



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, this half term has gone very quickly indeed. Our final week before the half term break has seen further efforts from some of our Year 6 children competing in a sports event. Zoe, Poppy A, Immy, Alex, Jack, George C and Lewis took part in a Quad Kids Athletics event in which they each had to take part in a long jump, javelin throw, 75m run and 600m run. In the late afternoon sunshine on Wednesday they took on each event with enthusiasm and support for each other (it took a lot of effort and energy, especially that 600m run!). Well done to them all for competing so positively.



Other Year 6 children, and some of our Year 5s, helped our 'Out of the Book' visitors deliver their latest assembly, particularly good to see Year 6 using their acting skills as we have also begun to rehearse for our KS2 production.



Meanwhile, Year 2 have had a very busy week as they enjoyed their trip to the Brighton Sea Life centre on Monday and on Tuesday became swashbuckling pirates as their curriculum came alive – how lucky the children are to have such engaging experiences to enhance their learning.

Finally, this week, I am sorry to share that one of our wonderful teachers will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Mr Tucker, our Year 5 teacher, popular with all of the children, will be leaving us after 5 ½ years at Rudgwick Primary School. Mr Tucker has gone from Teaching Assistant, to apprentice teacher to Year 5 class teacher and has helped provide many children with a range of incredible opportunities. We will, of course, miss him but wish him well in the future.

Additionally, as you all know, Mrs Burns will be leaving us to begin her maternity leave this term. Her final day with the children in Year 6 will be Friday 20th June. Mrs Conyers, who has been into our school regularly as a supply teacher, will be with the class for the remaining four weeks. Exciting times ahead for Mrs Burns.

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Joshua T, Dylan Wi, Isabell, Eloise and Madison.

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

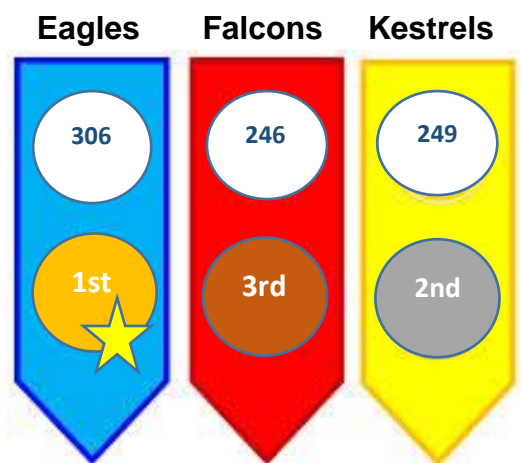
Awards



This term's core value is **ACHIEVE** and the wider value for the half term is **CURIOSITY**.



House Points



Number Bonds

5s	10s	20s	100s
		Halle – Y4	

Times Tables

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Annabelle – Y4	Orla – Y4	Emily – Y4	Ronnie – Y3 Reece – Y4

Book Awards

KS1	KS2
Finlay – Y1	Lewis – Y6

Stars of the Week

Africa (Year R)	Isabelle	For always being a kind friend.
	Isaac	For working well as a member of the team during orienteering.
Asia (Year 1)	Albemarle	For being such a kind and responsible member of the class - always happy to lend a hand to others.
	Finn	For settling in to life in Year 1 at Rudgwick so beautifully.
Europe (Year 2)	Molly	For sharing her amazing knowledge about the habitats of different sea creatures.
	Lily	For always being so kind and helpful and supporting her friends when they need help.
Australasia (Year 3)	William	For always showing Rudgwick values and giving his best to all his learning.
	Reuben	For working hard to improve his attitude to learning and for being more accepting of consequences. All in all, a good half term!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Aizen	For showing an improved focus in his learning and producing some excellent detail in his writing.
	Halle	For showing great determination and perseverance in her maths learning.
North America (Year 5)	Lily	For great fielding and showing awesome strength when batting in cricket.
	Harry	For his enthusiasm and engagement during our practice as a samba band.
South America (Year 6)	George C	For demonstrating a lot of resilience when completing his short story.
	Hanna	For responding well to feedback and maintaining a positive attitude to learning.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	In our final week of the half-term we have been discovering the baby names of many different animals. We were surprised to hear that rabbits and cats both have kittens. We were really excited to find a tree full of small ermine moth caterpillars; they had covered the tree with silk webs. In French we made our own Monsieur Potato with actual potatoes and in Woodland Learning we were treated to smores and hot chocolate. In Maths this week we have been learning how to compose and de-compose shapes (triangles, squares and rectangles) and how to complete tangrams (shape based puzzles).
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Asia (Year 1)	What a great last week of the half term it's been but where has the time gone?! We have been continuing to write our Percy stories, continuing the process of drafting, editing and then publishing. In maths we have been exploring numbers to 100, ordering and partitioning them as well as finding missing numbers in a sequence. In Geography we have mastered identifying all 7 continents and 5 oceans on a world map and can locate them independently! In Computing we are continuing to create our posters, using our keyboard skills.
Europe (Year 2)	We have had such a brilliant week in year 2, firstly with our trip to the Sealife Centre and then pirate day. The children were a credit to you all and learnt so much about the different habitats the creatures live in and the superpowers they have to help them survive. The children looked amazing on pirate day and enjoyed finding hidden mathematical clues in the woods to earn themselves treasure. They also learnt about pirates from the past, including Blackbeard who drank grog mixed with gunpowder. In art we have completed our mixed media pictures in the style of Patricia Greaves using fabric and wax resist to create a seaside scene.
Australasia (Year 3)	We have worked hard in our final week before half term! The children have done some lovely writing about The Last Bear. We have also been looking at fractions again and some of the children have been really pleased to see they understood more than they thought they did! The children were sad to have their last session with coach Ben for cricket; he said how pleased he was with the progress they had made. We have also finished our tennis sessions and are looking forward to athletics after half term. Our topic on Anglo-Saxons continues after half-term and we are really excited about visiting Butser Farm just after half-term. It should be a great day!
Antarctica (Year 4)	It has been another busy week in Year 4 as we approach half term. In English, we have enjoyed finding out about the country of Brazil which is linked to our Explorer book. They have worked hard in creating an information leaflet for visitor. In maths, we have focused on rounding decimals to whole numbers. In Geography, we created a weather report for the Amazon rainforest to show our understanding of the climate and in RE we discussed the important value of forgiveness. In PE we started a unit of work on improving our athletic techniques. In Science, we have continued to learning about electrical circuits. We had our final Woodland Learning session of the term and enjoyed den building and eating smores with hot chocolate,
North America (Year 5)	What a fantastic final week before half term – a busy one as usual. We completed our first draft of our narrative extension of Podkin One Ear. The children have thought carefully about how to introduce their problems and how their characters overcome them. In maths, the children have recapped on how to round whole numbers and extended to round to the nearest tenth. In history, we explored how the introduction of the television changes people's lives and on the final day, we spent the morning cooking our soups, putting our recipes to the test. The children have loved the process of researching recipes, learning how to chop using a knife safely and most importantly, the tasting session. Have a great half term all – see you shortly!
South America (Year 6)	That's another half term complete! This week in maths we have been learning about scale factor and designed our ideal bedrooms by creating a scaled drawing. In English, we have worked hard to finish our short stories and they are amazing. We also finished reading Coraline and watched the film to be able to see the differences between the two. In PE, we played kickball rounders with the focus being team tactics and in history we learnt about mummification and the process that was followed by the ancient Egyptians. In science, we finished

	our microbes topic by taking part in yeast races. This was an experiment to see the ideal environment for yeast to grow, we then wrote scientific conclusions about our observations. Have a wonderful half term everyone 😊
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Term Dates

Mon 26th May – Half Term

Tues 3rd June – Y3 trip to Butser Farm

Fri 6th June – PTA Mufti Day – Garden Games

Fri 20th June – PTA Summer Festival

Fri 27th June – Sports Day

Wed 2nd July – Y1 trip to Lingfield Wildlife Centre

Thurs 3rd July – Y4 Camp

Thurs 3rd July – Bikeability Level 1 - Year 5

Please use the new school website for all diary dates. There is a link to the school calendar with to all pupil events. <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

More photos of events are available on our website <https://www.rudgwick.w-sussex.sch.uk/>

We are a NUT AWARE school due to the allergies that some of our pupils have, with every effort being made to ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought in to the school.

Please note that attachments to the Newsletter about local clubs and events are not endorsed by the school. Parents are responsible for carrying out their own safety checks.

