



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

## Newsletter

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### Headteacher Reports:

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It is always great to see our children enjoying so many sporting opportunities.

The RKPS sporting culture is well established here and we are very proud of it. We use two additional sports coaches to provide our young sportspeople with additional opportunities to enjoy as much physical exercise as possible. Our staff believe that a healthy body goes hand in hand with a healthy mind!

Our new girls' football club started on Monday after school in this perfect football weather. Our school football team have been competing in a number of matches of late: Mr Wynne and Mr Mack could not be prouder of how they have performed, representing the school nobly whilst showing all five of our school values, including respect and positivity.

ACE events take place after school on Thursdays, when we take sports teams to compete against other 'Deans' schools in our locality. The sport just keeps on coming and that's how we like it!

Our portfolio of after school clubs continues to expand: our new KSI Forest School club started on Monday which looked a ton of fun as did our new skateboarding club. Miss Desai's Film Appreciation Club and Mr Nicholson's Lego club continue to be popular. We are always on the lookout for new enrichment opportunities for all our children to enjoy.

It has been a pleasure showing many prospective new families around the school recently. Visitors are always bowled over by our magnificent outdoor spaces and are particularly awestruck by our unique Forest School setting. Our children are so very fortunate to be able to learn in our vast outside spaces.

Christmas is fast approaching and this term promises to be a lot of fun.

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Euan Hannington*

Headteacher



Cross Country 2024



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions

## Harper



Wow, wow, wow! Harper has been incredible this week! Her resourcefulness is endless, and she is always offering a helping hand! If there is ever an issue or she is stuck with her learning she will always find an answer. In art this week she was creative and independent working on her leaf collage inspired by Andy Goldsworthy! Harper is so helpful she will do things to help before even being asked! The class are so lucky to have such a superstar in Kahlo! Well done, Harper.

## YR1



## Amber

Amazing Amber has been and is always extremely resourceful. You have been on it with our learning this week and you were so fantastic during our school trip to find physical and human features! It was unbe-leaf-able how amazing you were at finding the most beautiful and colourful leaves for our leaf collages. You are constantly inspiring others to do well! The other day, you lead by example when you used our adjective display to find a fantastic describing word for our new book. Others followed in your resourceful footsteps. Well done, you! Keep it up!

## Leisha



Leisha, lovely Leisha. What a shining example you are to all of us. You 'remember' alongside your other learning behaviours. Your handwriting and the learning challenges you set inspire us all to be as organised and resourceful as you are. You don't just do it, you fill the classroom with your light.

## YR2



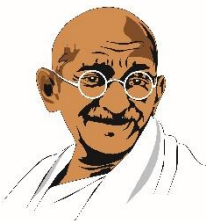
## Albie

Amazing Albie! You have been displaying delightful reflectiveness in your learning. With a can-do spirit, you embrace every piece of advice, transforming challenges into stepping stones for success. Each day, your hard work is paving the path to progress as you joyfully journey towards new knowledge. I am loving observing your change in attitude towards your learning and your willingness to succeed. Keep it up!

## Harper

The Oxford dictionary has officially been renamed... introducing the new and upgraded version, named, 'The Harper Dictionary'. Why? I hear you ask... Well, this wonderful child has been a shining example of how to use precise, mathematical vocabulary from the maths display, not only when speaking, but also when writing. Her Maths learning is really beginning to develop, and her confidence is blossoming as a result. She should feel ever so proud of herself!

## YR3



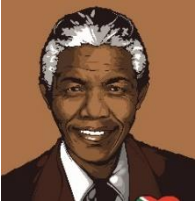
YR3



## Stanley

He is known as 'Stan the Man', and he really lives up to this title! If you need anything to be done with efficiency, care and attention he is your guy. He consistently shows Miss Hay Year 3 readiness and maturity, and always does his best. Stan is also a fantastic team player, and it is such a joy to watch him encourage his classmates to be the best they can be too. What a star-keep it up Stan.

## Daisy



While Daisy has always tried her best, these past couple of weeks have been incredible for her! She has shown copious amounts of resilience in her learning and her attitude has been admirable. Miss Walsh has been so impressed by the effort Daisy has been putting into her work. Keep it up Daisy! You should be very proud.

YR4



## Oakley

What would we do without Oakley in Franklin? He contributes so much to the class, always being willing to read out loud, answering questions and sharing his wonderful thoughts and ideas, challenging himself, carrying out helpful jobs for adults and the list goes on. Oakley's bubbly personality makes every day just a little bit brighter.

## Tahlia

Whenever you're having a bad day, just know that you've always got a friend in Tahlia, ready to lift your spirits! She's the kind of friend who's always there with kindness, respect, and compassion, just when it's needed the most. After a well-deserved half-term reset, Tahlia came back stronger than ever, hitting the ground running and showing how truly ready she is for the term ahead. She continues to strive for success, always offering a helping hand to those around her and showing a selfless attitude that inspires us all. Tahlia, we're so lucky to have you in Seacole – you make our class better every day, and we can't wait to see all the wonderful things you'll accomplish!

YR5



## Ona

Outstanding Ona is a delight to have in Turing class! An outstanding artist, great writer...you name it, Ona can do it! She has found fractions in Maths tricky this week, but in true 'Ona' style, she persevered and smashed it by Thursday. What a super star!



YR6

## Jacob

Jacob is an enthusiastic member of Yousafzai class who brightens up every day. This week, he stood out as a fantastic teacher in maths, explaining equivalent fractions to his classmates with understanding and patience. Jacob always makes Miss Vaughan smile. Well done, Jacob



# Stars of the Week

**After School Club – Rec/KS1 – Heidi-Rose in Thunberg for settling so well.  
KS2 – Jacob is Yousafzai for being so kind to others.**

## Lunchtime Stars of the Week

**Eli, Ole and Evan Y4 for the incredible tyre game they created in the KS2 playground.  
Stanley in Yr6 for his skipping rope-pick up game. He demonstrated lots of patience and determination.  
Arthur in Yr6, Archie and Tahlia in Y4 for helping to collect tyres.**



YR Thunberg	<b>Albie</b> – For impressive superskills learning!
YR Rashford	<b>Isaac</b> - Writing a brilliant 'silly sentence'!
Y1 Kahlo	<b>Freddie</b> – Excellent handwriting practice.
Y1 Obama	<b>Fox</b> - For his super learning across the board!
Y2 Attenborough	<b>Jack</b> - For being a Writing Wizard!
	<b>Eren</b> - For his brilliant story map!
	<b>Orya</b> - Incredible progress in reading!
Y2 Parks	<b>Hope</b> - For impressive reading and writing
Y3 Gandhi	<b>Ayham</b> - Excellent multiplication maths learning
Y3 Pankhurst	<b>Ruby-Jo</b> - For her consistently excellent attitude to learning.
Y4 Mandela	<b>Willis</b> - Impressive reading comprehension.
Y4 Franklin	<b>Charlie</b> - Super writing about hamsters!
	<b>Evan</b> - Handwriting hero!
	<b>Freddie</b> - A tremendous poem about the city.
	<b>Bertie</b> - Amazing history writing!
Y5 Seacole	<b>Izzy</b> - For planning and producing a first class Viking shield in DT.
Y6 Turing	<b>Teddy</b> - Excellent character description based on 'Streetchild'
Y6 Yousafzai	<b>Barney</b> – Secondary school quality writing.



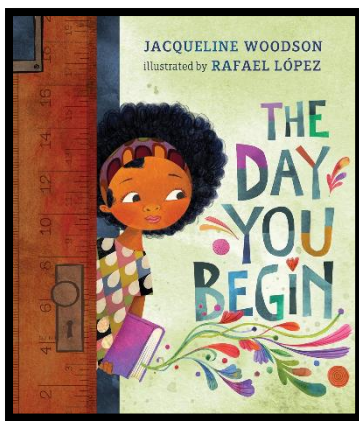


Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

### Reading Research Alert:

“Students with more positive attitudes towards reading are more likely to read at or above the expected level for their age.” Clark 2014.

### *The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by Rafael LÓpez*

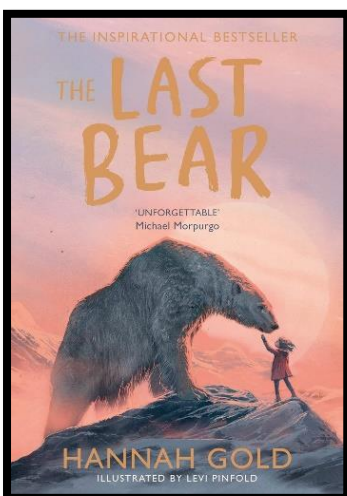


There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you.

There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.

Jacqueline Woodson's lyrical text and Rafael López's dazzling art reminds us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes-and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway.

### *The Last Bear by Hannah Gold and illustrated by Levi Pinfold*



'This is an important first novel, important for us, for polar bears, for the planet. It is deeply moving, beautifully told, quite unforgettable' Michael Morpurgo

There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life . . .

This moving story will win the hearts of children the world over and show them that no one is too young or insignificant to make a difference. The Last Bear is a celebration of the love between a child and an animal, a battle cry for our world and an irresistible adventure with a heart as big as a bear's.

# Staying Safe Online

With an increasing number of our children having access to their own devices (such as Smartphones, iPads, games consoles), it is important to be aware of the potential risks of children accessing the internet without suitable protection in place. One such risk is children accessing inappropriate content.

## Useful advice for parents

A great source of information and advice can be found at the **UK Safer Internet Centre**:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

**How to start a conversation with your child about using a phone safely:**

**Why do you want to get a phone?**

Whilst deciding if it is time for your child to have their first phone can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use their phone for. This could be for connecting with friends, playing games, for keeping in touch whilst out of the house or other reasons.

**What do you like about using your phone?**

You can ask your child about their favourite apps or games, what they like using their phone for, or you can ask them to show you how to play or use their favourite game or website.

**What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your phone?**

You can ask them about the places they can go to find the safety advice, find out what they know about privacy settings, and ask them how to report or block on the services they use.

**How can we do more online together?**

Ask your child about activities or games that you could enjoy as a family, this can be a great time to establish a [family agreement](#) to manage your families time online.

**Internetmatters.org** is also a useful place to look if you want help or advice setting up parental controls on a wide range of devices:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices>

**Step-by-step guides**

Search for a guide

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DEVICES SOCIAL MEDIA

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Amazon Echo configuration for kids

Amazon Fire HD guide

Android Smartphone guide

Android Tablet guide

Apple HomePod Family Sharing guide

Apple iPhone and iPad parental control guide

Apple's Family Sharing

Fitbit fitness tracker

Google Family Link guide

We regularly review and update our Online Safety lessons in school (using the Eaware online portal) and would encourage parents to use the information above to help them make informed decisions about their child's internet use.

# Cross-Country

On Wednesday, Mr Mack and Mr Wynne accompanied 16 eager athletes from Years 5 & 6 to the annual Brighton & Hove Schools Cross Country at Waterhall. There were wide eyes and open mouths when the children took in the scale of course - over 2km of challenging terrain, with plenty of hills to overcome - but soon the excitement took hold and the races began!

First, it was the turn of our Year 5 boys, Rodan, Rocco and Carter. In a huge field of over 200 other boys, they all performed admirably on their schools cross country debuts. Huge congratulations to Rodan for his 63rd place finish. Hot on their heels was the Year 5 girls race. Arianah and Ava represented us, and battled hard for their excellent finishes - the girls came across the finish line close together, which shows how well they supported each other throughout the race.



Next up were our Year Six Super Six in the boys' category: Barney, Henry, Woody, Michael, Teddy and Liam. We hoped for some great runs and we were not to be disappointed, with THREE top 100 finishes! Woody came 84th, Teddy a fantastic 27<sup>th</sup> (beating his position from last year - a great achievement) but the icing on the cake was Barney's superb 5<sup>th</sup> place finish, which has earned him a place at the Sussex Cross Country Championships next year. Henry, Liam and Michael (who was running a schools cross country for the first time) should all be very proud of their efforts too.

And finally, the Year 6 girls - who had been cheering on their teammates all this time - got their chance to run and, once again, performed magnificently! In another huge field of over 250 children, Chelsea was delighted with her 60<sup>th</sup> place, Sienna thrilled with her 49<sup>th</sup> while Alex punched the air as she crossed the line in 13<sup>th</sup>! She will join Barney at the Sussex Cross Country Championships. Lilah and Jessica were our final two competitors, who both completed the race beaming from ear to ear - that's what we love about sport at RKPS!

It was a simply outstanding effort from all our runners, with SEVEN top 100 finishes representing our best performance ever at this event. As always, though, it was the children's attitude, team spirit and sheer joy in participating that Mr Wynne and Mr Mack appreciated above all else. We're looking forward to the 2025 event already!

# Christmas Jumper and Onesie Sale!

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper and Onesie sale on **Tuesday 26th November at 8.45am**

**We would love to receive donations of outgrown Christmas Jumpers and Onesies to support our sale!**

Please bring all contributions to the school office when you can.



# PTFA NEWS / Events

## Asda Rewards

Wow! Through the Asda cash pot, we have raised an amazing £912.03.

Don't forget to choose Rudyard Kipling Primary School on the Asda Rewards app. We have 15 days left to keep earning! (this works alongside your own rewards so there is nothing to lose)

We've also been chosen to be part of the CO-OP community fund! If you already have a co-op card you'll be able to choose us as your chosen charity. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/87742>

New members sign up here <https://membership.coop.co.uk>



## Quiz Night

<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1430663>

Rudyard Kipling Primary School,  
Saturday 30th November 2024, Doors Open 7pm

Quiz Start 7.30pm  
(max 8 in a team - 18+ only)

Bar & Snacks

Graze boxes - please contact us at [rkpsptfa@gmail.com](mailto:rkpsptfa@gmail.com) to order. £5 per person.

We are thrilled to welcome our Quiz Master Guy Wickenden to our event.

All funds raised are for Rudyard Kipling PTFA Registered Charity; 1026027



## Pop Up SALE

👤 RKPS PTFA Pop Up Festive Charity Shop - Friday 13th Dec 2024. 3pm.

♥ Good quality pre-loved items wanted for our pop-up charity shop.

♥ Please drop off your donations on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th Dec from 8.15am outside the school office.

♥ Sale will be held in the KS2 school hall along with 2nd hand uniform on the 13th Dec from 3pm

★ Help us to use your pre-loved items to make some money for the school!

👤 Please note, whilst we appreciate all donations, please make sure they are in a good sellable condition. We are not able to dispose of items if unsold





## Letter from Father Christmas

👤 Have you been naughty or nice this year?

📖 Get ready to find out with a personalised letter from the big man himself - The One & Only Father Christmas!

🌲 Please use the form to pay for your personalised letter from Father Christmas, please answer all of the questions on the payment page, with all the details you require. You can send to any friend or family member of any age.

📍 If you are within the Woodingdean area we will arrange delivery or collection from Rudyard Kipling Primary School. If you need your letter to be sent out of area it will be posted to their door in plenty of time for Christmas.

💰 This service costs £3.00 per letter with all proceeds going to the school.

<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1456229>

⚠️ DEADLINE 25th November 2024!

## KS1 Xmas Magic Show

🎩 This year's PTFA Christmas Event for KS1

🌞 Friday 6th December

🌲 All details can be found in the link...



<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1456216>

## KS2 Xmas Party

🎩 This year's PTFA Christmas Event for KS2

🌞 Friday 6th December

🌲 All details can be found in the link...



<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1456228>



## Wescott Thursdays Autumn 2

The dates for Wescott Thursday after half-term are as follows: The running order will be as follows:

**Thursday 21st Nov - Year 4**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 3**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 2**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 1**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - TBC**

SchoolPing



To keep up to date and receive all communications from the school, it is really important that you download and keep checking Ping.

Arbor is used for club bookings, updating student details, payments and the school shop. We are not yet in a position to use the Arbor communications as it does not currently meet our needs. We appreciate having two Apps can be confusing BUT please remember school communications is Ping and everything else is Arbor.

## Arbor — Student details

Please can we ask that all families check student detail, addresses, phones number etc on your Arbor app to make sure these are current and up to date. It crucial the school has correct contact information for all families. Any medical updates such as allergies can also be updated BUT we ask that the office is also informed of these.

## Scooters and Bikes

We really encourage families to walk, bike or scooter to school. Not only is this better for the local environment by reducing congestion, it is healthier too!

However, due to the volume of scooters and bikes that come in, we are unable to store these in school. ALL scooters and bikes must be secured in the bike sheds and are left at the owners own risk.

If you decide that leaving such items at school it not for you, then we kindly ask they are taken away with adults. We kindly request neither are ridden onsite for Health and Safety reasons.



## Christmas Lunch and Christmas productions

Information regarding the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Christmas Productions (see dates in calendar) will be sent out via Ping in due course.



# Forest School with Mr Wescott!

There have been some wonderful woodland activities in our Forest School curriculum this week. Children have made dens, bird feeders, woodland jewellery and enjoyed role play activities.



## Next Forest School Sessions

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 Turing

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Seacole

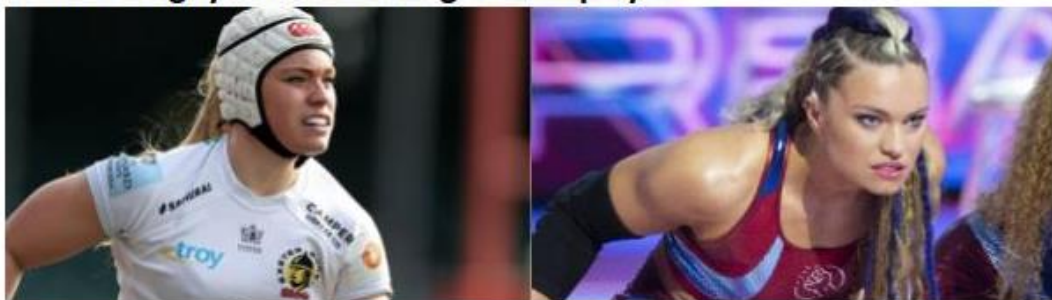
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Y3 Gandhi



## Fabulous Fitness Friday Friend of the Week

**Jodie Ounsley ('Fury')**

**Former Rugby Union and England 7s player**



Jodie is the first ever deaf female rugby 7s international player.  
What is her current profession?





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BRIGHTON AND HOVE WITH 96%  
READING, HIGHEST IN THE CITY!

## OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 5:30pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30am  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 9:30am

**CALL US NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE**  
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# Badminton

for ages 10-11yrs (school year 6)

Tuesdays 17.00-18.00 term time only

Led by our **fully qualified** coach

**FREE SESSION** on Tues 12th Nov  
Booking is essential - Limited Spaces



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[www.longhillsportscentre.co.uk](http://www.longhillsportscentre.co.uk)

On the grounds of Longhill High School  
Rottingdean, BN2 7FR

## WOODINGDEAN FOOD HUB

**Fridays**  
**10.00 - 12.00**

Woodingdean Youth Centre  
Warren Road

for more details please  
email: [woodingdeanfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:woodingdeanfoodhub@gmail.com)

Text or call: 07876 404004

Register on  
your first visit  
for £1

Pay £3.50 each  
visit

Pay with cash or  
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Please let us know if payment or collection is an issue - we can  
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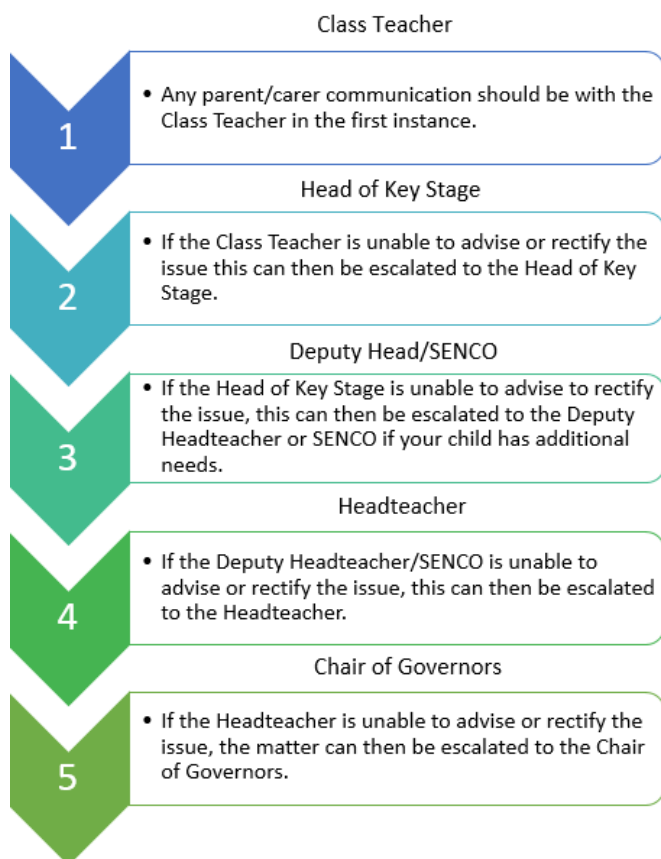
13th  
December  
After School  
In the hall

Clothes,  
Toys,  
Wonderful  
Ideas for  
presents  
Decorations



At Christmas





## Head of Key Stages

Foundation – Ms A Smith

Key Stage One – Mrs V Brewer

Lower Key Stage Two – Mr N Wynne

Upper Key Stage Two – Miss L Vaughan

## Arbor Parent App

Please make sure that when you are booking clubs, trips or ordering items, you complete the process by clicking through ALL stages. Bookings are not confirmed until ALL steps are completed in this process.

All bookings for clubs and trips are held within the APP so you can remind yourself at any time.

### Not on App

School Meals (ParentPay)

## Dates for the Diary

<b>November 24</b>	
Monday 4th	<b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>
Wednesday 20th	Reception 2025 Open Event, 9:30am
Monday 25th	DEADLINE: Father Christmas Letters
Tuesday 26th	Xmas Jumper and Onesie SALE, 8:45am
Saturday 30th	PTFA Quiz Night (7pm)
<b>December 24</b>	
Wednesday 4th	One Voice Concert (Brighton Centre)
Friday 6th	KSI Magic Show, KS2 Xmas Party
Monday 9th	KSI dress rehearsal: 9am, KS2 dress rehearsal: 2pm
Tuesday 10th	KSI performance: 9am, KS2 performance : 2pm
Wednesday 11th	KSI performance: 2pm, KS2 performance: 5:30pm, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th	Reception Sing-A-Long
Thursday 19th	Choir Christmas recital, 2:30pm
Friday 20th	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
<b>January 25</b>	
Monday 6th	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 7th	<b>CHILDREN RETURN</b>