



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Today marks the end of another successful year for our school.

Despite there being less Reception aged children in the city, we continue to be an extremely popular school: in September we will welcome two Reception classes to Rudyard. We look forward to their unique personalities adding to the rich diversity of RKPS. Families choose to send their children here because they know that we provide an exciting, holistic education.

This year our children have enjoyed so many sporting opportunities, trips out of school and outdoor learning at our exceptional Forest School. Ever since our school opened in 1959, we have had a rich history of putting on first class plays and productions. We are proud to continue this tradition to this day and last night's Year 6 performance of Peter Pan was a further example. Many thanks to Miss Vaughan and the rest of the team for putting together such a super show. It followed close on the tails of Matilda which was so much fun!

Today, we say goodbye to our magnificent Year 6 cohort. They are such a super bunch and we are all extremely proud of them: they will always be 'Rudyard' pupils and we wish them well. We have so many amazing children in our school, every single one is incredible in their own way.

Our children are afforded so many special opportunities thanks to our PTFA who really are the best around. I think back to Christmas and the magical Light Trail, just one of myriad special events which they have provided for our families. Many thanks to Anik, Lou, Kelly, Danielle and everyone else who has volunteered and helped bring the events to life.

We have a highly skilled group of school governors working behind the scenes to enable our school to thrive. Many thanks to co-chairs, Craig and Alex, and the rest of the governing body for their strategic leadership. Today, we say goodbye to governor Tess, Leisha and Rodan's mum, who is leaving to be a headteacher in Switzerland. Many thanks to Tess for her superb governor work.

I feel extremely lucky to be leading a school which contains so many dedicated and talented staff. From the cooks to the teachers to the cleaning staff, from the learning support assistants to our office staff to our Premises Manager: our staff are second to none: they go above and beyond and then a little further still. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank them for everything they do for the children in our school.

Finally, I would like to thank all RKPS families for your continued support of our super community school.

Wishing all of our school community a wonderful summer.

We look forward to seeing the children again on Wednesday 2nd September.

Euan Harington

Headteacher



Year 6 Peter Pan Production





Y3 Gandhi	Freddie and Ben	For super artwork on Eco Day!
Y4 Mandela	Henry S, Isabelle, Elliott	A superb attitude towards learning
Y4 Franklin	Tiffany	For a continued excellent attitude to learning.
Y5 Darwin	Grace	Fantastic painting of the 'Peter Pan' backdrop!

Christina Wilkinson Award

This week, we were incredibly proud to see our wonderful Halle receive the Christina Wilkinson Award for Outstanding Commitment to Sport 2025/26.

The award was presented by Christina's parents, Barry and Debra, making the occasion even more special. Halle was delighted to share this memorable moment with her mum, Hollie.

Throughout the year, Halle has shown exceptional dedication, determination and enthusiasm in all her sporting endeavours, and this recognition is thoroughly deserved.

Congratulations, Halle! We are so proud of you and everything you have achieved this year.



Transition Books

Transition books will be uploaded to class pages over the coming week. These booklets are designed to support children with their transition into their new year groups in September.

Please note that the transition booklets will be uploaded to your child's current class page, rather than their new class page for September.



A big thank you...

...to Eleanor and Bobby who, with Aariah leaving Year 6 today, now step away from their work with our PTFA. Both have been key members of our PTFA over many years and will be missed. We thank them for everything they have contributed to the Rudyard community.

HAF Holiday Clubs

A reminder to everyone about HAF holiday clubs which are running across the city. Funded by the Department for Education, the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme offers free activities during the school holidays. It's for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals. You can book up to 16 Summer HAF places.

There is a club running here at RKPS, at Woodingdean Primary, at Longhill and at ArtPod in Rottingdean - and others further afield. Visit the link below to find out more about the clubs and to sign your child up

<https://eequ.org/brightonhovehaf?view=map>

School Uniform

Please see the link below to our online school shop where you can order your school uniform ahead of September.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in making our children look so smart.

<https://workkit.co.uk/collections/rudyard-kipling>

For more info on your uniform code, please visit our school website.

Vacancy: School Parent Governor

Are you interested in being a School Governor? You don't have to be an expert in education- you just need to have some time, enthusiasm, and energy and to contribute to making a difference at the school, for the good of all of the community, but especially the children.

A letter with all the information on how to express your interest will be sent out to all families via Arbor on Monday 20th July.

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



And finally...

Dates for the Diary

July 26	
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

SUMMER Holiday clubs

More fun, More friendships, More smiles during the Summer break!

Book Today!

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/>

Please bring
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

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

Kids moving. Confidence growing. Dozens of activities. Tonnes of fun. And your childcare worries? Sorted.

And with the HAF programme, your children can attend sessions free of charge. Each session includes healthy food and enriching activities.

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

Clubs are better with friends!

BOOK NOW!

Excellent
★★★★★
Trustpilot

Treat your friends to 20% off...and get 20% off too!

*F&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.

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