



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

It's been super having the children back after the half term break. There are some impressive suntuans on show and (for once) it's impossible to tell whether these were attained at home or abroad!

Monday is World Ocean Day and our youngest readers are going to be treated to an author visit by Dr Marc Abraham who will be reading the children his new book 'Leon's Reef'. We have a long established reading culture here at RKPS and are always looking for new ways to shine a spotlight on it. On Tuesday next week, our friends from the Book Nook will be coming into school to host a Book Fair. This is a super opportunity for you to treat your child to a new book: there will be many exciting new titles available so do come along.

Thank you to all the parents who read with their children at home and write into the Reading Record book. This home school partnership is key to a child's progress. This week, our Year 4 mathematicians all took their Multiplication Tables Check. They did very well which was largely a result of the children practising their times tables at home, with your support, alongside the hard work in school.

One further way in which you can support your child in school is by encouraging their independence at the start of the day. Thank you for saying goodbye to your child at the entrance to our school building and avoiding coming in yourself (Fridays Rock Up and Read excepted of course!).

Next Thursday will see the start of the 2026 football World Cup which, as a football mad community, I'm sure will lead to lots of fanatical football interest in school. We will be marking the occasion with a PTFA football themed non uniform day next Friday and our PTFA are planning other football related fun.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness



YR Thunberg	Charlie Bonnie	Super independent writing An incredible project on animals
Y1 Obama	Ronnie Ernie	For being a writing wizard! Super writing about Brighton.
Y2 Attenborough	Kedar Harli	Handwriting Heroics! A wonderful Goldilocks letter
Y2 Parks	Greta	Exceptional 'shape' maths learning.
Y3 Pankhurst	Stanley Asiyah, Khaliyl, Josh, Albie and Louie	Handwriting Heroics! Writing Wizards!
Y4 Mandela	Luke and Freddie	A super piece of creative art work.
Y4 Franklin	Carter	Exceptional English work.
Y5 Darwin	Evan and Fred	For amazing talk partner work on creatively interpreting an illustration based on the book 'the promise'.
Y5 Seacole	Nate Euan Darcie Keira	An incredible improvement in mathematical presentation. A superb 'city' poem which encapsulates the feeling of urban life. A wonderful poem about a bustling city. Super maths on negative numbers.
Y6 Yousafzai	Jayson	Secondary school quality writing.

Weekly Maths Challenge

x		3	6	
	8	6	12	18
	20			
			48	72
			42	

Equalities at RKPS

This half term in Reception, we will be focusing closely on our school values, beginning with Respect. We discussed how everyone deserves to be listened to, valued, and treated kindly. During circle time, the children took turns to share things about themselves while practising excellent listening skills, showing that every voice matters.



We also read a story called *A Little Bit of Respect* and reflected on how we can treat others kindly and fairly. To finish, we created a class poster titled "We Show Respect By...", adding our handprints as a commitment to showing respect every day.

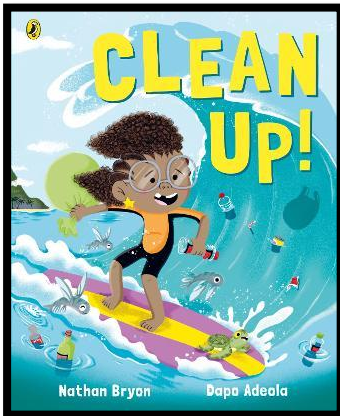
Reading Recommendations

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.

World Ocean Day is on 8th June and to mark it we recommend two brilliant ocean reads:

Clean Up! By Nathan Bryon (author), Dapo Adeola (illustrator)

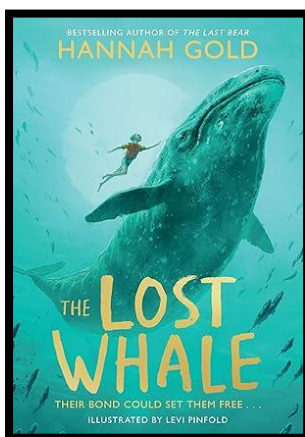


Clean Up! was a previous World Book Week favourite — and Mrs Smith loves this one the most!

When Rocket goes on holiday to visit her grandparents, she’s shocked by the pollution that’s spoiling their island home and putting the local sea life at risk. Can she think of a way to save the day?

Featuring the lovable Rocket, *Clean Up!* is a heartwarming story that empowers and educates young readers, reminding us that there are always things we can do to make the world better.

The Lost Whale By Hannah Gold (author), Levi Pinfold (illustrator)



The Lost Whale is the enchanting second novel from the author of *The Last Bear*: the bestselling debut hardback of 2021 and *The Times Children’s Book of the Week*, winner of the *Waterstones Children’s Book Prize* and the *Blue Peter Award* and shortlisted for the *British Book Awards 2022* and the *Indie Book Awards 2022*

‘Unforgettable highly accomplished animal adventure about the connection between a boy and a whale, with strong ecological themes’ *The Bookseller*, Editor’s Choice

What if you could communicate with a whale?

Rio has been sent to live with a grandmother he barely knows in California, while his mum is in hospital back home. Alone and adrift, the only thing that makes him smile is joining his new friend Marina on her dad's whale watching trips. That is until an incredible encounter with White Beak, a gentle giant of the sea changes everything. But when White Beak goes missing, Rio must set out on a desperate quest to find his whale and somehow save his mum.

Dive into this incredible story about the connection between a boy and a whale and the bond that sets them both free.

Perfect for readers of 8+, beautifully illustrated throughout by Levi Pinfold – winner of the *Kate Greenaway Medal*

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>



Superhero Sale

❤ Celebrate the amazing super heroes in our lives! Join us for a special sale at school to honour and appreciate all the incredible men who inspire us every day. From heartfelt gifts to thoughtful treats, we've got something for everyone to show their love. Let's make this day unforgettable together!

❤🎁❤ The children will need to bring £4 cash per gift.

🕒 18th June 2026 for y5/6

🕒 19th June 2026 for the rest of the school

👤 Please bring this in a named envelope and hand to their class teacher. They can then choose a very special gift.

★ Nursery children will receive a separate letter.

❤ It is possible to pay by bank transfer to- Rudyard Kipling Primary Sch PTFA SortCode: 08 92 99 Acc: 65752801 PLEASE QUOTE YOUR CHILDS SURNAME and CLASS AS A REFERENCE.

❤ No gifts are marked with Dad or Father, so all gifts are suitable for any male family member, friend or care giver.

👤 You may send money in with your child for as many gifts as you'd like them to buy. Please just state amount of money and number of gifts needed on your envelope. Please note we won't be able to give change.

World Cup Non-Uniform Day

🌐 To celebrate the start of FIFA World Cup 2026 on the 12th June Rudyard will be having a football themed non uniform day.

🏆 Wear your favourite football kit or your favourite team colours.

💷 £1 donation on the day. Cash or bank transfer to the PTFA account please 👤

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Thanks!





Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year 4 Franklin (11th June)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 9th June – Year 5 Drawin

Tuesday 9th June – Year R Thunberg PM

Wednesday 10th June – Year 3 Pankhurst AM

Wednesday 10th June – Year 6 Yousafzai PM

Thursday 11th June – Year 1 Obama & Rockets AM



Toys

A polite reminder that children are not permitted to bring their own toys into school. If your child does need a small figure toy, it should be used to support their learning rather than as a distraction. Thank you for your continued support.

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

June 26	
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
Monday 6 th	Sports Day
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
Friday 17 th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 20 th	INSET
Tuesday 21 st	INSET
Wednesday 22 nd	INSET
September 26	
Tuesday 1st	INSET
Wednesday 2nd	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL (Y1-Y6)



Notice Board

Your Nearest HAF Holiday Club

BRIGHTON AND HOVE:

- St Luke's Primary School, BN2 9ZF
- Rudyard Kipling Primary School, BN2 6RH
- Stanley Deason Leisure Centre, BN2 5PB

HAF Bookings:

*FREE HAF spaces for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals
<https://eequ.org/>



The Summer Holidays are coming. Thankfully, Premier Education holiday clubs are too!

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SUMMER Holiday clubs

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THE BOOK NOOK

Book Fair

Tuesday 9th June

Where: KS2 hall

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