



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter

Where learning is an adventure!

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Headteacher Reports:

Friday drop-offs are always the best. Our classrooms buzz with parents and carers who come into our classrooms for our weekly 'Rock Up and Read' sessions. The children love to have their adults read with them, thank you for making the time.

It was fantastic to see so many families at the KS1 phonics workshops earlier this week. Mrs Brewer and her KS1 team thoroughly enjoyed teaching adults some fun and practical spelling games that they can play with their children at home. Our exceptional academic outcomes would not be possible without a strong home-school partnership.

Our Times Table Rockstars challenge is really cranking up now and entering fifth gear! Hats off to Oscar (Y3), Arthur (Y6) and Fonzie (Y6) who are battling it out for first place at the top of the leaderboard! This is a great independent activity which your child can do at home and it has a hugely positive impact for their mathematics in the years ahead.

I end this week's Newsletter with some fantastic news. We truly celebrate diversity at RKPS and this has been acknowledged by our school being awarded the Rainbow Flag Award. We will be sharing this great news with our children in a future assembly. I must thank Mrs Goozee for all her hard work in helping us achieve this accolade.

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hanington

Headteacher

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Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Arthur



Arthur has demonstrated exceptional resilience throughout his phonics lessons. Whenever he faced difficult sounds, he approached each challenge with a positive attitude and a strong sense of determination. Arthur always works hard, using his mistakes as opportunities for growth. This 'can do' attitude has helped him build confidence in his phonics skills, and his progress continues to impress (especially Mrs Jones!). Keep being a star!

YRR

Casper



Casper is such a gift to Rashford class. He works hard at everything he does. Mrs Goozee can always rely on Casper to explain what we are working on to anyone that needs a bit of extra help. As well as this, Casper has been blowing us all away with his maths knowledge. It won't be long before he will be accepting his maths mission awards. Watch out Mr Jones, there's a new maths whizz in town.



Logan

I have been completely wowed by how Logan has settled at Rudyard. Our school focus this week is on respect and Logan has it in an abundance. His impeccable manners and thoughtful actions make him a role model for everyone around him. Furthermore, Logan is working with a steely determination and a 'I can do it' attitude that has led to rapid improvements in his writing and number skills! At this rate there is no limit to what Logan achieves. Keep on being your amazing self!

YR1



Giulia

Giulia the Great, well done for always showing outstanding resilience. Giulia, you consistently try your best in all your work, putting in great effort to sound out words in English. Your willingness to ask for help when needed speaks volumes about your determination. In friendships, you are a shining example of resilience, always lending a helping hand to others. You have proven to be a role model in Obama class, never shying away from challenges and continually trying, no matter the obstacles. We are truly proud of you, Giulia. Well done for your incredible efforts! Keep shining!

Macy



Marvellous Macy, the magical mirror – you are really taking off with your learning this term! Your reflectiveness enables you to think about what you've already done and learnt – to see those connections and apply them, and your reflectiveness is also making you a better editor of your writing. Keep reflecting and striving to make your learning the best it can be, you super-duper superstar!

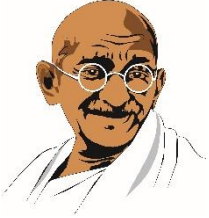
YR2



Jessie

Jessie is a Rudyard Kipling superstar! He has shown excellent resilience in his learning, never giving up and always working his hardest. Jessie has written an excellent newspaper report of The Lonely Beast, and his 'can do' attitude is admirable. You are a star, Jessie!

Ayham



Resourcefulness is one of the hardest R's to achieve in my humble opinion. It's often tricky to spot someone being resourceful. Breaking that trend however, is the amazing Ayham! He makes maths look so easy. The reason, I hear you ask! Well, whenever we learn a new skill, Ayham is the first to ensure he is referring to the class flipcharts in order to succeed. As a result, he stores all the necessary information up in his library of a brain and therefore can retrieve the necessary information in an instant. I think everyone could be a bit more Ayham!

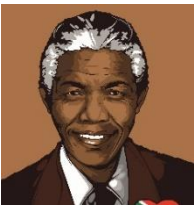
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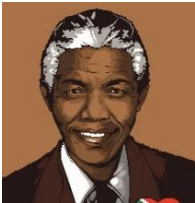
Isabelle

Isabelle is a ray of light in Pankhurst class. She comes in every morning with a smile on her face and a readiness to learn. Her enthusiasm is infectious, and her ambition to challenge herself is showing in her work. Congratulations Isabelle!

Keira



Keira has been working extra hard this half term. Her 'can do' attitude has led to her making amazing progress in many areas, especially her reading. She has been taking extra time to work on her reading skills and it has really paid off. She is also a model pupil in class, showing her readiness in every lesson and setting a great example for other children. Keira, you should be so proud of your hard work. Thank you for being such a superstar.



Logan

Logan has been an absolute superstar in Rockets. He has listened carefully and behaved like a saint. He has also been so kind to all of his friends. Logan needs to be congratulated for his model behaviour. There could never be enough Logans in this world!!! Keep it up Logan.

YR4



Max

Max should be renamed Marvellous, Motivated Max. He is always 100% ready for every aspect of his learning, he always gives his absolute best and his enthusiasm and positivity is infectious. As if this wasn't enough, he is super helpful and polite and an absolute joy to have in class.

Hazel

YR5



What a week Hazel has had! This unstoppable force of energy has showcased her resourcefulness in maths. When fractions got tough, she refused to give in, tackling challenges with determination and resilience. Her hard work has paid off—not only has she deepened her understanding, but she's also grown in confidence finding creative solutions to any problem that has come her way. Keep up the fantastic work, Hazel—your enthusiasm is a joy to see!

Gracie



Gracie is positively glowing in Year 6! She is always the first to say a cheerful 'good morning' to Mr Mack and Mrs Woolven and is now much more confident to share her ideas and ask for help. It is wonderful to see Gracie throwing herself into tasks and enjoying her learning. It's so exciting to see her blossom and get ready for the next chapter of her school life.

YR6

Andrea



Andrea is an outstanding learner! Always enthusiastic and eager to participate, in all lessons. His determination to master English is remarkable, and he is succeeding to great heights, and we are especially impressed with his imaginative writing ideas. His reading progress has been outstanding—already moving up two book levels! Bel lavoro Andrea!



YR Thunberg	Woody – Amazing progress in his reading!
YR Rashford	Isaac – For always showing amazing imagination with his learning!
	Fin - For demonstrating amazing listening!
Y1 Kahlo	Lola and Augustus - For being Writing Wizards!
	Drazon - Super instructional writing.
Y1 Obama	Harlow – For being a superstar learner!
Y2 Attenborough	Leo - Excellent writing and a super Beast collage.
	Rudi - Very thorough reasoning in maths.
	Iris - Exceptional characterisation in drama.
Y2 Parks	Wren - Exceptional history writing and a pleasing newspaper report.
	Asiyah, Isobel and Jude - An impressive newspaper report
	Khaliyl - Impressive writing entitled 'Leave the City!'
Y3 Gandhi	Ayham - An amazing Ancient Egyptian cat (Bastet) model.
	Carter - Fantastic times table learning at home!
Y3 Pankhurst	Talia - Superb writing based on the 'Frozen Pugs of the North'.
	Freddie - Excellent mathematics!
Y4 Franklin	Evan and Lana - A super description of his favourite meal!
Y4 Mandela	Curtis and Joseph - Excellent weaving!
	Mariatou - Year 5 ready area work in maths.
	Amelia - High level mathematics.
	Halle - Pleasing history work.
	Isaac and Dougie - Superb maths work on area.
Y5 Seacole	Ava - For her exceptional attitude to learning.
Y6 Turing	Lilah - For writing an incredible 'Mysterious Island' poem which is now on our Poetree.
Y6 Yousafzai	Fletcher - Exemplary history writing.
	Sienna and Thea - For exceptionally kind and nurturing mentoring of a Reception child.

Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 - Jude in Parks for always being so entertaining at After School Club
KS2 – Lewis in Seacole for always following After School Club rules.

Times Tables Rockstars

The results are in, and huge congratulations to Oscar in Year 3 Gandhi who achieved the highest number of correct answers in the second KS2 Times Tables Rock Stars 'Battle of The Bands' competition!

Well done, too, to Arthur and Fonzie in Year 6 for coming 2nd and 3rd respectively. As you can see, it was an **incredibly** tight contest! All three received certificates in today's assembly. Year 3 Gandhi was the highest-scoring class overall in KS2 - 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!

Coming soon, we have exciting news about a special, half-term edition of 'Battle of the Bands', with some great prizes on offer for the top 3, courtesy of our wonderful PTFA! Also, from now on, our TTRS competitions will be open to ALL children, from Reception to Year 6 (logins will be given to children in Reception to Year 2 next week).

1	Year 3 Gandhi 2024/25	7,885
2	Year 6 Turing 2024/25	6,389
3	Year 6 Yousafzai 2024/25	6,258
4	Year 4 Franklin 2024/25	2,519
5	Year 5 Seacole 2024/25	2,373
6	Year 4 Mandela 2024/25	1,136
7	Year 3 Pankhurst 2024/25	575

1	 Oscar W Year 3 Gandhi 2024/25	4,758
2	 Arthur W Year 6 Turing 2024/25	4,595
3	 Alfonzo V Year 6 Yousafzai 2024/25	4,421
4	 Woody S Year 6 Yousafzai 2024/25	1,678
5	 Aoife B Year 4 Franklin 2024/25	1,193
6	 Harrison S Year 3 Gandhi 2024/25	1,178
7	 Euan W Year 4 Franklin 2024/25	1,167
8	 Frankie S Year 3 Gandhi 2024/25	1,019
9	 Lilah T Year 6 Turing 2024/25	945
10	 Mason R Year 5 Seacole 2024/25	760

y3/4 Netball Comp

Yesterday, Mrs Draper took a group of Year 3 & 4 children to the final ACE netball event of the term and... we won! Fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm saw us triumph over 3 other schools and the children came away wearing their medals with pride.

Congratulations to: Charlotte, Chiara, Alaa, Isabelle, Willis, Jack, Eli, Ruben and Jacob. Superb effort!



Save Electricity Poster Competition

Our School Council are encouraging our staff and children to save electricity and turn off lights whenever possible - to be resourceful. They are running a competition to design a poster which clearly sends out this message. The closing date is Friday February 14th and the winning entry will be published around the school. Please hand your entries to Mr Hanington.



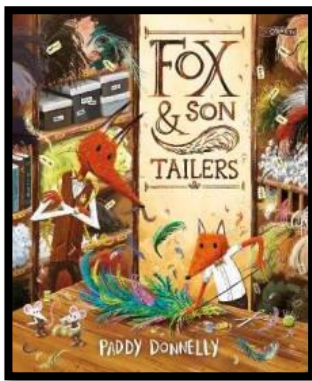
RKPS Reading Recommendations

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 who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little.” Sullivan and Brown 2013.

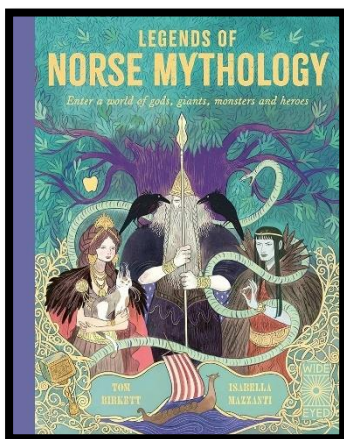
Fox & Son Tailors By Paddy Donnelly



Rory's dad is a tailor and a very good one! Animals from all over travel to his shop to have the most beautiful tails created for all occasions! Rory helps his dad but he soon becomes bored of making the same old formal, traditional tails. Rory decides to be creative and invent some new tails! What will the animals think of his new ideas? Will they go down well?

We absolutely love this charmingly illustrated story of creativity, vision and bravery! A book to inspire children to be unique and think outside of the box. We love it!

Legends of Norse Mythology: Enter a world of gods, giants, monsters and heroes By Tom Birkett and Isabella Mazzanti



If you are fascinated by monsters, giants, gods and heroes? Do love learning about the Vikings? Do mystical stories, myths and legends grab your attention?

If so, then they are going to adore this absolutely fascinating anthology which delves into Norse mythology brilliantly. From Odin to Frigg to Hel, you can't help but be captivated by this stunningly illustrated and detailed book.

With this book, readers can take an adventure through time to a realm of ice and fire, magic and mischief. They'll meet a cast of characters from Norse folklore and be swept up in their epic deeds and fates.

Inside, there are more than 30 profiles of Norse figures – from gods and goddesses, to giants, elves, monsters and other mythical beings. Each profile introduces the figure, including their defining attributes and a new retelling of their story, along with sidelights of extra facts and details. Figures include familiar gods like Thor to lesser-known legends such as giant sisters Gjálp and Greip.

PTFA NEWS / Events

Smarties Challenge

On Thursday 13th February the children will all come home with a tube of Smarties and some instructions.

- The Smarties are our treat - but the tube they must keep!
- Over the Half Term week we would like them to do some really helpful jobs for you, and in return the tubes can be filled with coins.
- The class that collects the most will win a class prize!
- 1p, 5p, 20p or £1 coins all fit inside a tube.
- Filled tubes must then be returned to school by Tuesday 25th February...
- The class with the most money raised will win a class prize!!!
- You can opt out or request an alternative treat for your child - please just message us directly.



Non School Uniform Day and 'Tree of Love'

♡ PTFA Non School Uniform Day ♡

♡ Friday 14th February

♡ If you'd like your child to take part please bring in a £1 cash donation on the day. But it's a non school uniform day with a twist for valentines...

♡ 'Love what you wear - Wear what you Love'

♡ Anything goes -

- ✓ Pjs
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Fancy Dress
- ✓ Comfortable
- ✓ Casual
- ✓ Party You do you! ♡

And...

♡ Exciting news! Join us for our special Valentine's draw! ♡

Buy a heart for just £1 from the tea hut between 3rd Feb and 14th Feb, and you could win a fabulous Valentine's meal voucher! All hearts will be hung on the Rudyard tree of love throughout February, so don't miss your chance to make this Valentine's Day extra special. Get your hearts and enter the draw now! ♡

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for you



Lunchtime Stars of the Week

Mujahid in Y6 for superb mentoring and kindness towards younger children.

Harrison in Y3 for always pushing in chairs and tidying in the dining room.

Ayham in Y3 for being a kind friend and having a great attitude.

Safer Internet Day 2025

On Tuesday next week, we're joining thousands of educators around the country in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2025. Throughout the week, children will take part in activities around this year's theme: 'Too Good To Be True?'. The focus for the activities will be children's understanding of online scams, phishing and how to keep their personal information safe and secure online. Look out for more information via our social media channels on Tuesday.

Safer
Internet
Day 2025 | Tuesday
11 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre



Wescott Thursdays Spring 1

The date for Wescott Thursday next week is as follows:

Thursday 13th February – Year 1

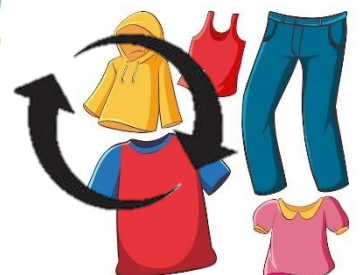
Forest School with Mr Wescott!

Next Forest School Sessions

Tues 11th February Y3 Pankhurst & Y5 Seacole

Thurs 13th February Y4 Mandela

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



Fond Farewells

Next Friday, we will be saying goodbye to Mr and Mrs Chow who are returning to Hong Kong. We would like to thank them for all they have done to support the pupils in our school-they will be missed!

Named clothing!

This is a reminder that all uniform and clothing brought into school should be clearly named. Unfortunately, we are unable to return clothing to its correct owners without a label. Any unclaimed items will be either donated to the clothes bank or put on the uniform rail in the main reception within a week.

Grapes!

Please can all parents make sure grapes are cut before sending in to school as a snack or in a packed lunch box. Grapes should be cut in half length ways to avoid any choking.

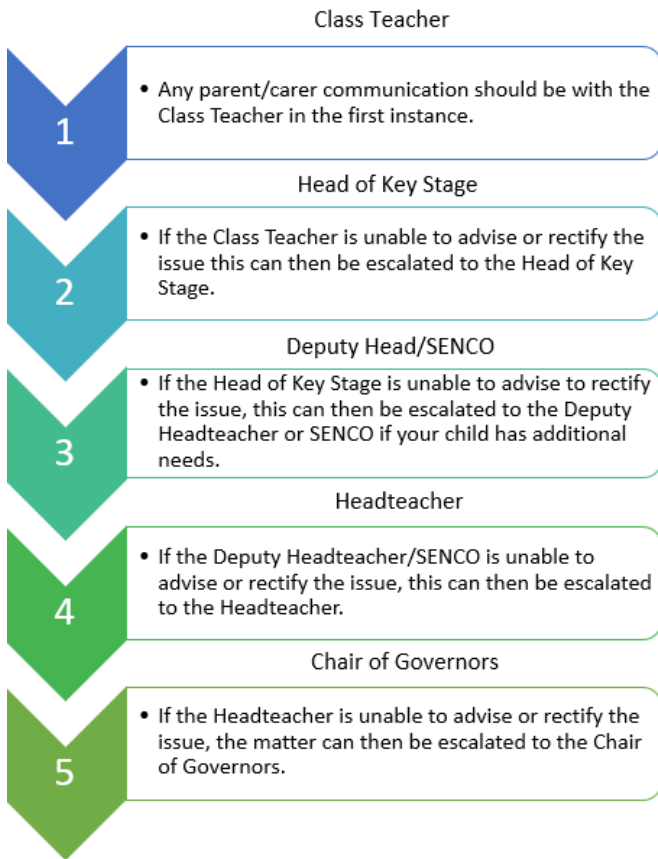


Attendance

If you have any concerns or need any support regarding attendance, please contact our attendance officer Mrs Ray in the school office.

<p>Attending school regularly helps to build confidence and develop vital life skills</p>	<p>School is the key to future success!</p>
<p>15 minutes late every day = two weeks of learning lost each school year</p>	<p>Missing 2 days of school each month = Missing nearly 3 weeks during a school year</p>
<p>Data shows pupils with more than 95% attendance achieve better GCSE results!</p> <p>at least one grade higher!</p>	<p>Even 90% attendance is still 19 days of education lost in a school year</p>

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

February 25	
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th	Y6 SATs and Residential Chat 2:35pm
Friday 14 th	PTFA Non- Uniform Day CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 24 th	CHILDREN RETURN
March 25	
Tuesday 11 th	Y5 Trip to Chichester Planetarium
Wednesday 19 th	Let's Dance Performance at Brighton Dome (Rehearsal earlier that day)
Tuesday 25 th	Rocksteady concert (2:30pm)
Wednesday 26 th	Y3 Trip to Brighton Museum, Parent Workshop – 'Autism and Behaviour that challenges'
Thursday 27 th	YR Rainbow Theatre visit
April 25	
Wednesday 2 nd	Y6 Residential Day 1
Thursday 3 rd	Y6 Residential Day 2
Friday 4 th	Y6 Residential Day 3, LAST DAY OF TERM
Tuesday 22 nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 23 rd	CHILDREN RETURN



Community Notice Board

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February Multi-Sports Camp



⚽ Longhill Sports Centre, Rottingdean, BN2 7FR

🗓️ 17th - 21st February 08:30 - 15:30

👤 4 - 11 Years old (4 year olds 08:30-12:30 / £18)

📄 £25 per day / £112.50 all week
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