



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

In Monday's assembly, Mr Wynne spoke to our children about next week's RKPS 'Active Travel Week'.

This school initiative is to encourage as many of our pupils as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Mr Wynne also explained to our children what 'Park and Stride' means: parking the car a distance from the school and walking the remainder of the journey in.

Three lucky children, who have been 'active' for at least three mornings next week, will win themselves an Amazon voucher!

As a school, we are always encouraging our children to lead healthy lifestyles: from what they eat to the exercise they do. Thank you for supporting this healthy lifestyle message beyond the school gates.

A number of our school staff cycle to school so we try and practise what we preach!

A further healthy lifestyle choice revolves around reading: the negative impact of too much screentime continues to be a hot topic. We are forever encouraging our children to read at home and ask that you write into their Reading Record book when possible. If your child needs a new Reading Record book, just let us know.

Next week is chock-a-block with fun events. These include Year 2 visiting Drusillas, the PTFA Circus Skills experience for all our children, our free musical theatre club performing Matilda and the Year 6 Prom!

So much to look forward to in the final half term of this academic year.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Harington

Headteacher



RKPS Active Travel Week



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions

Rex

YR



Rex has come such a long way this year. At the start of the year, he found it difficult to come into class but now he bounces through the door ready for the day ahead! The growth in his confidence and resilience has been wonderful to see. Rex is passionate about learning and has a head full of facts and big words, always ready to surprise us with something new! We are so proud of how far you've come, Rex. Keep on shining.

Arthur



Arthur is a remembering superstar. Since the start of Year 1, Arthur has worked hard to remember our routines and school values so he is always ready for his learning. Arthur remembers to use his helping hand when he needs support, always knowing who he can ask for help. He has also shown good remembering in our science learning, sharing his wisdom about ocean animals confidently with the class. Keep shining bright, Arthur!

Y1

Roman



Roman has absolutely amazed us with the resilience he has shown this year! It has been fantastic to watch him realise that he is a capable learner and that it doesn't have to be perfect the first-time round. Whether he is working on a tricky maths problem or sounding out a new word, Roman is much more likely to roll up his sleeves and have a go. His cheerful personality and brilliant sense of humour mean he keeps everyone smiling along the way too! We are so proud of the confident, resilient young learner Roman has become!

Chinmaya



Chinmaya the Champion! What a learning journey you are on here at Rudyard! I am so proud of how resilient you have been when out of your comfort zone, especially when applying cursive writing whilst being creative at the same time. You have persevered, enabling you to produce beautifully written, quality work. Well done, you super star!

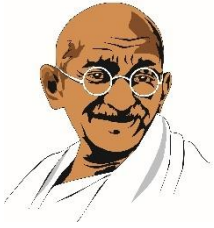
Y2

Gus



Gus has shown fantastic remembering this week, and we are so proud of the progress he is making. He has been working hard to remember the learning behaviours that help him succeed and is even beginning to encourage others to make positive choices too. In maths, Gus has been incredibly supportive of his classmates, which has helped him deepen his own understanding. He is also remembering to stay focused during his work, and his handwriting has improved enormously as a result. Gus is starting to show real maturity and is becoming increasingly Year 3 ready. Well done Gus - you are a star!

Zohan



Readiness – I have been over the moon with Zohan’s progress this year. He is always putting in fantastic amounts of effort in all his learning. Zohan has a fantastic attitude, listens carefully to instructions. Furthermore, Zohan is such a kind and thoughtful member of the class. He will help me tidy our book corner without even being asked! We are so lucky to have him in Gandhi. Keep up the amazing work!

Y3

Isobel



Isobel is a fantastic member of Pankhurst Class who comes into school each morning ready to learn. This week, she has worked particularly hard in English, mastering the use of inverted commas and writing some fantastic speech. Isobel approaches every challenge with determination and she should be very proud of her achievements. Keep up the brilliant work!

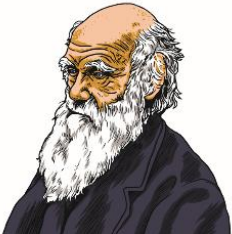
Orin



Since starting at RKPS just a number of weeks ago, Orin has already made superb progress with his resilience and readiness for learning. He uses the resources around him to tackle tasks and, as a result, has developed so much independence! Instead of giving up, he perseveres and gives every piece of learning his very best effort. He should be so very proud of himself, all the adults certainly are!

Y4

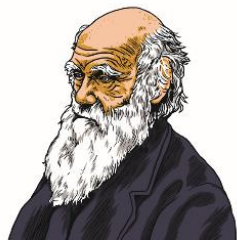
Grace



If you are ever looking for the first person to have their resources out and be ready to learn, look no further than Grace. She takes pride in caring for the equipment and resources in the classroom, meaning she always has what she needs to begin tasks promptly. She is always listening and shows respect to everyone in class. Learning aside, Grace continues her streak of fabulousness in who she is as a person, a kind, thoughtful, helpful and mature member of Team Darwin and we are so lucky to have her on our Team, Year 6 ready? She was long ago. You superstar Grace!

Y5

Whole Class



As part of our Ancient Greece topic, Year 5 have been learning democracy’s origins. We then learnt about how to be a strong speaker and the skills involved in debating. We then held our own class debate on whether school should be a 4 day or 5 day week – there strong points form both side, everyone listened well, was respectful while also having a lot of passion about what they were saying! It was a pleasure to be a part of and a real sparkle moment as teacher, watching potential future leaders speak so eloquently! Well done Darwin!

Diana



A huge special mention to Diana, who has recently joined the school and has shown fantastic readiness in everything she does. She approaches every task with confidence and independence, always getting on with her work straight away and giving her very best effort. Diana consistently demonstrates a level of maturity beyond her years, showing the responsibility, resilience and positive attitude we would expect from a Year 6 pupil. We are so proud of how quickly she has settled in and become such a valued member of the class.

Nina



A very special mention to Nina, who has been a shining light throughout Year 5. Her beautiful energy, enthusiasm and creativity make her an absolute joy to teach and a real treat to have in the classroom every day. One of Nina's greatest strengths is her fantastic ability to remember and apply what she has learned. She listens intently during grammar lessons and consistently uses new skills and techniques in her writing, helping her work to flourish. Nina's positive attitude and determination to improve are truly wonderful to see.



Y1 Kahlo	Isaac Hattie and Beau	Super simile writing! Year 2 quality writing.
Y2 Attenborough	Ruby	Handwriting heroics!
Y3 Pankhurst	Sophia and Zachary	For being writing wizards!
Y5 Darwin	Halle	Beautifully penned writing.
Y5 Seacole	Amelia	A beautiful nature poem.

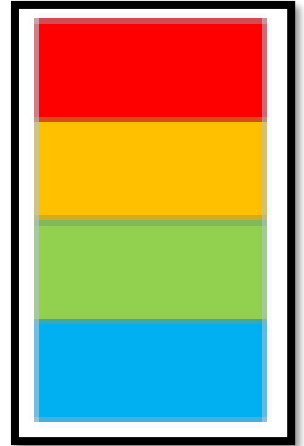
Withdean Athletics

On Wednesday, children from Years 4 - 6 travelled to the old home of Brighton & Hove Albion, the Withdean, for some athletics. It was an absolute pleasure taking each and every one of them due to their exemplary conduct and behaviour! Many medals were won, but most importantly, the children took part with respect and had bags of fun. Well done to all involved. We're looking forward to more sport over the summer months!



Equalities

This week in Year 2, we focused on our Good to be Green behaviour system and thought about the choices we can make to help ourselves stay ready to learn. During circle time, the children discussed what being “on green” looks like in our classroom, sharing examples such as listening carefully, following instructions and showing kindness to others. We also explored how everyone can have moments when they feel frustrated, worried or distracted and talked about strategies that can help us get back on track, including taking deep breaths, taking a short pause, asking for help and making positive choices. To finish, each child created their own strategy card containing personalised reminders and calming techniques that they can use whenever they feel themselves moving away from green and need support to get back on track for learning.



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>



Summer Raffle

RUDYARD KIPLING PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA
SUMMER RAFFLE 2026

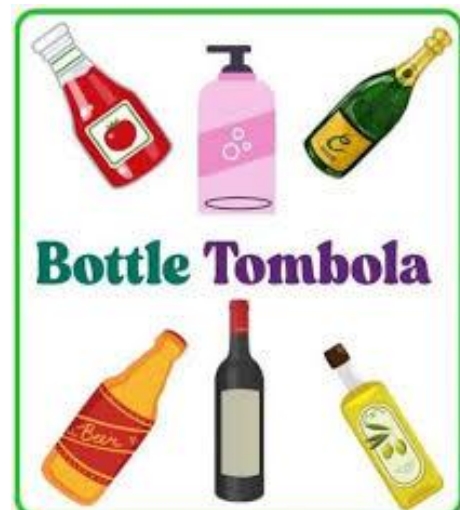
STAR PRIZE
NINTENDO SWITCH 2
2ND PRIZE - 4 BALL @ EAST BRIGHTON GOLF CLUB

We have lots of amazing prizes this year!
A DAB radio, A squishie hamper, perfumes, Pier Pressure escape room tickets, Lazerzone voucher, Fishers Farm voucher, Longhill gym membership, Brighton Zip Wire, Paws for a Cause voucher, a massage gun, Honey Bee's meal vouchers, Brighton Buses passes, Upside Down House tickets, Hair by madge voucher, £50 all for one voucher donated by Barnetts plumbing & heating, Komedia tickets and much much more..

Tickets available from Rudyard Kipling school and Ovingdean Village Stores or contact Kelly Feaver, draw to be held on 17th July 2026 at 3.15pm

Non-Uniform Day

- 🍷 Non uniform day Friday 3rd July.
- 🎉 Dress to party for summer.
- 🍷 Please bring a bottle donation (anything from ketchup to shampoo to alcohol) or a £1 donation.

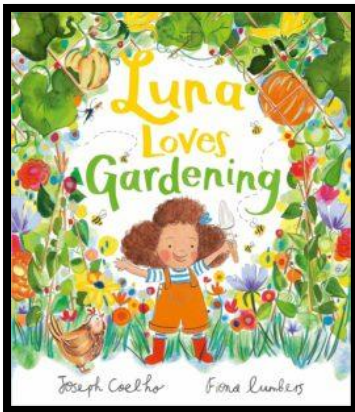


Reading Recommendations

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.

Luna Loves Gardening Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers

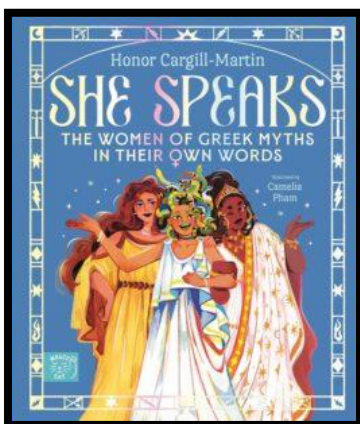


Previous Children’s Laureate Joseph Coelho returns with his well-loved character Luna. This time, Luna is exploring the magic of gardening.

Luna is impressed by the community allotment when she visits with her family. Luna takes time to wonder about each seed she encounters – where in the world it came from and what it will turn into. With the help of Grandpa and Nana from Jamaica, Luna realises that every new seed planted will have its own story to tell.

This is a really beautiful picture book celebrating nature, gardens, community, the interconnectedness of humanity and the importance of stories. Fiona Lumbers’ artwork is stunning, drawing out the elements that most capture a young child’s imagination with an abundance of colour, while also contrasting the vibrancy of the community garden with the grey, surrounding cityscape.

She Speaks: The Women of Greek Myths in Their Own Words by Honor Cargill-Martin & Camelia Pham



In *She Speaks*, passionate classicist Honor Cargill-Martin redresses this imbalance by retelling eight classic Greek myths, this time from an all-female perspective.

Written in first-person, we hear from the astute sorceress Medea and her pivotal role in the quest for the Golden Fleece; discover the contributions of Cretan princess Ariadne in the slaying of the Minotaur; witness the strength and resilience of Atalanta, Circe, Helen of Troy, and many other women who have been previously overshadowed by their male counterparts.

With her meticulous research and insightful storytelling, readers will be mesmerised as Honor resurrects these voices, breathes new life into well-loved stories, and drags the Classics into the modern world.



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year 6 (25th June)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 23rd June – Year 5 Darwin AM

Tuesday 23rd June – Year 1 Kahlo PM

Wednesday 24th June – Year 2 Attenborough AM

Wednesday 24th June – Year R Thunberg PM

Thursday 25th June – Year 6 Yousafzai 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 dismantled 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.



Tomorrow!

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

Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters

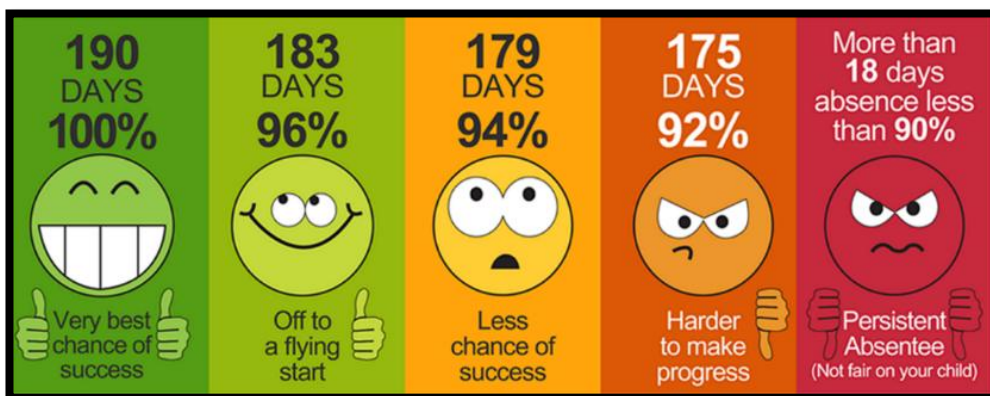
Attendance at RKPS

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...

June 26	
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, PTFA Circus Skills Event
Thursday 25 th	Hollywood Headshots – Graduation photos
Friday 26 th	Y6 Prom
Tuesday 30 th	Y6 trip 'Take Shelter'
July 26	
Friday 3 rd	Y6 Transition Day, Reception 2026 Story and Play 13:30-14:30, PTFA Non Uniform Day (bring a bottle).
Monday 6 th	Sports Day
Tuesday 7 th	Rocksteady Concert 14:30
Friday 10 th	PTFA Summer Fayre
Tuesday 14 th	School Council Eco Festival
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)



CROSSFIT KIDS

STRONG TODAY, STRONGER TOMORROW!

- BUILD STRENGTH**
Improve fitness, coordination and overall strength.
- MOVE BETTER**
Enhance balance, agility and flexibility.
- BUILD CONFIDENCE**
Develop self-belief, resilience and a positive attitude.
- MAKE FRIENDS**
Work as a team, have fun and make new friends.
- HEALTHY HABITS**
Learn healthy habits that last a lifetime.

RUDYARD KIPLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY MONDAY DURING TERM TIME

3:30PM – 4:15PM AGES 7-11

4:30PM – 5:15PM AGES 12-17

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CONTACT LAURA GLOVER

LION VALLEY CROSSFIT

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