



# Rudyard Kipling Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

## Where learning is an adventure!

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### Headteacher Reports:

We are well into this year's 'Eat Them To Defeat Them' initiative where our children are provided with a fantastic selection of vegetables to enjoy in our three dinner halls. The other day, our kitchen staff provided our pupils with six different types of carrot to try!

From the beginning of the autumn term, all the way through to the end of the summer, we teach our children the importance of a balanced diet. Our children are taught about the different food groups and the purpose of each type. They learn that sugar should only be eaten in moderation and how too much sugar rots teeth. We teach our children about how a balanced lunchbox, with all the colours of the rainbow, is the best-fruit and vegetables included.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who send their children to school with a healthy lunchbox, containing some fruit and vegetables. This supports the teaching we do in school and is of course healthy for your child, enabling them to learn at their full potential.

Yesterday afternoon, our KS1 school choir once again visited our friends at Ireland Lodge, singing them three songs: it was a special treat for the residents there but a treat for our singers too! Our youngest choir will again be performing this afternoon which we are all looking forward to.

Next week is the last before we break up for the Easter holiday, the term seems to have flown by! We are looking forward to some super entries in the PTFA 'Eggshibition' please the PYFA page later in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful, sunny, weekend

*Euan Hanington*

Headteacher



Positivity



Teamwork



Equality



Respect



Kindness

# Special Mentions



## Beau



Beau is such a little helper in class, always stepping up with a smile and a positive attitude. Every adult praises his incredible organization and tidiness, which sets a great example for everyone around him. His respect for his classmates and teachers is amazing, and his resourceful nature helps keep the classroom running smoothly. Above all, Beau's kindness and willingness to lend a hand make him an invaluable member of our class. We're all so proud of the thoughtful young person Beau is becoming!

## 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!

## Lyla



Lyla has been outstanding this week. Every day she has come into school super ready and focused to do her best learning. This fantastic learning attitude has led to some beautiful writing in about Villains! Furthermore, Lyla is always the first to help others in need and be a friend. If someone doesn't have a partner or someone to play with Lyla will be quick to offer. This kindness helps make Kahlo such an amazing class. Well done Lyla.

## YR1

## Leon



Leon is an absolute superstar! Leon is always smiling and spreads kindness wherever he goes, playing nicely with all his friends. He's been working incredibly hard on his reading and is doing brilliantly in Maths too! His enthusiasm during lessons is infectious; he's always eager to participate, raising his thinking thumb and preparing with his book and pencil, ready for action. Plus, Leon has a fantastic sense of humour and can always make us smile with his amazing dance moves! Keep shining, Leon—your hard work and positivity light up our classroom. Well done! Obama Class is proud of you!

## Connie



Connie, what a superstar you are! You are remembering to follow instructions straight away and, because you are making such good choices, your learning is amazing! You are remembering to write your letters as neatly as you can, and you are remembering to point to all the words when you read them in your books. Good job, Connie!

## YR2

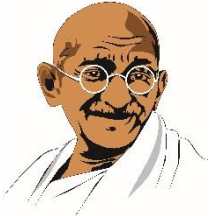
YR2



## Neal

Neal is asset to Parks class. His huge smile and the enthusiasm for learning that he brings to school each morning is wonderful to see. His positive attitude and 'can-do' work ethic means Neal is always ready for any activity. He won't stop until he has completed his learning and is always ready for the next challenge. You are a readiness role model, Neal!

## Chester



Chester embodies two core values of positivity and resilience. No matter the hurdle ahead of him, he'll charge full steam ahead with a smile on his face and inevitably overcome it with ease. He's worked tirelessly as of late, and a recent 'light-bulb' moment, in a very tricky question, allowed Chester to make a connection and work systematically to find answers. Chester was then able to explain his reasoning to the class which helped them understand too! Wow, wouldn't you all love a Chester in you classes?

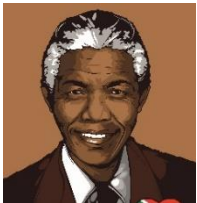
YR3

## Millie



Millie has become a beacon of Pankhurst values by consistently showing respect, positivity and teamwork. However, over the last few weeks, her commitment to her presentation has really impressed me. She is always reflective, thinking how she can improve and is always taking pride in every lesson. Well done Millie.

## Isaac



Isaac is a superstar learner! Every day, Isaac comes into school with a smile and a can-do attitude. Readiness radiates from Isaac and puts him in a great position to learn. He is also very helpful! Miss Walsh can see him thriving in a mentor role in Year 6. Isaac's smile lights up the room and his kindness is unmatched. Keep it up Isaac!

YR4

## Archie



Over the last few weeks, Archie has really come out of his shell. He is always willing to share his lovely ideas, he is ready and confident to work independently, and he doesn't let it upset him if he makes a mistake – instead he learns from it. What more could you ask for. Well done Archie.

## Carter

YR5



Carter Jackman, Maths Magician, is on a mission to be the best—and this week, he's worked his magic yet again! With a thirst for knowledge and a mind sharper than a freshly sharpened pencil, Carter tackles every challenge with enthusiasm. But his talents don't stop at numbers! On the debate stage, he's just as spellbinding—listening intently, challenging ideas with precision, and delivering arguments with flair. Whether crunching numbers or crafting compelling points, Carter proves he's a true wizard of both maths and words! Keep shining, Carter!



Jessica

Jessica is such a friendly, positive character, and a huge part of what makes Turing class 'tick'. She tackles every task she's given with her trademark enthusiasm and never stops until a piece of work is completed, often asking for more! Keep up this fantastic approach to your learning, Jessica, and you'll go far!

YR6

Barney



Barney has been an absolute star of Yousafzai class! His kindness, helpful nature and incredible work ethic have stood out. I have seen amazing progress from him and his dedication is inspiring. Keep up the fabulous work Barney – you should be proud of yourself! Bravo



YR Thunberg	Ilya and Lacey	<i>Excellent chapatti instructions!</i>
YR Rashford	Beatrix	<i>Super instructional writing on how to make a chapatti!</i>
Y1 Obama	Lily Amber	<i>Excellent English work on Rapunzel and the Witch. Lorry loads of super home learning!</i>
Y2 Attenborough	Eddie	<i>For being a writing wizard!</i>
Y2 Parks	Zachary	<i>An informative booklet about whales.</i>
Y3 Gandhi	Adam Harli, Chester, Aitor Tiffany	<i>Wonderful concentration this week Excellent information writing on Egypt. Super Egypt writing and writing a fantastic 'All About Me' piece.</i>
Y3 Pankhurst	Harrison Henry H	<i>A super piece of persuasive writing about Egypt! Fantastic answers in assembly</i>
Y4 Mandela	Dexter	<i>Super fractions learning!</i>
Y5 Seacole	Betsy and Darcie Luca Harry	<i>A fantastic space project! Sensational reading and even finishing his reading record! A superb clay bird linked to his book 'Skellig'.</i>

# Equalities



This week Y4 have been learning about what life is like for disabled children in England and how we can welcome and include everyone in school and celebrate differences. We discussed that we need to think carefully about the words we choose to use and that the language we use does matter. Everyone in our school has the right to feel safe, valued and respected

We learnt that it is important to see the whole person and not make assumptions about what they can or can't do. We also talked about the adjustments we can make to ensure all children are included in all activities in school.

We then listened to a story about how children worked together to achieve a goal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4sGcaA6bFk>

## Stars of the Week

After School Club – KS1 – **Woody in Thunberg** for always making After School Club smile.

KS2 – **Mia in Seacole** for being a good role model.

## Tag Rugby Champions

### RUDYARD ROAR TO TAG RUGBY GLORY!

Our Year 6s came away triumphant from the final ACE tag rugby event of the term after a sensational performance from both our girls' and boys' teams!

Mr Mack accompanied 14 of our Year 6s to Longhill School yesterday to compete in a tournament against Our Lady of Lourdes, Saltdean Primary and Woodingdean Primary. The girls - Sienna, Olivia, Rebeca, Ruby, Chelsea, Jessica and Alex (fresh from representing RKPS at the Sussex Schools Cross Country Finals) - performed brilliantly to finish with a win, a draw and a narrow defeat in their 3 matches. After a re-check of the results, the girls finished with an identical record to the team in second place, so will receive their thoroughly deserved silver medals soon!

Over on the boys' pitch, Woody, Fletcher, Henry, Arthur, Hussein, Liam and Ronnie were a formidable team, working as a unit and showing no small amount of skill in finishing unbeaten, with 2 wins and a draw. They won gold medals for finishing 1st and, once the girls' and boys' points were combined, RKPS also came away with the overall trophy! Mr Mack could not have been prouder of the children's effort, attitude and support for their team-mates.

A special thank you to Mr Hoard for organising another superb event, and to the Sports Leaders at Longhill School for their help and support.





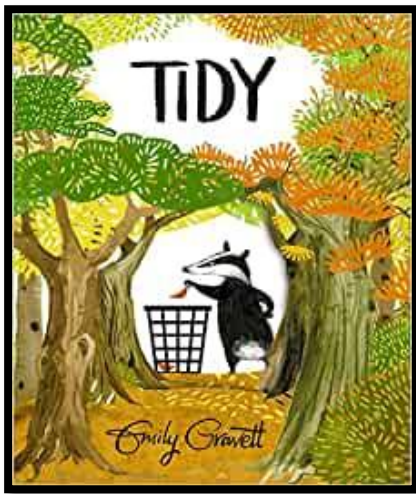


Hello all, every week the English Team and various adults around school share two reading recommendations for you and your lovely children to read.

### Reading Research Alert:

## Tidy by Emily Gravett

Ms Nazarko recommended!

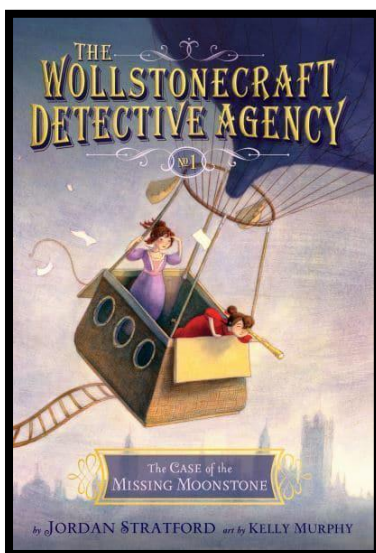


From the creator of Meerkat Mail and Dogs, comes a very funny rhyming woodland story about the perils of being too tidy.

Pete the badger likes everything to be neat and tidy at all times, but what starts as the collecting of one fallen leaf escalates quickly and ends with the complete destruction of the forest! Will Pete realise the error of his ways and set things right?

Lush foliage and delightfully funny characters abound in this dramatic tale of overzealous neatness that delivers its message of environmental preservation with subtlety and humour. The freshness and vibrancy of the illustrations, the endearing charm of the animal characters, and the many deft comic details throughout make this a very special book. With a sumptuous double-sided jacket and a breath-taking series of die-cuts from the cover through to the title page, once you enter this forest, you'll never want to leave.

## The Case of the Missing Moonstone. The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency by Jordan Stratford, illustrated by Kelly Murphy



History, mystery, and science collide in a new series for middle-grade readers, perfect for fans of *The Mysterious Benedict Society* and Lemony Snicket!

Jordan Stratford imagines an alternate 1826, where Ada Lovelace (the world's first computer programmer) and Mary Shelley (author of *Frankenstein*) meet as girls and form a secret detective agency!

Lady Ada Byron, age eleven, is a genius. Isolated, awkward and a bit rude-but a genius. Mary Godwin, age fourteen, is a romantic. Adventurous, astute, and kind, Mary is to become Ada's first true friend. And together, the girls conspire to form the Wollstonecraft Detective Agency-a secret constabulary for the apprehension of clever criminals. Their first case involves a stolen heirloom, a false confession, and an array of fishy suspects. But it's no match for the deductive powers and bold hearts of Ada and Mary.

# 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 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm. Children can practise their times tables over the holidays, and the competition will end at 6pm on Monday 21st 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:

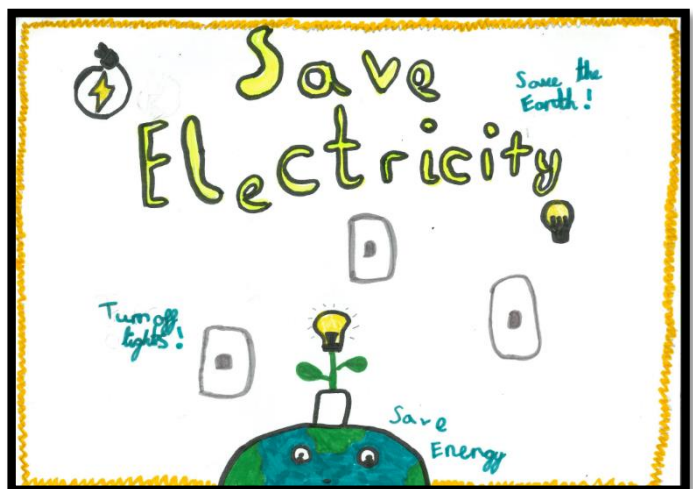
**Example - Billy Smith**

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).

## Congratulations Eva!

Congratulations to Eva in Year 3 for her winning entry in our School Council 'Save Electricity' competition. A very well done to Freddie for setting up the competition and for judging the entries.



# PTFA NEWS / Events

Thank you for supporting our PTFA!

## NEW DATE — 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

## 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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Sort Code: 08 92 99

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## Decorate an Egg

### Egg Eggshibition

Roll up , Roll up !

Join us in celebrating the change in season and the start of all things blooming!

We would like to offer all children from each class the opportunity to decorate their very own egg . Which will be celebrated and shown as "egghibit " in the school. Be as crafty, arty , imaginative as you like . Let's have fun filling the school with eggtraordinary creations . You could create a pop star , film star , sports person alien or teacher . Be as creative as you like , paint glitter, material, clay. Eggsplore your wild creature side.

There will be one winner from each year group , so get cracking and share the yoke !.

All eggs will have to blown before display or decoration. Instructions can be found online or with the poster displaying the event .

The eggtravaganza will be from the 31/3/2025-4/4/2025 Monday till Friday morning only .

Each year group will have a winner selected by the eggcellent Mr Hannington.

Can all entries be clearly named with child , year group and class .

All entries will be displayed in the lobby .

Good luck and get cracking ! 🥚

## Egg competition instructions

- SHAKE YOUR EGGS CAREFULLY TO SCRAMBLE THE INSIDES SO IT IS EASIER TO BLOW OUT.
- VERY GENTLY POKE A SMALL HOLE IN THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF YOUR EGG. BE CAREFUL NOT TO APPLY TOO MUCH PRESSURE WITH THE NEEDLE AND YOUR FINGERS ON THE SIDES AS YOU MAY CRACK THE EGG!
- PLACE YOUR EGGS IN THE BOWL OF HOT WATER RIGHT AFTER YOU BLOW THEM. HOLD EACH ONE UNDER FOR A SECOND TO GET WATER INSIDE OF IT. I USED A SMALL PLATE AS A WEIGHT TO HOLD THEM UNDER. ALLOW THEM TO SIT FOR 10 MINUTES.
- LEAVE YOUR EGGS TO DRY FOR 24 HOURS ON KITCHEN TOWEL. THEN YOU CAN DECORATE!







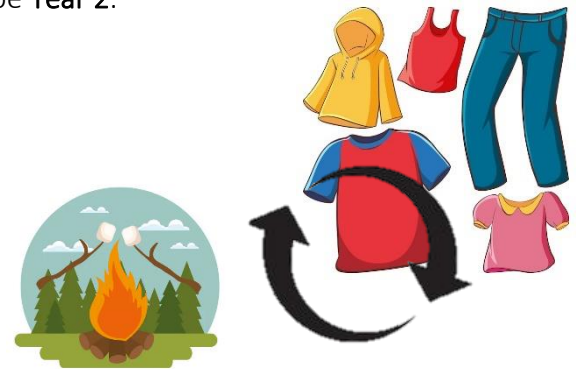
# Wescott Thursdays Spring 2

Next week's Wescott Thursday will be Year 2.

## Forest School with Mr Wescott!

### Next Forest School Sessions

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Year 3 Pankhurst, Reception Thunberg  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 4 Mandela



\* 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

## Woodingdean Meadow Survey

Fabulous Fitness Friday Friend of the week

**Magic Johnson- retired basketball player**

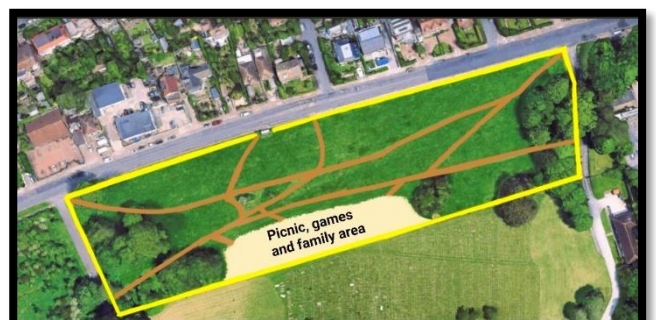


Considered one of the best point guards of all time, Magic Johnson played for the LA Lakers basketball team. He was an impressive 6 ft 9 in (2.06m) and known for his extraordinary court vision, passing abilities, and leadership, Johnson was one of the most dominant players of his era. Johnson has spoken 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.

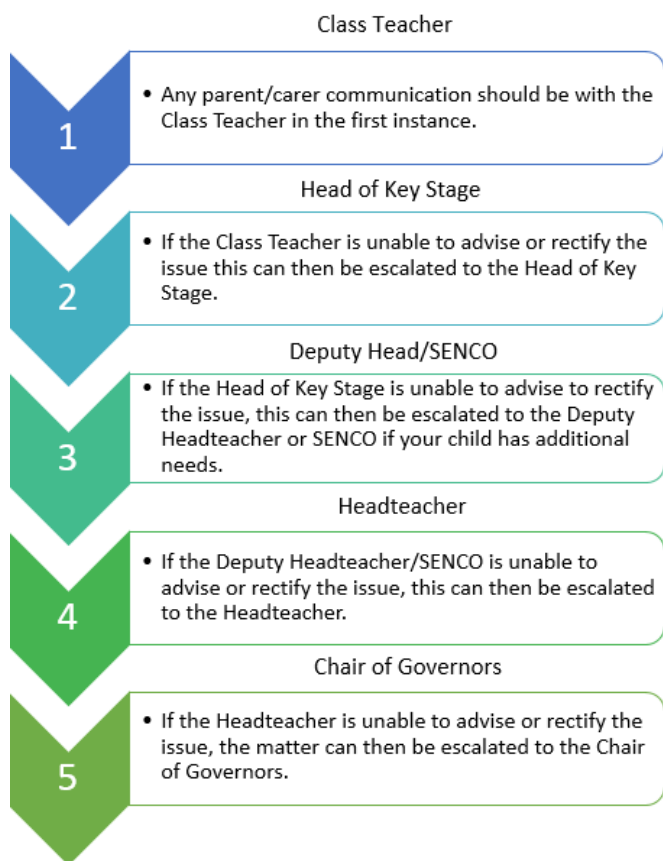
Do you live or work in the Woodingdean area or regularly visit or travel through it? Exciting news for wildlife lovers. A proposal is underway to create a vibrant wildflower meadow along Warren Road featuring paths and a picnic area. It could become a beautiful space benefitting both wildlife and the 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.



# 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

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





# 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](http://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 25TH APRIL)</small>	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5 <small>(NOT RUNNING ON 10TH 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!**

E: [info@nextthing.education](mailto:info@nextthing.education) T: 01442 873150



This is a great family good-feel musical that I am part of, and it would be great if as many families as possible can come and support the company too.

Maxim's mum is appearing in this so do go and watch it if you can!



"Annie" the musical – on 11-13 April at the Old Market Theatre, presented by PTC Arts Academy CIC.

"Annie" is based on a popular comic strip and is one of Broadway's all-time biggest hits. It is a heart-warming story of an orphaned girl, who finds a chance for a new life after being invited into a billionaire's mansion for Christmas. Annie's journey is not without some twists and turns, but her resilience and positivity change lives of others, and she finds a family she so longed for. The musical features well-known songs like *Tomorrow* and *It's the Hard Knock Life*. This brilliant 2025 version is a reimagining of the well-loved musical, involving more urban dance routines and a much more inclusive company and cast, including boys!

A special promotion is offered on tickets bought for the Friday night show, please use code **SUN241**. (code is valid for a limited time only and excludes the venue levy. The discount will be automatically applied in your cart at the checkout stage)

The link for tickets: [PTC Arts Academy CIC: Annie — The Old Market, Hove](https://www.ptcartsacademy.com/Annie-The-Old-Market-Hove)