



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

This week, all children across the school have been immersing themselves in the rather fantastic text 'Incredible You' by Rhys Brisenden and Nathan Reed.

To tie in with yesterday's World Book Day, our young readers have been writing poems, descriptions and, even, instructions about what makes them 'incredible'. Our children have produced some gorgeous writing, celebrating their uniqueness, and how their individuality is their super power! It really is a lovely book: I do suggest that you pick up a copy for your bookshelves at home. Later in this newsletter, many of our school staff share some book recommendations too.

Thank you to all families for their superb efforts with costumes yesterday: popping into classrooms was a truly surreal experience! Exciting literary experiences like this one only happen because of the limitless creativity of our Head of English, Miss Vaughan, to whom we are always so grateful. Our reading outcomes are the highest in the city and a result of experiences like this one.

As always, there is some magical learning happening in Forest School. To mark Shrove Tuesday, this week some lucky children made their own pancakes over the fire pit! Thank you to those parents and carers who find the time to volunteer and join in the fun!

Today, we are taking part in the FA initiative 'Let Girls Play' where we shine a spotlight on girls football. It dovetails nicely with tomorrow's International Women's Day where we celebrate all the remarkable achievements women continue to make in society.

Have a wonderful, sunny weekend

Euan Hainington

Headteacher



World Book Day!



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



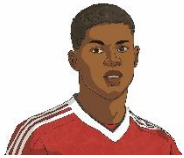
George



Where to begin with George and his incredible progress? Not only does he actively participate in Thunberg carpet time, but George has also become more independent during Super Skills and Book Club sessions. George's resilience and dedication to his learning have truly impressed everyone around him! We are so proud of his growth, and he continues to demonstrate more independence each day. Beyond his hard work, George's kindness and excellent manners really stand out. Keep up the fantastic work, George—you're a true trooper!

YRR

Ralph



Ralph has been showing so much kindness to everyone around him. He is always caring, friendly, and makes sure his friends feel happy and included. Ralph is learning to listen carefully, be thoughtful, and understand when his friends need a little room. This shows what a kind and considerate person he is becoming. Ralph, we are all so proud of you! Keep up the fantastic work—you are a superstar!

Cara



Like a ray of sunshine, Cara lights up the classroom with her energy and positivity. Cara shows every day how resourceful she can be. In DT she is creative and thinks of fantastic, imaginative ways of building. Cara is showing high levels of maturity this term, overcoming any feelings she gets in the class. This determined and thoughtful attitude is allowing her to reach for the stars and produce excellent learning. I can't wait to see what fantastic spells you will brew in English next week!

YR1

Lily



We love to have Lovely Lily in our class – she's such a gem. Your resilience is nothing short of inspiring and your kindness to your friends always makes everyone happy. We love how excited you always are to learn new things. You're always raising your thinking thumb and sharing your thoughts which is brilliant! It's great to see you ask for help when you need it, so resilient of you! We are all super proud of you, lovely Lily! Keep being amazing!

Eren



Excellent Eren, what a reflective and thoughtful person you are! You have made such great progress when listening to guidance from adults to further enhance your learning and you are more able to listen to others' points of view. Be proud of yourself you super-duper superstar and, just like Dog Man, keep getting the job done – no matter what it takes!

YR2

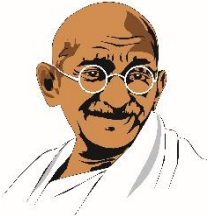
YR2



Zachary

Zachary is full of Rudyard Kipling resilience! He has been working hard to remain focussed and has been wowing me with his excellent writing. Zachary will not give up during his learning, challenging himself to do more and more every day. You are a super resilient learner, Zachary. Keep it up!

Talia



Starting anything new can be daunting and overwhelming but especially so when you start at a new school! It requires a lot of resilience. Luckily, Talia has bags of the stuff and has taken to life at Rudyard like a fish to water! I know everyone in Gandhi class would agree, our school became an even better place with the arrival of Terrific Talia.

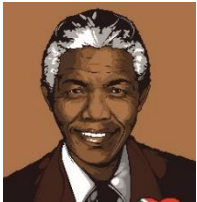
YR3

Henry



Henry's a joy to have in in class, his can-do attitude and beaming smile is something I look forward to seeing every day. Recently, Henry has really impressed me with his resilience in Maths. At first, he was finding perimeter tricky, but he persevered and now he is a pro! Keep it up Henry!

Ivy



Ivy is a helping hero! She is kind and caring and always offers assistance to those who need it. She is also a very hard worker. Her resilience has really improved over the year and she is making great progress in her learning. Keep being the shining star you are Ivy. We are very lucky to have you in Mandela class!

YR4

Aoife



It is lovely to see Aoife's enthusiasm for her learning in Year 4 really shining through. She shares her wonderful ideas in English, and in Maths she is shares what a fractions whizz she is by constantly answering questions and explaining her understanding. And her attention to detail and presentation in her books must also be mentioned as they really are outstanding. Well done Aoife – keep it up!

YR5

Ava



Ava! What a fantastic addition to our class! From the moment she joined, she has shown incredible determination and hard work, and this week has been no exception. She has tackled fractions and decimals head-on, mastering their equivalents with unstoppable focus! Her dedication to learning is truly inspiring, and she approaches every challenge with a positive attitude and a big smile. Ava, you are proving that with effort and perseverance, anything is possible! Well done, Ava! Keep up the amazing work!

Theo

YR5



Theo-Nitus, First of His Name, Ruler of the Seven Kingdoms has been an unstoppable force of energy in Year 5 recently, showing tremendous resourcefulness as we explored different biomes around the world. But Theo didn't just stop at classroom learning—oh no! He went the extra mile, bringing in his own resources and ideas to enhance his understanding and take his work to the next level. His enthusiasm, creativity, and curiosity have made him a true leader of learning, inspiring those around him. Long may he reign! Well done, Theo-Nitus!

Ellis

YR6



'ThesaurEllis' has gone from strength to strength in Year 6. He is such a likeable, polite young man, and his effort in class is an example to all! It is wonderful to see Ellis and other mathematicians in Turing class really pushing each other with their learning and always wanting more challenge. Keep up the fantastic work, Ellis!

Ela



Ela is a superb talk partner, always engaging thoughtfully in discussions and showing great respect for others' ideas. Her polite and considerate nature makes her a delight to teach. She listens, contributes and supports her friends with kindness. Bravo Ela!



YR Thunberg	Hattie - For writing an amazing story! Arlo - Amazing litter picking on his way to school: he does this regularly-what a champion! Solara - Super reading and writing using her phonics! Woody - Excellent independent writing.
YR Rashford	Roman – Super counting
Y1 Obama	Harry - For being a superstar learner
Y1 Kahlo	Greta and Logan - Super writing on World Book Day! Freddie - Brilliant Joao Pedro art work.
Y2 Attenborough	Oliver - A super piece of Minion needle work! Ben - An excellent 'maths magic' investigation
Y2 Parks	Reuben - For excellent vocabulary skills
Y3 Gandhi	Oscar - Excellent, independent maths work. Ethan - An 'incredible' instructional text!
Y3 Pankhurst	Eva and Isabelle - For writing a super, imaginative poem.
Y4 Franklin	Nate and Neill - Impressive fractions learning.
Y4 Mandela	Curtis - A super piece of writing about a panda. Jacob - Impressive writing about chinchillas! Bradley - Excellent wolf writing!
Y6 Turing	Riley - Fantastic Kensuke's Kingdom artwork and single handedly running the scooter station when other children were absent. Lottie - For being a kind and caring mentor to a Year 1 pupil: she will make a brilliant teacher of the future.
Y6 Yousafzai	Stanley – A superb Kensuke's Kingdom sunset. Beau - A secondary school quality piece of writing.

Times Tables Rockstars



1	Euan W Year 4 Franklin 2024/25	5,032
2	Arthur W Year 6 Turing 2024/25	4,501
3	Neal W Year 2 Parks 2024/25	955
4	Aoife B Year 4 Franklin 2024/25	553
5	Oliver C Year 2 Attenborough 2024/25	284
6	Roma A Year 2 Parks 2024/25	249
7	Harry T Year 5 Seacole 2024/25	239
8	Amelia R Year 4 Franklin 2024/25	232
9	Jack M Year 6 Turing 2024/25	211
10	Daniel S Year 4 Mandela 2024/25	101

The results are in, and huge congratulations to Euan in Year 4 Franklin who fought off stern competition from his brother Neal (3rd) and former champ Arthur (2nd) to win the latest TTRS Battle of the Bands competition!

All three received certificates in today's assembly. Year 4 Franklin was the highest-scoring class overall - a fantastic effort!

Thank you to everyone who took part - again, over 60 children logged on at some point during the week and practised their times tables!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS BRIGHTON & HOVE 'TOP OF THE ROCKS' COMPETITION

We have been invited to join dozens of schools across Brighton & Hove in a special TTRS times tables competition! The competition begins on **Wednesday 12th March at 7.30am** and ends on **Friday 14th March at 7.30pm**. Play is UNLIMITED, so that means ALL your practice for those 3 days counts towards your class's overall score. Results will be announced the following week. Good luck!

We won't have a Battle of the Bands that week. The next RKPS Battle will be Friday 28th March, and after that will be our special Easter competition, with another £10 Amazon voucher and other prizes and certificates at stake! Soon we will compete against schools across Brighton & Hove. More information on this coming soon!

SEN children at RKPS achieve

At RKPS, our inclusive ethos means ALL our children achieve. We champion children with additional needs and celebrate neurodiversity. Our highly skilled inclusion team and fantastic teachers, make sure every children reaches their potential. Our SEND children outperform and excel within the city but also nationally and we are so proud of their hard work and resilience.

2024 SATs SEN support children - Expected Standard	RKPS	National
Reading	100%	48%
Writing	70%	36%
Maths	70%	44%

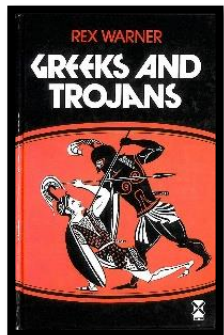


RKPS Reading Recommendations



~ A World Book Week Special ~

Staff Book Recommendations:

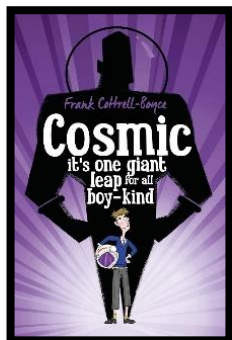
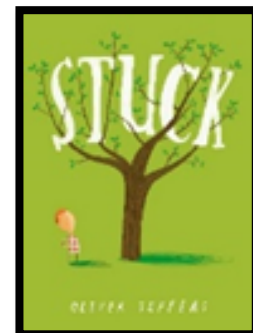


Miss Wiseman loves 'Stuck' by Oliver Jeffers

Mr McGauley loves 'Greeks and Trojans' by Rex Warner

Mr Wynne loves 'The Boy at the back of the Classroom' by Onjali Rauf.

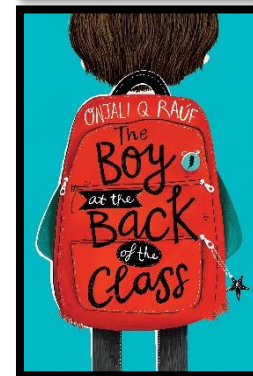
The story is filled with so much warmth and truth, pitched perfectly for stimulating some really great discussions with youngsters. Ahmet is a refugee, and is given a previously empty seat at the back of the class when he starts a new school. He is befriended by the narrator of the story and one very interesting adventure begins!



Mr Jones loves 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce

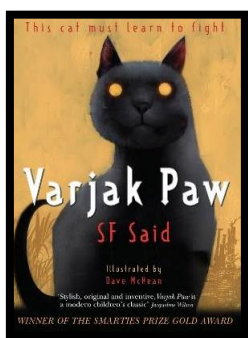
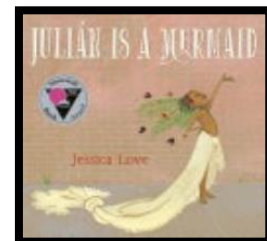
If you're looking for a book that's packed with humour, adventure, and excitement, *Cosmic* is a fantastic choice! This thrilling story follows Liam, a twelve-year-old who looks much older than he is, leading to some hilarious and unexpected situations—including ending up in space! With plenty of laughs, heartwarming moments, and an unforgettable adventure, it's a book that keeps you hooked from start to finish.

Plus, it's Mr. Jones' favourite—so you know it's a great read! 🚀 🌟



Mrs Brewer loves 'Julian is a Mermaid' written and illustrated by Jessica Love. It is a lovely story, with beautiful illustrations and text. It tells the story of Julian, who wants to become a mermaid and participate in the Coney Island Mermaid Parade. Its poignant message of inclusivity, love and hope is really heart-warming and it is an uplifting read, inspiring people to be whatever they want to be. I keep looking at the pictures again and again and see something different and stunning every time.

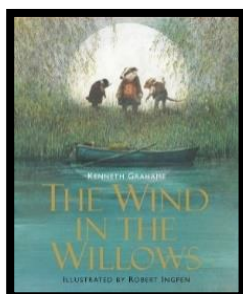
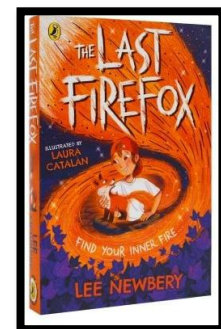
Jessica Love wrote an equally beautiful sequel, 'Julian at the Wedding'. 'A wedding is a party of love' and this story is full of fancy, colourful and individual outfits, as well as lots of fun, laughter and celebration of diversity.



Mrs Vernon loves 'Varjak Paw' by S. F. Said

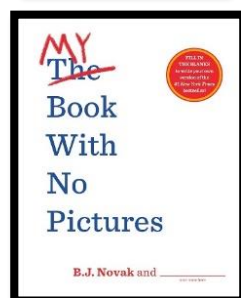
Miss Walsh loves 'The Last Firefox'. Mandela have loved reading it and have been on the edge of their seats.

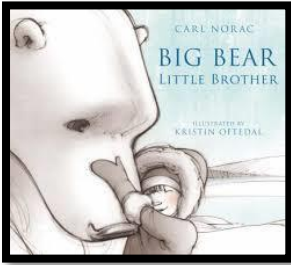
The book follows a shy boy named Charlie, who is given the responsibility of caring for the last ever firefox from the magical land of Fargone. There are many creatures after this magical fox cub, including the ferocious Grendilock. Charlie must work hard to keep the firefox safe, as well as hidden from his dads and teachers, which is hard when the cub bursts into flames any time he is scared or excited!



Mrs Owen loves reading 'The Book With No Pictures' by B J Novak. It's silly and funny and repeatedly requested by the children.

Mrs Owen's own favourite childhood book is 'The Wind in the Willows' because I love the beautiful, lyrical language used.



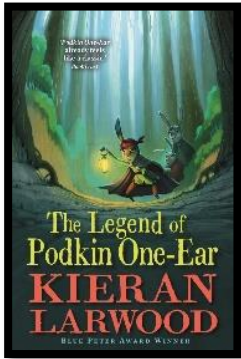
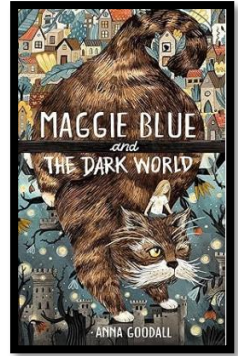


Mrs Bryant loves **Big Bear, Little Brother** by Carl Novac. It has gorgeous illustrations and the story of the friendship between the bear and the boy is so lovely.

I used to read it to my boys.

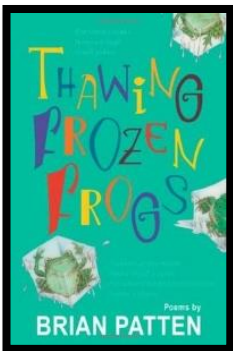
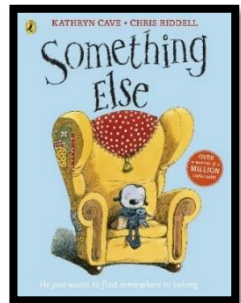
Miss Sandat loves '**Maggie Blue and The Dark World**' by Anna Goodall.

It's an adventurous fantasy book about a girl named Maggie who feels a bit of an outsider both at home and in school. She ends up falling into a world of fantasy where happiness is stolen! Along the way, Maggie meets talking cat called Hoagy that teaches her the value of friendship, courage, happiness and most importantly, the courage to be yourself!

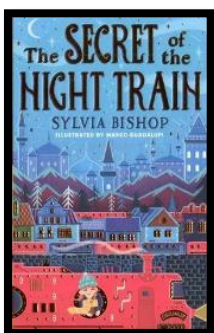
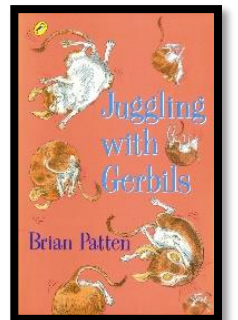


Mrs McCormack loves for Key Stage Two **The Legend of Podkin One-Ear** by Kieran Larwood. A wonderful fantasy book - think Lord of the Rings with rabbits!

Key Stage: One **Something Else** written by Kathryn Cave and illustrated by Chris Riddell (my favourite illustrator from Brighton) A beautiful book about embracing our differences and finding friendship.

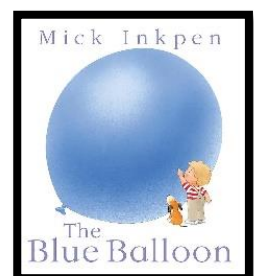


Mr Hanington loves two poetry collections by Brian Patten: **Thawing Frozen Frogs** and **Juggling with Gerbils**-they are both equally wonderful! Patten touches the reader by writing with humour and soul-older readers will love his poems too. Perhaps my favourite poem of his is from **Juggling with Gerbils** and is entitled 'Geography Lesson'. It will strike a chord with everyone who has been fortunate enough to have been taught by an amazing teacher.



Miss Vaughan loves **The Secret of the Night Train** by Sylvia Bishop. Anyone who knows Miss Vaughan knows she loves a train! Plus, she enjoys a good mystery to solve—and this book intertwines both! This thrilling story follows Max as she embarks on a whirlwind adventure across Europe aboard a sleeper train, caught up in the mystery of a stolen diamond. Can she uncover the truth and find the answers she so desperately seeks? All aboard for an unforgettable journey!

As a child, Miss Vaughan loved **The Blue Balloon** by Mick Inkpen was one of my favourite books as a child. I loved the excitement of the story, especially with the surprise pull-out pages at the end—I used to love adding to each page!



Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – Talia in Gandhi for settling so well at After School Club.

KS2 – Aoife in Franklin for always following After School Club rules.

PTFA NEWS / Events

PTFA Quiz Night

We had so much fun last time we want to do it all again!

- 🌸 Join us for RKPS PTFA quiz night 2024
- 🏫 Rudyard Kipling Primary School
- 📅 Saturday 29th March. Doors Open 7pm
- 🕒 Quiz Start 7.30pm
(8max in a team - 18+ only)
- 🍷 Bar & Snacks.
- 🎮 Games
- 👏 We are thrilled to welcome our Quiz Master Guy Wickenden to our event.
- 💰 All funds raised are for Rudyard Kipling PTFA

Registered Charity 1026027

<https://buytickets.at/rudyardkiplingprimaryschoolptfa/1605097>



Easy Fundraising

We've registered Rudyard Kipling Primary PTFA, Woodingdean with #easyfundraising, which means over 8,000 retailers will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rudyardkiplingprimaryptfa/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1

Super Women Day

🌸❤️ Celebrate the amazing super women in our lives! Join us for a special sale at school to honour and appreciate all the incredible women who inspire us every day. From heartfelt gifts to thoughtful treats, we've got something for everyone to show their love. Let's make this day unforgettable together! ❤️🌸

❤️ The children will need to bring £4 cash per gift in on the 28th March 2025 in a named envelope and hand to their class teacher. They can then choose a very special gift.

❤️ It is possible to pay by bank transfer to-

Rudyard Kipling Primary Sch PTFA

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PLEASE QUOTE YOUR CHILDS SURNAME/CLASS AS A REFERENCE

Thank you!

Smarties Result

- 🟡 Wow wow wow you guys smashed the Smarties Challenge!
 - 🟢 Thank you so much!!!!
 - 🟢 The results are in!
 - 🟡 First place wins £75
 - 🟠 2nd Place wins £50
 - 🟣 3rd Place wins £25
- for their classes to spend on whatever they decide!!!

🟤 Our incredible final total was £618.90!!!!

Smarties Totals 2025

- 🏆 Obama £67.41
- 🏆 Rashford £66.14
- 🏆 Parks £62.65

- 🟠 Nursery £41.74
- 🟡 Yousafzai £11.94
- 🟢 Mandela £24.60
- 🟤 Attenborough £60.94
- 🟠 Pankhurst £36.20
- 🟢 Gandhi £35.15
- 🟣 Seacole £57.90
- 🟡 Kahlo £37.91
- 🟠 Turing 14.65
- 🟡 Thunberg 46.46
- 🟡 Franklin 45.21

Thank you for supporting our PTFA!

Let Girls Play Initiative



Today, we are joining schools and clubs across the country in celebrating the Let Girls Play initiative, which is a government and FA-backed scheme promoting equal opportunities, specifically aimed at increasing girls' participation in football and their love for the sport. This is an annual event that coincides with International Women's Day (which, this year, takes place on 8th March). As the organisers themselves say: "Your school will be part of a nationwide celebration, highlighting the importance of inclusivity in sports, showing pupils in your school that **girls belong in football.**"

Why are we celebrating this initiative?

A recent Women in Sport survey found that more than one million teenage girls (43%) who once considered themselves 'sporty', disengaged from sport following primary school. The two main reasons given were:

- A fear of feeling judged (68%)
- A lack of confidence (61%)

At Rudyard, we believe in inclusivity and are extremely proud of our current offer for girls' sport; there are always ways that we can further improve, however, and days like this allow us to raise the profile of girls' sport and overcome some of the barriers mentioned above.

How we will deliver our Let Girls Play sessions

As usual, children will have access to football throughout the week, during lunchtimes and after school clubs; in addition to this, Mr Wynne and Mr Mack will be running sessions at lunchtime for girls in Years 3-6 to participate in some fun football-based games. This will allow girls the chance to have a go at something they might not usually do, and hopefully inspire them to take up the sport! These sessions will be separate from the normal football provision at lunchtimes.

Equal Access Award

You may have seen that we recently received the Equal Access Award in recognition of our commitment to providing girls with the same sporting opportunities as boys. We are very proud of this award and it only inspires us to further improve our sporting offer for **all** children.

If you would like to find out more about Let Girls Play, please follow this link:

<https://www.EnglandFootball.com/articles/2024/Nov/15/The-Biggest-Ever-Football-Session-20241115>

Equalities



This week we have been celebrating how our differences make us unique and special. During World Book Week, we read *Incredible You* and had wonderful discussions about what makes each of us one of a kind. From our talents and interests to the way we see the world, we learned that our differences are what make our school community so amazing. By embracing and respecting each other's uniqueness, we make our world a kinder and more inclusive place for everyone!



Wescott Thursdays Spring 1

The date for the next Wescott Thursday is as follows:

Thursday 13th March – Year 4

Forest School with Mr Wescott!



Next Forest School Sessions

Tues 11th March Y3 Pankhurst & Y2 Attenborough

Tues 6th March Y1 Obama

** Please make sure children bring in a change of old clothes for the session due to mud and messy activities. Thank You!

Fab Fit Friday Friend of the Week

Staff Car Park

Leah Williamson




Leah Williamson (OBE) captains the England Lionesses and plays for Women's Super League club Arsenal.

Leah Williamson wrote her name in the history books when she became the first woman to lift a major trophy with England in July 2022 when the Lionesses beat Germany by 2-1 in the EURO 2022 Final at Wembley.

A commanding presence on the pitch, she was one of the stars of the tournament with her intelligence, composure and technical ability seeing her stand out among some of the best players in the world!

This is a reminder that our car park is for **staff use only**. The car park is not available for pickup and drop offs due to safety reasons. Use of the staff car park for families must be agreed by the school in advance and will only be permitted under exceptional circumstances.

Thank you!



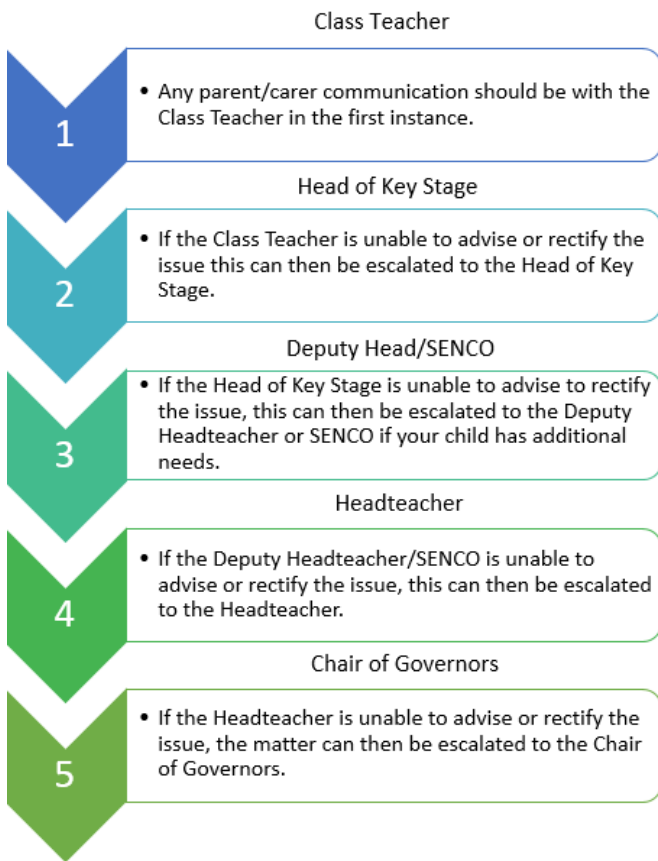
Anti-social Parking



We would like to remind families to respect local residents around the school and not obstruct drives or pathways. We strongly encourage families in close proximity to the school to walk to not only reduce congestion but to get children moving.

Any anti-social parking will be reported to Operation Crackdown. Thank you for respecting our school community.

And finally...



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

March 25	
Tuesday 11th	Y5 Trip to Chichester Planetarium
Wednesday 19th	Let's Dance Performance at Brighton Dome (Rehearsal earlier that day)
Tuesday 25th	Rocksteady concert (2:30pm)
Wednesday 26th	Y3 Trip to Brighton Museum, Parent Workshop – 'Autism and Behaviour that challenges'
April 25	
Wednesday 2nd	Y6 Residential Day 1
Thursday 3rd	Y6 Residential Day 2
Friday 4th	Y6 Residential Day 3, LAST DAY OF TERM
Tuesday 22nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 23rd	CHILDREN RETURN
Thursday 24th	Y1 Lewes Castle Trip



Community Notice Board



EASTER 2025

TECH & STEM CAMP

NEW TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!



Water Tornado



Motor Fan



Levitating Ball



Robotics & Coding



Circuitry & Electronics



Tech Fun

7TH - 17TH APRIL : LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!

MULTI DAY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE, FROM JUST £35 PER DAY!
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

www.nextthing.education

EASTER CAMPS 2025

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

Example Camp Schedule. Please check online for specific camp schedule.

Day 1 <small>(NOT RUNNING ON 28TH APRIL)</small>	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5 <small>(NOT RUNNING ON 30TH APRIL)</small>
9 am drop off				
 ROBOT LAB	 Engineering	 ELECTRIC CREATIONS	 3D CREATIONS	 LASER TAG
 COOL CIRCUITS	 CRAZY CODING	 MOVIE MAKING	 MINECRAFT REDSTONE	 MINECRAFT MAZE
Take Home Inventions				
 Electric	 Motorised	 Light	 Hydraulics	 Solar
4 pm pick up				

WHAT TO EXPECT:
At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future. Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★
"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★
"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★
"Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"

LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!

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