning
Y6 Yousafzai	Hazel and Ava Darcie and Fox Archie	Secondary school quality history learning. Exceptional paired history learning. A quite brilliant Anderson Shelter

Weekly Maths Challenge

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		10	20	
	42	14		56
		18	36	
3	18			

Forest School Water Feature



Our fantastic Year 6's made a delightful addition to their Forest School area. They created their own water feature, complete with liner, pond water, plant life and tadpoles. Amazing work Rocco, Dexter, Theo and Rowan!

Badminton Festival

On Monday, children from KS2 were lucky enough to take part in a Badminton festival event in the Longhill Sports Centre. The event was ran by Julia, our local Badminton coach, with the help of the Sports Leaders from Longhill. They took part in some fun drills and skills, culminating in games where they were teamed up against each other! There was definitely some Rudyard talent on show with some excellent shots sending the shuttlecocks flying through the air. Our children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, taking home certificates and details of another opportunity to play further.

The Sports Centre are running further Badminton sessions (for ages 7-9) on a Tuesday between 16.00-17.00. If this is something your child may be interested in, please contact them directly on 01273 391683 or at longhillsportscentre.co.uk

A special thanks to Mr Hoad for accompanying the children and a huge well to: Alaa, Isaac, Oakley, Halle, Charlotte, Hartwell, Jack, Eli, Jacob, Mariatou, Lenny, Fred and Ruben.

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 4 (4th June)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 2nd June – Year 2 Attenborough

Tuesday 2nd June – Year R Thunberg PM

Wednesday 3rd June – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Wednesday 3rd June – Year 3 Gandhi PM

Thursday 4th June – Year 1 Obama & Rockets AM



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

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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)

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	
Friday 22 nd	INSET DAY
June 26	
Monday 1 st	CHILDREN RETURN
Wednesday 3 rd	Class Photos
Friday 12 th	PTFA World Cup Non-Uniform day & Y6 VE Day Celebration
Tuesday 16 th	Reception Trip to Ovingdean Farm, Matilda the Musical Dress Rehearsal (14:00), Welcome to Rudyard Reception 2026 evening 18:00-19:00
Wednesday 17 th	Withdean Athletics
Thursday 18 th	PTFA Superhero Day (Father's Day)
Monday 22 nd	RKPS Active Travel Week Starts, Reception 2026 Story and Play, 9:30-10:30.
Tuesday 23 rd	Y2 Drusillas Trip
Wednesday 24 th	Matilda the Musical 17:30
Friday 26 th	Y6 Prom
July 26	
Friday 3 rd	Y6 Transition Day, Reception 2026 Story and Play 13:30-14:30
Tuesday 7 th	Rocksteady Concert 14:30
Friday 10 th	PTFA Summer Fayre
Wednesday 15 th	Y6 Production (Dress Rehearsal) 13:40, Y6 Production 17:30

Notice Board

Book Launch & Story Time

Leon's Reef

Dr Marc Abraham OBE
Illustrated by Sid Roberts

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

