



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

This has been a week of hot weather like no other.

We have adapted our school days to keep our children safe and as cool as possible. Water activities have been the order of the day: thank goodness that there hasn't been a hose pipe ban this week! Fans have been on in every learning space and classrooms moved downstairs. Children have been glugging water all day and physical activity has been kept to a minimum (apart from jumping through the sprinkler at lunchtimes!).

Our children have done remarkably well, we are proud of them. And the many I have spoken to have reported that they've had a fantastic week which is great. Many thanks to the parents who have emailed to thank our school staff for their dedication in keeping the ship (HMS RKPS!) sailing this week, we appreciate it.

I would like to thank everyone in our staff team for their dedication, resilience and creativity this week. A special mention should go to our school kitchen staff who have surely had the toughest role of all. I am going to pass Claire and her team a small gift on behalf of us all.

Next Wednesday will see the rescheduled performances of 'Matilda'. Mrs Brewer and Mr Campbell have been working incredibly hard with our young actors and we thank them both. It promises to be a super show and I personally can't wait!

The PTFA Year 6 Prom has been rescheduled to next Friday at 6pm: many thanks to Anik, Lou and the rest of the team for organising this special event.

Next Saturday is the Woodingdean Carnival. We will be carrying our Snow Dragon to W.P.S. Please meet us at Lockwood Park at 10:15am. As the Children's Parade, the dress up theme is silver, white or light blue.

Our children will be meeting their new teachers next Friday-always an exciting occasion. I will be writing to you on the same day with September's teacher list.

Have a wonderful, cooler, weekend

Euan Harrington

Headteacher



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness



Y3 Gandhi	Oliver and Freddie	For designing an exciting board game!
Y3 Pankhurst	Whole class	Excellent handwriting
Y5 Darwin	Freddie and Eddie Aoife and Lana	Super bug creations in art: very imaginative! For designing and drawing a fantastic cartoon strip
Y5 Seacole	Nina	A super cartoon strip!
Y6 Yousafzai	Asomi	Secondary school quality writing based on Kensuke's Kingdom.

Lancing – Play Cup

Last Friday, two teams from Years 5 and 6 took to Lancing FC's pitch to take part in a football tournament against other local schools. Despite the blistering heat, the children were cool, calm, and composed in all games and, to no one's surprise, embodied the RKPS values throughout. Each team progressed through their groups to the 'shield', where they each won their quarter final. What did this mean? An all-Rudyard semi-final! After a 2-2 draw, the game went to penalties which resulted in Rudyard Yellow progressing to the final. Against a talented St Bernadette's team, they narrowly missed out on glory but the spirit they showed was admirable. We couldn't be prouder of them!



Every child from RKPS was a pleasure both on and off the field and they were worthy wearers of the school crest. Special mentions however, go to Ole 'curl it like' Calver for his astonishing 8 goals throughout the tournament as well as Oakley and Euan for their catlike reflexes between the sticks.

A huge thanks also to Ben, Halle's dad, who coached one of the teams and rumour has it, his tactical nuance may see him replace Thomas Tuchel as England manager! Watch this space. #BenForEnglandManager

Well done to all children involved: Euan, Oakley, Ole, Joseph, Dougie, Eddie, Fred, Dexter B, Dexter K, Rocco, Jaxon, Ruben, Halle, Eli and Bertie.

Equalities

This week, Year 3 have been learning about our bodies and how important they are in so many different ways. We learnt that our bodies are our own and that we have private areas of our bodies and we can decide what happens to our bodies. We also understand that whilst everyone's bodies are unique, there are lots of body parts that all humans have. We celebrated how amazing our bodies are.

Woodingdean Carnival

Next Saturday morning, July 4th, meet us at 10:15am at Lockwood Park. The parade starts at 10:30am. The Samba Band will lead the way! While, silver and light blue is our dress up theme!

PTFA Events

Y6 Prom

★ It's party time! ★ The new date for the Y6 Prom is Friday 3rd July at 6pm.

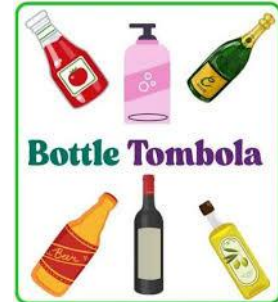


Non-Uniform Day

🎉 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.



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



Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Year 4 Mandela (2nd July)**.

Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 30th June – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Tuesday 30th June – Year 1 Kahlo PM

Wednesday 1st July – Year 5 Darwin AM

Wednesday 1st July – Year R Thunberg PM

Thursday 2nd July – Year 2 Attenborough 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.

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.

Sports Day Timings – 6th July

Each year group will have their own 40-minute slot full of non-stop sporting action!

We are looking forward to an exciting day of running, throwing and jumping.

The timetable is as follows:

Reception (one class)	9:00 -9:30
Year 1	9:30-10:10
Year 2	10:30-11:10
Year 3	11:10-11:50
Year 4	1:00-1:40
Year 5	1:40-2:20
Year 6	2:20-3:00

We do hope that you will be able to join us on the day: we are all looking forward to another fun Rudyard Sports Day.

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 30 th	Y6 trip 'Take Shelter'
Wednesday 1 st	Matilda Dress Rehearsal (2pm, doors 1:40pm), Matilda Evening Performance (6pm, doors 5:40pm)
Friday 3 rd	Y6 Prom (6pm)
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)

Notice Board



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

TWO CLASSES. ONE STRONG COMMUNITY.

FUN. FITNESS. CONFIDENCE. THAT'S CROSSFIT KIDS!

CONTACT LAURA GLOVER

LION VALLEY CROSSFIT



Let's party!

Hire our school hall for your child's birthday party.

Competitive rates
Weekend and Holiday bookings
All in one Bouncy Castle and Wiggle Bike packages available
Support your local primary school

While availability lasts...
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