



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of spending the day with our Year 6s on the middle day of their residential. They were simply having the most wonderful time: raft building, problem solving and climbing among other activities. And, most importantly, just spending quality time with good friends.

There will certainly be some seriously jaded children arriving back later today! They will also be returning with memories to last a lifetime. I must thank Miss Vaughan, Mr Mack, Mr Wynne, Mrs Woolven and Miss Farrow for accompanying our intrepid explorers (and sacrificing two nights decent sleep). A kinder and more professional group of adults you will not find.

At the beginning of this week, I joined a Carnival Committee meeting where we planned the return of the Woodingdean Carnival to RKPS on Saturday 5th July. The Carnival is an important community event-stepped in history-so it is an honour to host it again. It promises to be another fantastic day which this year will also include a brilliant outdoor soft play area for the children to enjoy. I would like to thank Ella, Anik and the rest of the Carnival Committee for all their hard work in making this special event happen.

A rather smaller community event is happening next week on Friday 11th April. It is our PTFA Grounds Day when we will be refreshing the outdoor area outside our Year 1 and 2 classrooms. It's from 10am-3pm but it would be great if you can drop in just for a short time: it would be lovely to see you there.

We look forward to welcoming our children back to school again on Wednesday 23rd April as the Tuesday is an INSET day.

Wishing everyone in the Woodingdean community a wonderful Easter holiday.

Euan Hainington

Headteacher



Raft building at the Y6 Residential yesterday



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



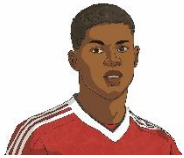
Ilya



Ilya is absolutely amazing! He has a special talent for writing beautiful extended sentences that are wonderfully creative. He is also learning to use punctuation such as commas, and it's incredible to see how quickly he's picking it up. But that's not all! Ilya knows so many fascinating facts, like what a carnivore is, and he loves to share them! His brain is full of exciting knowledge! Ilya truly shines with his bright smile and positive attitude. He faces every challenge with resilience. Ilya's growth is inspiring, and everyone who knows him is bursting with pride. You are a star in every way Ilya!

YRR

Klara



Kind-hearted Klara, with a smile that brightens the whole room, always puts her best effort into everything she does. She works incredibly hard each day, demonstrating dedication and a readiness to learn. Not only is she a brilliant learner, but she is also a wonderful friend, she goes out of her way to make others feel connected and counted. Klara, you are fabulous!

Rocky



I have been extremely impressed by Rocky's resilience this week. Sometimes the learning can feel challenging to overcome. However, no matter how difficult Rocky has found his writing he refuses to give up! This steely determination has led to massive leaps in his writing. On top of this Rocky is such a kind and thoughtful friend. At lunch he is respectful to others. Well done Rocky!

YR1

Rosa



Well done, Rosa! She is a superstar in our classroom! Her kindness and helpfulness make everyone's day better. It's so great to see her always eager to learn new things and willing to give everything a go before asking for help. She really shines when she uses her polishing pen, and she always encourages her friends to make good choices too. She has a funny and sweet personality, always giving compliments to others when they need a bit of care. We all appreciate how lovely she is! Keep up the amazing work, Rosa. We're so proud of her!

Attenborough



YR2

Fearless Freddie – you embody what it is to be resilient, and you are an inspiration to us all! You are embracing being out of your 'comfort zone' by rising to challenges set with your learning and trying new things when you are not sure of the outcome. Be proud of yourself and keep riding on that rollercoaster of resilience with your beaming smile and fabulous energy. Well done, you super-duper superstar!

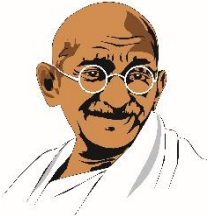
YR2



Cooper

Cooper the presentation super star! Cooper has worked super hard with his presentation and handwriting recently and is always keen to share all his hard work. His resilience and determination with his cursive writing is apparent in each and every piece of work he produces. It is lovely to see how proud Cooper is of his hard work. Keep it up, super Cooper!

Daenerys



What an honour and joy it has been to witness the positivity and resilience shown by this wonderful young girl! She bounces into school with a smile that shines brighter than the sun and her recent work in both Maths and English has left Mr Wynne in awe! The sky really is the limit for this pocket rocket!

YR3

Ruby-Jo



Ruby-Jo is a star in the making! There is no challenge too tough or tricky for her; this resilience and perseverance in her work is the reason she has continued to grow and develop her skills. Outside of class, she is also the kindest and most gentle friend which is something she should be incredibly proud of. You are amazing Ruby-Jo!

Curtis



What a fantastic term Curtis has had! He has been working so hard on his writing and has been producing some fabulous pieces of writing with rich vocabulary and super imagery. His tremendous effort is evident in every piece of work he produces as well as the fantastic comic strips he has been writing in his spare time. Keep it up Curtis! Miss Walsh is very proud, and you should be too!

YR4

Franklin



Evan is receiving this Special Mention for the meticulous pride and attention that he gives all his work. The vocabulary and ideas that he uses in his writing show how much effort he puts into his learning and his presentation is always superb. Evan is wonderfully artistic and he always uses his creativity to add his own special unique stamp to all his work. Keep it up Evan.

Ariah

YR5



Ariah is an all round super star. She's kind, hard working and an amazing role model for the rest of the class. If you need something doing or if someone needs help Ariah is your girl. This week Ariah has also conquered area in maths. Keep up the hard work!



Y1 Obama	Lily Amber	<i>Excellent English work on Rapunzel and the Witch. Lorry loads of super home learning!</i>
Y1 Kahlo	Cara	<i>Working very hard on her learning!</i>
Y1 Obama	Darcey	<i>Super home learning on her maths.</i>
Y2 Attenborough	Teddy Aiden Tallulah	<i>A fantastic letter of advice! Excellent number bonds learning in maths. Writing and excellent letter of advice.</i>
Y2 Parks	Cooper	<i>An excellent illustration based on the book 'Leaf'.</i>
Y3 Gandhi	Harper Harli	<i>Superb maths work For supporting in choir club</i>
Y4 Mandela	Liam Curtis Daniel	<i>First-class real-life maths: working out how long it would take to download a computer game! A fantastic comprehension on the Mousehole Cat. Amazing maths work!</i>
Y6 Yousafzai	Jacob	<i>For doing a great autism presentation to Y5.</i>

Stars of the Week

Breakfast Club - KS1 – Ronnie in Rashford for always being helpful, kind and friendly.
KS2 – Jack in Pankhurst and Oscar in Gandhi for always being helpful and polite.

After School Club – KS1 – Arlo in Thunberg for always enjoying After School Club and settling in well.
KS2 – Mia in Thunberg for always being a positive role model, kind caring to others.

Play Stars of the Week

Kedar from Obama for always being polite and respectful.
Illya from Thunberg for sharing and taking turns in the dining room.
Liam from Mandela for showing kindness and compassion when he rescued a snail from the playground and carefully placed it on the field.

Times Table Rockstars



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS 'BATTLE OF THE BANDS' SPECIAL EASTER COMPETITION!

We are delighted to announce that our special Easter holidays edition of TTRS 'Battle of the Bands' will start today at 3.30pm. Children can practise their times tables over the holidays, and the competition will end at 6pm on Tuesday 22nd April. (There WON'T now be a TTRS competition starting today as previously advertised).

Our fabulous PTFA are again offering a £10 Amazon voucher to the overall winner, and there will be runners-up prizes too, plus certificates for the highest-scoring children and classes.

A reminder of all the information you need:

- Children should go to <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> and login using the following format:

Example - Billy Smith

Username: smibil Password: (usual school password)

- Only the FIRST 45 MINUTES of play per day will count towards the children's half term Battle of the Bands totals (they can, of course, practise more if they choose, and children in KS1 and Reception can continue using Numbots, although this won't count towards their score for this battle).
- Children can use whichever level they want when playing TTRS - Jamming, Gig, Garage etc. The TTRS algorithm will automatically filter the times tables your child needs to work on.
- All children are automatically entered into the tournament, so they can just start playing!
- Just like the February half term competition, the live league table will be visible for children, so they can see how they're getting on! Certificates and prizes will be handed out in the first Friday assembly of Summer 1 (Friday 25th April)

PTFA NEWS / Events

QUIZ NIGHT

- ☆☆ Quiz postponed. New date 10th May 2025
- 🗒️ We had so much fun last time we want to do it all again!
- 🌟 Join us for RKPS PTFA quiz night 2025
- 🏠 Rudyard Kipling Primary School
- 🕒 Saturday 10th May 2025. 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 number 1026027

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025	
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free	
BURGER KING From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025. Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.	PREZZO Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025
BILLS Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.	COCONUT TREE One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025
FARMHOUSE INNS 2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required	PIZZA HUT Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend
TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms
ZIZZI Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main, (excludes Saturdays)	SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main, from 11:30am every day.
CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025	BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays
YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult	MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.	LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App
ASDA Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.	TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!
TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day	HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays
WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

Tara's Top Tips for Families!



Hello families!



There are some excellent **FREE HAF** holiday clubs running in and near Woodingdean this Easter holiday that I'm sure your children will love. The places are free if your child is in receipt of free school meals and the day includes a free meal at lunchtime.

There are clubs all over the city. We have the following 4 options In Woodingdean:

SportsCool Brighton

Activity type: Sports, physical activity; Ofsted registered childcare with option to pay for additional hours to extend the day

Description: Each day aims to be different, fun-filled, and safe. Expect an action-packed morning, filled with activities based on basketball, tag rugby, football, cricket, rounders, athletics, fencing, archery, hockey, ultimate frisbee, team challenges, and many more! Age group: 4 to 11 Venue: Longhill Sports Centre, BN2 7FR

<https://eequ.org/book/haf-sportscool-longhill-sports-centre-with-sportscool-brighton-5106>

ARTPOD

Activity type: Art experience days – remaining places are for Neurodiverse children Activity: Each day there are new materials and activities that promote self-expression and imaginative exploration. Examples include painting and drawing, sculpture, sewing, slime and potions, growing your art, to building and decorating. We're right on the beach 😊 Age group: 5 to 11

Venue: High Street Rottingdean, BN2 7HR

<https://eequ.org/book/art-experience-days-with-artpod-6588>

Next Thing Education - Tech and STEM

Activity type: Tech - coding, robotics, and STEM

Description: Offering a broad range of tech activities for children of all skill levels. This tech camp introduces advanced concepts through playful projects and puzzles, exploring engineering, circuitry, gamified learning, coding and so much more! Children follow a structured day where they explore 3 different activities, making each day different. Age group: 5 to 11

Venue: Rudyard Kipling Primary School, BN2 6RH

<https://eequ.org/book/tech-camp-at-rudyard-kipling-with-next-thing-education-ltd-12777>

VIM Camps

Activity type: Ofsted registered childcare Description: Children can choose from activities including outdoor play, team games, parachutes, den building, nature trails, arts & crafts, baking and more! A hot and cold buffet lunch will be provided, as well as healthy snacks. Age group: 4 to 11 Venue:

Woodingdean Primary School, BN2 6BB <https://eequ.org/book/easter-fun-at-woodingdean-with-vim-clubs-12753>

I would highly recommend these clubs - they run most school holidays and are a lot of fun!

Have a lovely Easter break



Wescott Thursdays Spring 2

First Wescott Thursday will be Year 2.

Forest School with Mr Wescott!

Next Forest School Sessions

Thursday 24th April - Year 5 Seacole



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

Attendance at RKPS

As you are probably aware, there is a real focus this year on promoting good attendance at all schools across all age groups.

It is to be expected that all children pick up illnesses from time to time, and we have noticed that there are a number of children with a high level of absence due to headaches, tiredness, and tummy aches. These absences are all recorded as authorised illness, but we wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents about the expectations around attendance moving forward through the school year.

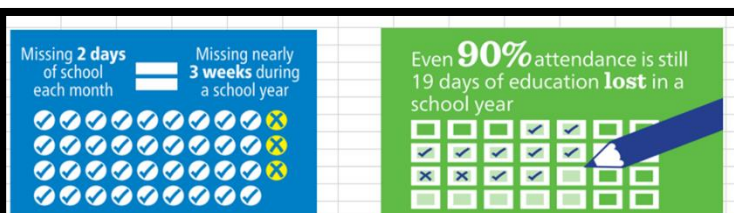
Every day is so important and we strongly encourage all families to aim for 100% attendance! In all year groups.

Woodingdean Meadow Survey

Do you live or work in the Woodingdean area or regularly visit or travel through it? Exciting news for wildlife lovers. A proposal is underway to create a vibrant wildflower meadow along Warren Road featuring paths and a picnic area. It could become a beautiful space benefitting both wildlife and the community. We'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas! Share your feedback by clicking this survey link or scanning the QR code on the attached poster using your smartphone:

<http://bit.ly/meadowsurvey>

This survey is open until Friday 2nd May. Please share this to help us reach as many people as possible. Thank you for your support, Woodingdean Wilderness group.



Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

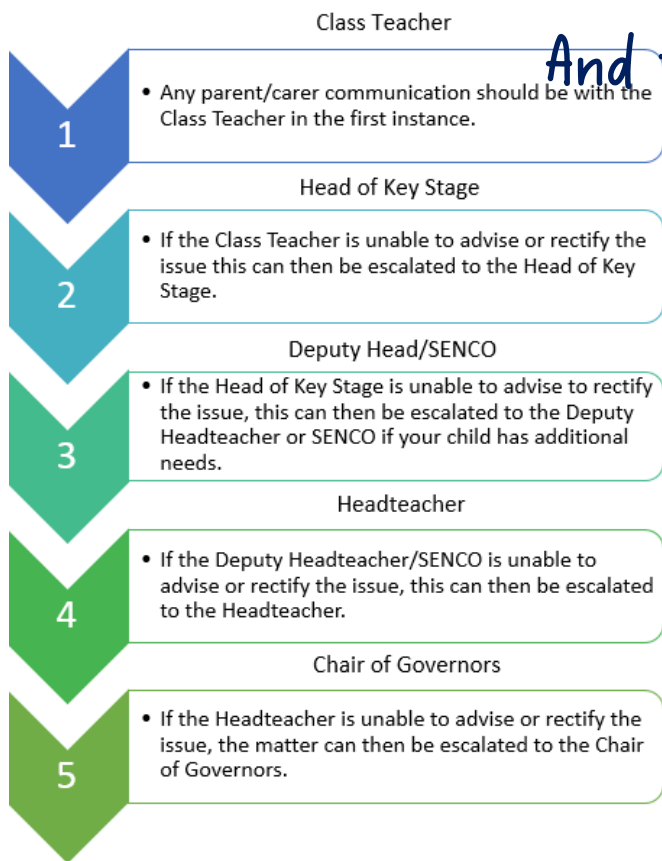
95%: 10 days absence a year

These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2 week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year

These pupils are missing a month of school per year. The Government classifies pupils in this group as "Persistent Absentees" and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of young people in this group may face legal action being taken by the Local Authority.





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

April 25	
Friday 4th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 11th	PTFA Grounds Day – YR1 Learning Garden Development (10am-3pm drop in)
Tuesday 22nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 23rd	CHILDREN RETURN
Thursday 24th	Y1 Lewes Castle Trip
Monday 28th	Y2 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)
Tuesday 29th	Y3 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)
Wednesday 30th	Rec Meet the teacher (2:45pm)
May 25	
Thursday 1st	Y4 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)
Saturday 3rd	Children's Parade
Wednesday 7th	Y5 Meet the teacher (2:45pm)
Tuesday 20 th	World Bee Day (Bee/Nature dress up day) *Info to follow
June 25	
July 25	
Saturday 5th	Woodingdean Carnival at RKPS
Monday 7th	SPORTS DAY - Rec 9.30 am & Y1 & Y2 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	SPORTS DAY – Y3 & Y4 9.30 am & Y5 & Y6 1.30pm



Community Notice Board

EASTER 2025

TECH & STEM CAMP

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Tech Fun

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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 20TH APRIL)</small>	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5 <small>(NOT RUNNING ON 16TH APRIL)</small>
9 am drop off				
Take Home Inventions				
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!"

★★★★★
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