



Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Headteacher Reports:

To mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week, our children across the school have been celebrating each other's differences. We are a proudly inclusive school and our neurodiverse children are a key part of what makes RKPS wonderful!

Next Wednesday morning, Tara, our Inclusion and Family Support Worker, is leading a second workshop for the parents and carers of autistic children. The parents I spoke to after the first workshop said that they found Tara's input incredibly helpful so do make it along if you can.

On Wednesday of this week, our KS2 dancers took part in 'Let's Dance' at the Dome. As usual, it was a fantastic evening-the very best of Brighton and Hove. Our performers shone; the choreography was immaculate. Standing backstage with the children, it was heartwarming to watch how thrilled they were after being on stage, compared to their nerves before stepping into the spotlight!

Our dancers looked fantastic too, all courtesy of Freddie's mum who spraypainted for a whole day last week! We are all very grateful to Joanna for enabling our children to look the part.

Special experiences such as this one do not happen without the dedication of our staff, in this instance Mr Mack and Mr Wynne who both worked tirelessly to ensure that the event was such a success.

With 'Let's Dance' now over, we turn our attention to the Children's Parade which is fast approaching. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their help and in the weeks ahead, Mrs Hollingsworth and Mrs Brewer will definitely appreciate more volunteers.

Spring is in the air so,

Have a wonderful weekend

Euan Hannington

Headteacher



Children performing at Let's Dance



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

Special Mentions



Eliza



Eliza is absolutely smashing her phonics work, impressing everyone with her dedication and progress. Every day, she shows just how capable she is, tackling challenges with resilience and a positive attitude. Not only is she excelling in her schoolwork, but she's also incredibly helpful to those around her, always willing to lend a hand. Her hard work and kindness have made her a source of pride for everyone who knows her. Keep shining, Eliza!

YRR

Jana



Jana came to the school not speaking any English but that has never stopped her from giving everything her best effort. She has shown amazing resilience, working so hard every day to grow in confidence and learn new words. Not only is Jana a fantastic learner, but she is also a kind and caring friend, always looking out for others. And through all her hard work and determination, she is fast becoming a fabulous writer. Her progress has been truly amazing!

Raffy



Like a ray of sunshine, Raffy has brightened Kahlo this week! Raffy has wowed me with his readiness! He has loved doing a huge variety of activities recently! He has planted beans, painted castles and made magic potions! I am so pleased with Raffy's effort and can't wait to see this amazing progress continue into spring! Well, done Raffy!

YR1

Forrest



Fantastic Forrest, he embodies the spirit of readiness in every way! Not only is he always keen to dive into his learning, but he is always ready to lend a helping hand to his friends. His great listening shows his excitement during lessons, and his creative writing and partner work consistently impress. Forrest's enthusiasm shines through as he tackles maths challenges, often taking the time to help his classmates. With a bright smile and a generous heart, he truly is ready for anything that comes his way—an essential piece in the Obama puzzle! Keep up the fantastic work, Forrest!

Reegan



Resilient Reegan – what an absolute superstar you are! Your positive attitude and dedication to learning are second to none! You inspire me and others with your determination to get the job done and you are becoming more resilient with your independence. Even when you are challenged by your learning, you are powering through like a resilient rocket reaching for the stars. Keep going and be proud of yourself!

YR2

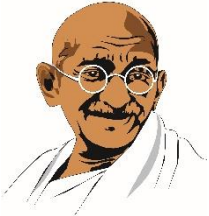
YR2



Jude

Jude is always Rudyard ready! She is always ready to tackle all her learning, and has created some amazing pieces of work. Her recent story about The Storm Whale was two pages long! Jude always has her thinking brain switched on and loves to share her amazing ideas with the class. Jude's readiness and enthusiasm for learning is admirable. Keep up the good work, Jude!

Ethan



YR3

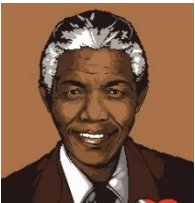
Ethan will go down in RKPS history as one of the most resourceful children to ever attend the school. Recently, when his friends couldn't quite remember what to do in their maths learning, Ethan reminded them of the flipcharts and, specifically, the generalisations so they could be as successful as he was. If that wasn't impressive enough, such is his independence to edit in writing, Mr Wynne is pretty sure Ethan has now become a Jedi Knight. He has developed the power of 'The Force' to summon a blue editing pen from anywhere in the classroom guaranteeing his writing is the best it can possible be.

Eva



This special mention is dedicated to the wonderful Eva who has been diligently practising her times tables! Her hard work and dedication is definitely paying off, as her understanding of multiplication facts has unlocked a world of maths confidence which is making her problem solving in lessons a breeze. Keep up the fantastic effort!

Dougie



Dougie is having a fantastic year. He is kind and hardworking and comes into school every day with a smile, ready to do his best. Dougie is always asking for feedback to improve his work and has a great attitude to learning. His resilience is admirable and even when things are tricky, he tackles them with a can-do attitude and a smile. Keep it up Dougie, you should be very proud of yourself!

YR4



Oakley

Oakley's recent diary entry certainly deserves a Special Mention. He works so hard and remembers to include so many features that he has learnt in Year 4 and his handwriting is so neat. He is a master at adding and subtracting fractions in Maths and has been challenging himself daily. Well done Oakley.

Ole

The effort that Ole is putting into his learning is certainly not going unnoticed. He is ready and raring to go with his learning every day, keen to challenge himself and working harder than ever before. All his hard work is definitely paying off as he is producing wonderful work in all subjects. Ole, you should feel extremely proud of yourself.

Darcie

YR5



Darcie, what a joy it is to give you this special mention! Your warmth, positivity, and kindness brighten our classroom every single day. You approach every challenge with a smile and a can-do attitude, showing resilience and enthusiasm in all that you do. Your generosity in supporting others—whether it's being a friend to someone in need or lending a helping hand to Mr. Jones—demonstrates your incredible character. You truly are an asset to our class, and we are so lucky to have you. Keep being your wonderful self, Darcie—the world needs more people like you!

Michael



Michael is a very thoughtful and hard-working member of Turing class. His willingness to push himself in Maths is an example to all, and he thrives when challenged to explain his working out. He's showing many Year 7 traits already, and I'm sure this will continue until the end of the year!

YR6

Alex



WOW! Alex has been absolutely smashing it in all lessons! She always gives 100% and is determined to do her best in everything. Not only does she work super hard to make sure her work is top quality, but she also keeps everyone smiling with her great sense of humour. Keep it up, Alex—you're a star! Bravo!



YR Thunberg	Millie-Rose Emma	<i>A lovely piece of writing about a woman and a wolf! For being a Writing Wizard!</i>
YR Rashford	Ernie Ralph	<i>Amazing writing! Year 1 standard reading!</i>
Y1 Kahlo	Jesse Lyla	<i>A great Lego build in Lego Club of a prehistoric snake! Fantastic reading and writing!</i>
Y1 Obama	Bobbi	<i>Super independent writing at home.</i>
Y2 Attenborough	Connie Leo and Eren	<i>Excellent maths learning. Super writing on the Storm Whale.</i>
Y2 Parks	Albie and Asiya Jude and Cooper	<i>For being writing wizards! An excellent piece of writing on The Storm Whale.</i>
Y3 Gandhi	Ted Lottie and Harper Chiara	<i>A wonderful Rangoli pattern. Perfect fractions learning! Amazing maths!</i>
Y4 Mandela	Kiera Isaac Willis and Ruben	<i>A super book review. A super review of the book 'Gorilla' For writing a super mini-book!</i>
Y4 Franklin	Eli	<i>An excellent book review, beautifully presented</i>

Y5 Seacole	Rowan Asomi	<i>Handwriting Hero! Excellent neurodiversity project on a laptop.</i>
Y6 Turing	Seth and Mujahid	<i>Excellent adventure story plans and a consistently excellent attitude to learning.</i>
	Michael	<i>Impressive maths work on decimals.</i>
Y6 Yousafzai	Andrea	<i>Secondary school quality writing and presentation.</i>

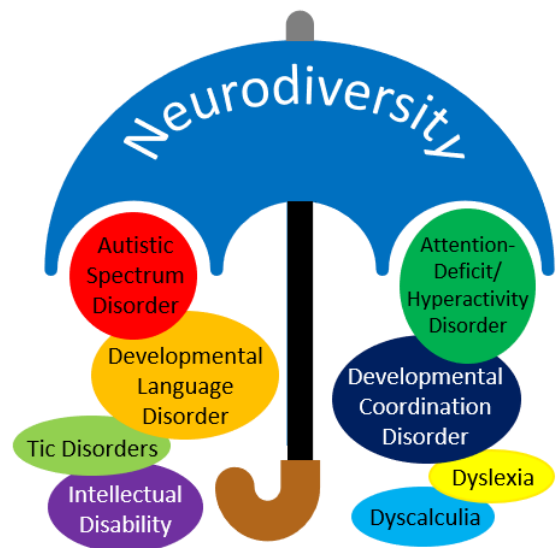
Neurodiversity Week

We have been celebrating **Neurodiversity** this week.

This is really key to helping all our wonderful young people develop awareness and understanding of themselves and one another in a positive way by celebrating **difference** and neurodiverse **strengths**.

This is a really lovely video about Autism, it's called Autism is a Difference not a Deficit, children have been watching this at school this week, perhaps you'd like to also have a little watch at home too

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We2fJz866NU>



Equalities



Year 5 Explores Neurodiversity and Equality

This week, Year 5 took a deep dive into the world of neurodiversity, celebrating the many ways our brains work differently. Through engaging discussions, interactive activities, and real-life stories, the children explored how conditions like autism, ADHD, and dyslexia bring unique strengths and perspectives.

We linked this to equality, highlighting the importance of embracing differences and ensuring that everyone feels valued and included. The children reflected on how they can be kind, patient, and supportive classmates, creating a learning environment where everyone can thrive.

It's been inspiring to see their enthusiasm in championing a more inclusive world—one where every mind is celebrated!

Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – Leo in Attenborough for being so helpful at After School Club.

KS2 – Oscar in Gandhi for being so kind to others at After School Club.

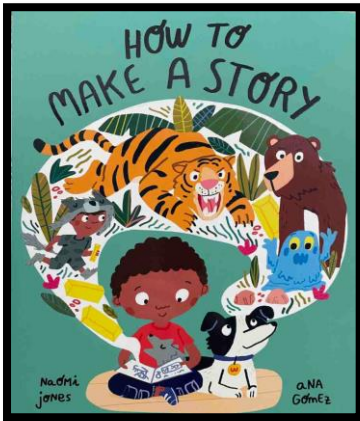


RKPS Reading Recommendations

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:

How to Make a Story by Naomi Jones, illustrated by Ana Gomez

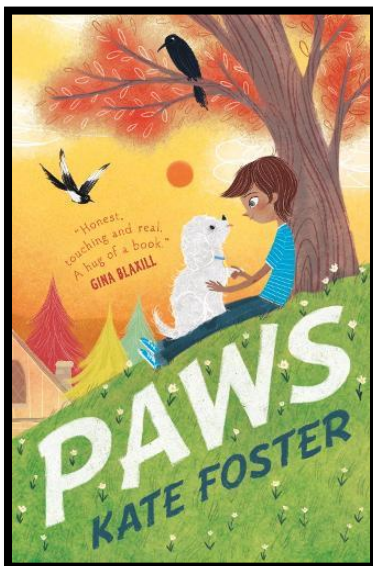


A vibrant picture book about a young boy called Milo who is struggling to get the fantastically creative ideas in his brain onto paper when he is asked to write a story. It models the process of writing in a way that is completely relatable for children in and the input that adults can provide to help youngsters, especially those showing dyslexic tendencies.

When Milo decides he's going to tell a story, it seems like a great idea. A story of his very own, made up by him! The only problem is that he's not sure how to start ... or what to put in the middle ... or how to end it.

With a little help from his family and a lot of real-life inspiration, Milo's story is soon off to a flying start. If only his little brother and sister weren't getting in the way. But then Milo learns the most important lesson of all about stories - that they are made to be shared.

Reggie Houser Has the Power By Helen Rutter



Alex's best friend is Kevin the cockapoo, although what he wants most of all is a friend at school. A charming and gentle story about how life isn't one size fits all.

Everything is changing for 11-year-old Alex and, as an autistic person, change can be terrifying. With the first day of high school only a couple of months away, Alex is sure that having a friend by his side will help. Therefore, he's devised a plan – impress the kids at school by winning a trophy at the PAWS Dog Show with his trusty sidekick, Kevin. This should be a walk in the park ... right?

PTFA NEWS / Events

Thank you for supporting our PTFA!

Easy Fundraising

NEW DATE — QUIZ NIGHT

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

- ☆☆ 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

Super Women Day — Friday 28th March

🌸💖 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-

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PLEASE QUOTE YOUR CHILDS SURNAME/CLASS AS A REFERENCE

Thank you!

Spring Non-Uniform Day

🌸 Spring Non School Uniform Day 4th April 2025

If you would like your child to take part, we would kindly ask for a £1 donation.

This can be paid in cash on the day or via bank transfer;

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Play Stars of the Week

Oakleigh in Y1 for making new friends and playing nicely
Betsy and Darcie in Y5 for teaching KS1 girls some football skills



Wescott Thursdays Spring 2

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be Year 3.

Forest School with Mr Wescott!

Next Forest School Sessions



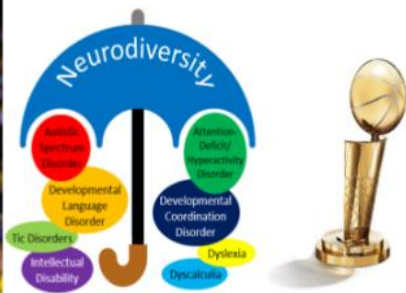
Thursday 27th March – Reception Rashford

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

Fabulous Fitness Fridays

Fabulous Fitness Friday Friend of the week

Magic Johnson- retired basketball player



Considered one of the best point guards of all time, Magic Johnson played for the LA Lakers basketball team. He was an impressive 6 ft 9 in (2.06m) and known for his extraordinary court vision, passing abilities, and leadership, Johnson was one of the most dominant players of his era. Johnson has spoken openly about his dyslexia and the challenges he faced at school. He has shared that by taking extra classes and working really hard he has learned all the skills he needed to achieve in life, and achieved he has! His awards and titles are extensive, including 5 NBA championships between 1980-1988.

Staff Car Park

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!



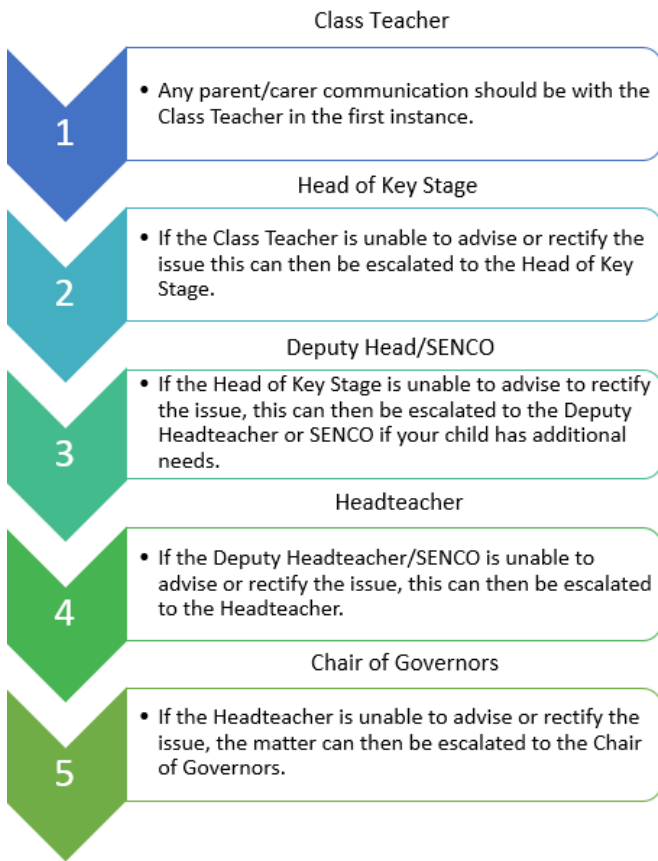
Anti-social Parking

We would like to remind families to respect local residents around the school and not obstruct drives or pathways. We strongly encourage families is 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 25th	Rocksteady concert (2:30pm)
Wednesday 26th	Y3 Trip to Brighton Museum, Parent Workshop – ‘Autism and Behaviour that challenges’
Thursday 27th	KS1 choir visit to Ireland Lodge
Friday 28th	PTFA ‘Superwoman Day’
April 25	
Wednesday 2nd	Y6 Residential Day 1
Thursday 3rd	Y6 Residential Day 2
Friday 4th	Y6 Residential Day 3, 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
May 25	
Saturday 3rd	Children’s Parade



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EASTER 2025

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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 29TH APRIL)</small>
9 am drop off				
ROBOT LAB	Engineering	ELECTRIC CREATIONS	3D CREATIONS	VIRTUAL REALITY
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	MINECRAFT MAZE
Take Home Inventions				
Electric	Motorised	Light	Hydraulics	Solar
4 pm pick up				

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10am - 12.30pm each day
Ages 9 - 15
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