



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

The school is ablaze with football colours today, part of our latest PTFA non-uniform day. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection buckets, one particularly kind Dad dropped in a ten pound note-thank you to everyone.

Speaking of fundraising, Arlo's Dad is bravely doing a skydive in a couple of weeks to raise money for our school. It would be super if he could reach his fundraising target so please do sponsor him if you are able to-details are included later in this newsletter-thank you Arlo's Dad!

It's lovely that we have so many families from other parts of the world, this diversity makes our school an exciting place to be. One pupil with Mexican heritage was proudly wearing his national shirt this morning, still smiling after last night's result!

This half term, like the other five before it, our children have myriad sporting opportunities in store for them. On Monday, I will be accompanying our school cricket team to the summer tourney at BACA: we have trained hard at our free after school cricket club and are looking forward to testing our skills against ten other schools. Next Wednesday sees our city's annual Withdean athletics event: we have many seriously talented runners at Rudyard and they are looking forward to the competition.

On Thursday, Miss Hay will be taking some of our older sportspeople to our local secondary school, Longhill. They will be enjoying that most traditional of summer sports: rounders. We are extremely grateful to our friends at Longhill for hosting these weekly events.

Next Friday, Mr Wynne is looking forward to taking our football team to Lancing to take part in the 'Play Cup'. This is always a special tournament and our children are excited to show off their skills.

Sandwiched between these latest sporting opportunities is Farm School for our Reception geographers; that's going to be a wonderful day's learning in the beautiful Sussex countryside.

Our next PTFA event is a week today with our inclusive 'Superhero' day. This traditional event is always incredibly popular and an opportunity for children to buy a gift for their Dad or another important father figure in their lives. Many thanks to Anik, Lou, Kelly and the rest of the PTFA for continuing to provide our pupils with these special opportunities.

What an exciting school we are!

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



World Cup Fever!



Special Mentions

Sana

YR



Sana has grown in confidence so much this year and it has been wonderful to see her becoming more confident to use her voice on the carpet and share her ideas during our learning. Sana's reading, in particular, has really impressed the Thunberg team. Even when she found things challenging, Sana always kept trying and never gave up. Sana, you are becoming a superstar reader and we are all so proud of you!

Amber May



Amazing Amber May! What a fabulous Year 1 you have had. You showcase all of our 5 Rs here at Rudyard and are a true role model to those around you. Your resilience and enthusiasm in everything you do is inspiring! I can always rely on you to lend a helping hand, making our classroom an organised and safe learning space – what would we do without you! Keep shining bright, amazing Amber May!

Y1

Esmay



Esmay has shown fantastic resilience in her learning this year and rarely lets a challenge stand in her way for long. When faced with something new, she approaches it with determination and willingness to keep trying. Esmay is becoming much more confident in trusting her own ideas as she has shown she is not afraid to have a go. With her positive attitude and growing in confidence, there is no doubt she will continue to flourish. Keep up the hard work Esmay!

Harli



Harli – our Reflective Queen! The way you take on board guidance to improve and extend your learning is amazing and we are so proud of you! You are using your fabulous reflective powers to edit and enhance your creative writing further, producing such evocative and descriptive language. Go you! Keep being the amazing exemplar for Reflectiveness that you are!

Mubasher

Y2



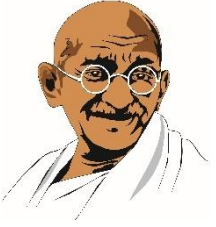
Marvellous Mubasher – how proud we are of you! Your resilience with your handwriting has enabled you to improve your technique and letter formation so much and it is wonderful to see how deservedly proud you are of your progress. Keep pushing yourself to be even more amazing with that incredible 'never-give-up attitude – you've got this!

Alayna



Alayna has shown wonderful readiness and should be so proud of herself over the last half term. She comes into school each day with a smile on her face, ready to learn and eager to do her best. Alayna listens carefully, works hard and is becoming increasingly confident when sharing her ideas with her learning partner and the rest of the class. She is a kind and thoughtful friend who helps to make Parks Class a happy place to learn. We are so proud of the progress you are making, Alayna - keep being your brilliant self!

Jack



Jack has shone brightly for many moments this week. His dedication and hard work raising money for the pangolins has been inspiring. Jack has also inspired with his beautiful island poem. He has weaved in rhyme and rhythm to create work he should be proud of. When Jack is passionate and excited about the learning, he truly shines. Keep up the great work Jack!

Y3

Jessie



Jessie has been showing fantastic effort in his reading. He has been working incredibly hard and made wonderful progress in his reading. Jessies confidence and enthusiasm have shone through, and he should feel very proud of his achievement! Well done Jessie!

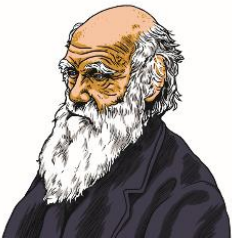
Harrison



What a truly resilient young boy Harrison is! His time in Year 4 may be coming towards an end, but that hasn't dampened his fiery determination and drive to succeed. He never gives up and strives to better his learning all the time. I've lost count of the number of times I've lauded him and his efforts in front the class. As a result, he's been growing in confidence and smiling from ear to ear. Harrison it really is a joy having you in Mandela class. Thank YOU!

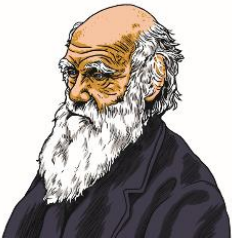
Y4

Fred



Fred has been amazing during our English lessons since starting our new text called 'The Promise'. He has generated so much fantastic vocabulary and is constantly contributing so many great ideas. It is so lovely to see him being such an active learner in these lessons and therefore being a great role-model for his peers. Keep this up Fred! On top of this, Fred is such a super caring individual in that he is always ready to help both his peers and adults alike. What a super role-model he is!

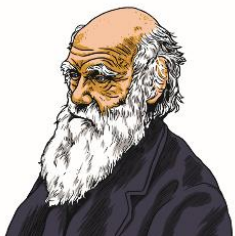
Ole



To say that Ole has impressed us would be a huge understatement. He has a real talent for storytelling, and his work on *The Trojan Horse* and, more recently, the final chapter of the stories of Odysseus, has impressed us all. Ole shares his work with a spring in his step, and it is a joy to see the pride he takes in what he produces. His resilience and growing belief in himself have truly blossomed this year. You are capable of great things, Ole, and that resilience will help you get to where you want to be. Keep being the ray of sunshine that every classroom needs!

Y5

Isaac



Isaac's progress in presentation has been outstanding and is clear for all to see. His confidence, clarity, and impact when sharing his ideas have improved dramatically, showing real resilience and determination. Alongside this, he has stepped up as a mentor to younger members of our school, offering guidance with maturity, kindness, and care. He consistently supports those around him and contributes positively to the class in a quiet but powerful way. Isaac is a truly valued and cherished member of our class. His generous and thoughtful nature makes a real difference every day. Isaac, never forget how amazing you are, we feel so lucky to have you in Team Darwin!

Ruben



Ruben always gives 100% in everything he does and never fails to brighten my day. Last term, he showed fantastic readiness by creating books based on different Greek myths -I'm fairly certain he knows more about ancient Greece than some of the ancient Greeks did! He really threw himself into our theme and continues to bring plenty of creativity and enthusiasm to each lesson. Ruben is a brilliant role model, a joy to teach, and an all-round superstar. If there were an Olympic event for being a fantastic member of the class, he'd definitely be on the podium!

Rocco



A very special mention to Rocco, who is such a positive member of Yousafzai Class. He always tries hard in all his lessons and is polite and respectful in the classroom. Rocco has also been incredibly helpful in Nursery recently, with lots of adults commenting on how supportive and kind he has been. We have also loved reading his writing recently. Bravo, Rocco - we are so proud of you

Ava



A very special mention to Ava for her fabulous writing work. She has made such great progress with her writing and her pieces are always a delight to read. Ava is always smiling and consistently shows all our school values, especially kindness. It has also been wonderful to see her confidence grow, particularly when she auditioned for the Year 6 play. We are so proud of you, Ava – bravo!

Izzy



A very special mention to Izzy for her fabulous attitude and the way she is always so helpful around the classroom. Izzy consistently shows our school value of respect and is always polite and thoughtful towards others. It has been lovely to see her confidence grow, especially as she is now contributing more in class and even auditioned for the Year 6 play. Bravo, Izzy - we are so proud of you!



YR Thunberg	Rosie, Ivy and Maeve	Super teamwork making a house for chicks.
Y1 Kahlo	Woody Isaac	For handwriting heroics! Excellent writing about where Muslims pray.
Y1 Obama	Wren	A super poem about the seaside!
Y2 Parks	Lily	A fantastic persuasive advert
Y3 Pankhurst	Jacom Khaliyl	A wonderful poem about the sea. Super independent writing.
Y4 Mandela	Lenny, Elliot and Charlotte Orin Henry and Talia	Powerful, persuasive posters. A super leaflet about helping refugees. Excellent, empathetic refugee work.



Stars of the Week



After School Club: KS1 – Curtis in Armstrong for being so creative at A.S.C

KS2 – Rudi in Gandhi for always being so kind to others at A.S.C

Weekly Maths Challenge

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	8	6	12	18
	20			
			48	72
			42	

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.

Equalities

This week in Year 2, we explored the value of kindness and thought about ways we can make others feel included and valued. In English, we continued reading *Splash! Anna Hibiscus* and discussed the characters and their feelings. We then wrote letters to some of the characters, practising how to kindly persuade someone to play with them. The children considered thoughtful and encouraging language, learning how kindness can help build friendships and make everyone feel welcome. Through these activities, they developed their communication skills while reflecting on the importance of empathy, inclusion, and treating others with care.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year 3 Pankhurst (18th June)**.



Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 16th June – Year 4 Obama & Rockets AM

Tuesday 16th June – Year 3 Pankhurst PM

Wednesday 17th June – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Wednesday 17th June – Year 4 Franklin PM

Thursday 18th June – 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 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.

Arbor

Unfortunately, we are currently experiencing an issue with Arbor. For some reason, attachments are not being displayed to parents as they normally would, even though the information is still attached. If you click on the words shown in capital letters (e.g. FORM or LETTER), they will still take you to the correct form, document, or link. Thank you for your understanding while we try to resolve this issue.

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	
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 1 st	INSET
Wednesday 2 nd	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL (Y1-Y6)

Notice Board

Help Arlo's 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