



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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## Headteacher Reports:

It's been a particularly busy week at RKPS with Classroom Connect sessions and an Ofsted inspection.

Many thanks to all parents and carers who spoke and wrote so glowingly to inspectors about Rudyard. Positive and warm relationships run across our school and this will certainly come across in the report when it's published.

Ofsted certainly recognised the strength of parent and school relations. Linked to which, we are extremely grateful to parents and carers who volunteer in the school. We are currently a little short on Forest School volunteers and would be delighted to have a few more parents come along to help our children enjoy this most special provision. If you would like to support your child's class at Forest School, please contact the school office.

Later today is our PTFA The Tiger That Came To Tea party: many thanks to our amazing PTFA for organising. I'm looking forward to joining in the fun later!

Finally, I would like to make a request that all drivers take the greatest of care when driving near the school. Children are small and we had a near miss this week when a motorist failed to spot a pupil who was near their car. Please drive at minimum speed when near the school and be mindful that children can make unpredictable movements.

Thank you for your support with this and have a wonderful weekend.

*Euan Hainington*

Headteacher



Arlo's dad undertaking his sky dive for RKPS



# Special Mentions

Y1



## Charlie

Charlie, when you first started Year 1, coming into school and saying goodbye could feel really tricky, but look at you now! You are so brave, and seeing you walk through our classroom door makes us smile every day. You have worked so hard to discover your own ways to feel calm and ready to learn, and we love seeing you use these independently. You are also becoming more confident joining carpet times and class activities. Every day, you are showing us just how resilient you are. We are incredibly proud of you and cannot wait to see you continue to grow!

## Ronnie



Ronnie, you had an amazing start to Year 2, and you are working so hard to be more resilient when you can feel yourself go into 'the red'. Keep listening to all those around you who are helping you to complete things and supporting you to continue persevering. You've got this, you superstar!

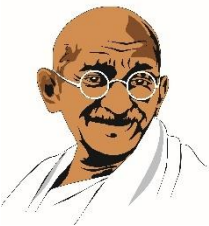
Y2



## Arlo

Arlo, what a fantastic start you have made to Year 2! You have shown such brilliant **readiness** this week, coming into school each day with a positive attitude and being ready to get stuck into your learning. You listen carefully, think hard and always try your best, even when something feels tricky. It has been wonderful to see you growing in confidence and showing us what you can do. Keep up the fantastic work, Arlo — you should be very proud of yourself! You are a superstar!

## Forrest



Forrest is a kind and caring member of Gandhi class who has earned his special mention for his amazing remembering! He has already built so much on his skills from last year and continues to grow, thrive and show us what he is capable of!

Y3



## Rocky

It seems as if Rocky was made for Year 3. He has had such an amazing start and consistently shows readiness for every lesson. He is always eager and engaged, always focused and listening and he always double checks what is expected of him which ensures that he is on task and successful every time. Well done Rocky.

## Erica



Erica is our Franklin queen of readiness. Each day Erica tracks the speaker, has her resources ready, asks interesting questions and starts her independent learning with gusto. She is an absolute joy to teach and a role model to her peers. Keep up the hard work Erica, you are smashing Year 4!

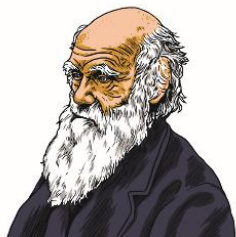
Y4



## Aiden

Aiden has earned a special mention for his fantastic readiness to learn. He has really impressed us with his perfect posture, sitting up smartly and showing that he is ready to give his very best.

Aiden is such a joy to have in the class, and we feel very lucky to have him and his lovely warm smile.



## Rowan

Rowan was born ready for year 5! She is consistently punctual and prepared for her learning. Each lesson, she remains focused and resilient when things become challenging. Well done, Rowan!

Y5



## Ruby-Jo

Ruby-Jo has proved she is ready for Year 5 from the moment she has stepped in to the classroom. Her laser focus and independence are an admirable skill. Fantastic work Ruby-Jo – keep it up!



## Archie

Archie has made such a positive start to Year 6 and has shown fantastic readiness every single day. He comes into class, gets himself organised and approaches his learning with a calm, focused attitude. Although Archie can be quite reserved, his thoughtful contributions show just how much he has to offer, and it has been brilliant getting to know him more each day. Archie, you are a valued member of Turing Class and you should be incredibly proud of the start you have made. Keep it up!

Y6



## Daisy

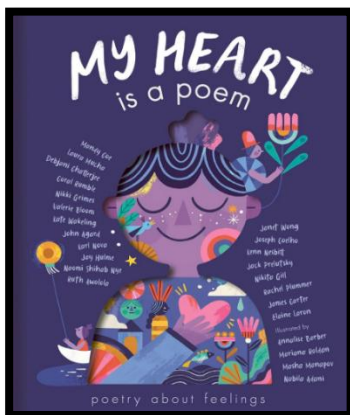
When the going gets tough, the tough get going as they say and this couldn't be more applicable to Daisy. Never does she become frustrated by mistakes or feedback, instead she sees them as an opportunity to grow and improve. As a result, her writing has already improved dramatically in the first two weeks! For that, you must have resilience in abundance. A huge well-done Daisy, keep up the hard work!



|                 |                                                         |                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Y1 Obama        | Tanya and Curtis                                        | Super phonics!                                                                                                        |
| Y2 Attenborough | Ronnie<br>Azaan                                         | Super spelling!<br>Handwriting heroics!                                                                               |
| Y2 Parks        | George<br>Millie-Rose                                   | Independently making a brilliant electric circuit.<br>Super writing about Nigeria                                     |
| Y3 Pankhurst    | Lily and Greta<br>Cara, Alexandria and<br>Alayna        | Wonderful poetry.<br>Excellent resilience and patience in computing.                                                  |
| Y4 Franklin     | Kody<br>Jude, Zachary and<br>Isobel and Asiyah<br>Ollie | Excellent English work.<br>An excellent diary entry.<br>For being writing wizards!<br>Super writing with great voice. |
| Y4 Mandela      | Tallulah                                                | Very stylish writing.                                                                                                 |
| Y5 Seacole      | Luke                                                    | Amazing maths learning.                                                                                               |
| Y6 Turing       | Ole                                                     | Super writing on 'Street Child'                                                                                       |
| Y6 Yousafzai    | Jacob                                                   | Impressive place value maths work.                                                                                    |

## Reading Recommendations

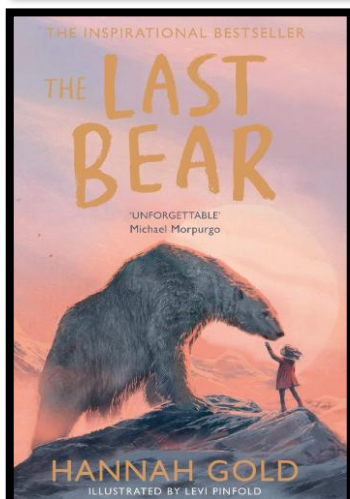
Dr Seuss: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"



### **EYFS & KS1: *My Heart is a Poem* by Eloise Greenfield**

A beautiful collection of poetry by Eloise Greenfield. The poems celebrate childhood, family, nature and everyday experiences through joyful and imaginative language.

The poems are wonderful to read aloud and offer children the chance to explore rhythm, rhyme and language in a meaningful and accessible way. A lovely book to dip into together and discover a new favourite poem.



### **KS2: *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold**

April travels to a remote Arctic island where she discovers a polar bear who desperately needs her help. This beautifully written story explores friendship, courage and our responsibility towards the natural world.

Hannah Gold combines an exciting adventure with important conversations about climate change and the environment. It encourages children to think beyond their own experiences and develop empathy for the animals and world around them.



## Wescott Thursdays

The next Wescott Thursday will be **Y1 Obama (24<sup>th</sup> September)**.

## Forest School with Mr Wescott

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Year 6 Yousafzai AM

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Year 2 Parks PM

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 4 Mandela AM

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year R Thunberg PM

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 Darwin AM



## Classroom Connect Sessions

|                            |                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> September | <b>Classroom Connect: Year 5 at 2:45pm (in usual classroom)</b> |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> September | <b>Classroom Connect: Year 3 at 2:45pm (in usual classroom)</b> |

**Main gate or car park entrance doors will open at 2:40pm.**

## Secondary School Open Evenings

**Patcham** – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Dorothy Stringer** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm-7pm

**BACA** – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 6pm – 8pm

**Longhill** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 5pm-7pm

## NEW Rhythm Master

## PTFA News

**Ollie's**  
**RHYTHM MASTER CLUB**  
"OUTSTANDING!" (OFSTED May 2026)  
ollieheath.com

### Beatbox, Sing, Rap & Drum

**What will your child experience in the club?**

Learn to beatbox, learn to sing, learn to rap and make beats with everything! Each term we learn new songs, raps and rhythms. So, if you've been before, there's more to learn, much more!

Pupils will all get to make music with 'Rhythm Master Microphones' and a wide range of percussion and drums.

**Day:** Friday  
**Times:** 8 - 8.40am  
**Open to:** Yr 1 - Yr 6  
**Dates:** 25/9, 2/11, 9/10, 16/10, 23/10, 6/11, 13/11, 20/11, 27/11 & 4/12  
**Cost:** £6 per class  
**Total:** £60 (10 classes)

**More than Music!**  
 Benefits include improvement in confidence, creativity, cooperation and concentration.

**About Ollie:**  
 Ollie is a qualified Teacher, guest lecturer, professional musician and YouTuber. He has been running workshops and training Teachers across the UK and beyond for 25 years.

**Don't want your child to miss out?**  
 Rhythm Masters usually books up fast! So, do not delay, sign your child up today. [LINK BELOW.](#)

**Purchase a Space for Rhythm Masters**  
[ollieheath.com/rudyard](http://ollieheath.com/rudyard)

RKPS PTFA AGM

Friday 16th October 1.45pm

Rudyard Kipling Primary School dining hall

Everybody is welcome! ❤️

? Would you like to be more involved with the events that happen at the school?

? Would you like to be involved with how we spend and donate our funds?

? Would you like to have prior knowledge of the events ahead?

? Would you be able to help, no matter how often or little? Even as little as an hour once a year is helpful!

# Attendance at RKPS – Every Day Matters

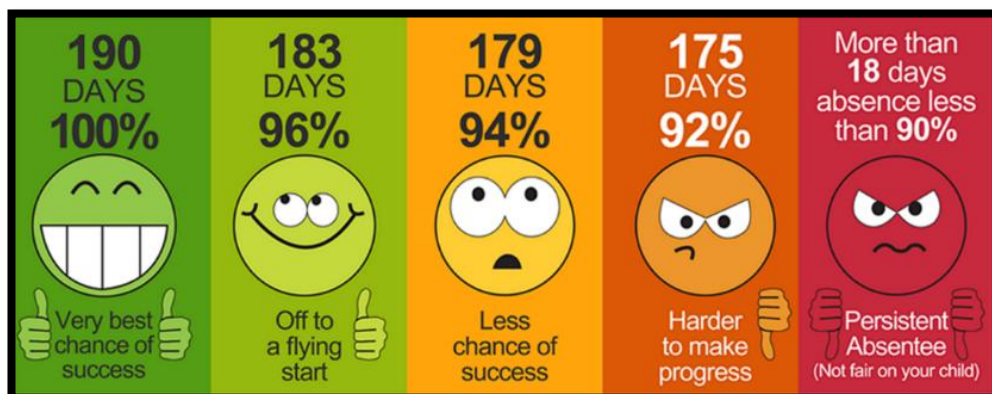
## **Attendance at RKPS**

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...

## Class Teacher

1

- Any parent/carer communication should be with the Class Teacher in the first instance.

## Head of Key Stage

2

- If the Class Teacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue this can then be escalated to the Head of Key Stage.

## Deputy Head/SENCO

3

- If the Head of Key Stage is unable to advise to rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Deputy Headteacher or SENCO if your child has additional needs.

## Headteacher

4

- If the Deputy Headteacher/SENCO is unable to advise or rectify the issue, this can then be escalated to the Headteacher.

## Chair of Governors

5

- If the Headteacher is unable to advise or rectify the issue, the matter can then be escalated to the Chair of Governors.

## Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Mrs Goss

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mrs Steele

Upper Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

## Dates for the Diary

| September 26               |                                                              |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> September | Classroom Connect: Year 5                                    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> September | Classroom Connect: Year 3                                    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> September | BACA visiting Y6                                             |
| October 26                 |                                                              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October    | Reception 2027 Open Morning (10am)                           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October    | Reception 2027 Open Event (9:30am)                           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October    | Chef John Visiting Y6                                        |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> October   | Parents Evening: DAY 1                                       |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> October   | Parents Evening: DAY 2                                       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> October   | PTFA AGM meeting (1:45pm)                                    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> October   | Reception 2027 Open Event (5:30pm)                           |
| November 26                |                                                              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November   | Individual photos, Reception 2027 Open Event (9:30am)        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November   | PTFA Diwali Event (3:30pm)                                   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November  | Children in Need Kindness Day, Whole School Flu Vaccinations |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November  | Chef John visiting Y6                                        |



# Notice Board

## Open Events

Is your child starting Reception in September 2027?



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### Dates

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 10:00  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 17:30  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 9:30

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