



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we say goodbye to January the children have shown no signs of the 'January blues' since our return to school. Their effort and enthusiasm for learning has been unhindered and I have noticed this particularly with Year 6 this week as they have been practising for SATs tests later this year. As well as enjoying their usual, varied range of curriculum learning, they have had another go at some previous tests and all of the children have demonstrated progress they should be very proud of. And what better way to reward themselves for their efforts by getting ready this weekend for their residential trip to Hindleap Warren. So remember to pack all of those recommended items children, for what will be an unforgettable week away!

## Polite reminder

Please could I ask that you continue to use the methods in place to communicate with your children's class teachers. Myself and Mrs Wilson or Mrs Edwards, as well as Mrs Gaynor are on the gate every morning to take messages to the teachers and you will always have the opportunity to talk to them at the end of the school day as they are on the playground with the children. Additionally, you can call or email into the office with any communication and staff will always get in contact if necessary. We respectfully ask that parents do not come into the school building in the mornings, either through the office or playground, as there is a lot of preparation and movement around the school at the beginning of the day and learning gets underway immediately on the children's arrival, we like to utilise every minute the children are in school in the safest way possible so their start to the school day is a positive one. Thank you for continually working so supportively with us to ensure your children have the best school experience they can.

## Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Norah, Imogen, Jasmine, Freddie, Molly G, Harry P, Ernest, Ben B and Etta.

We hope you all have a fantastic birthday!

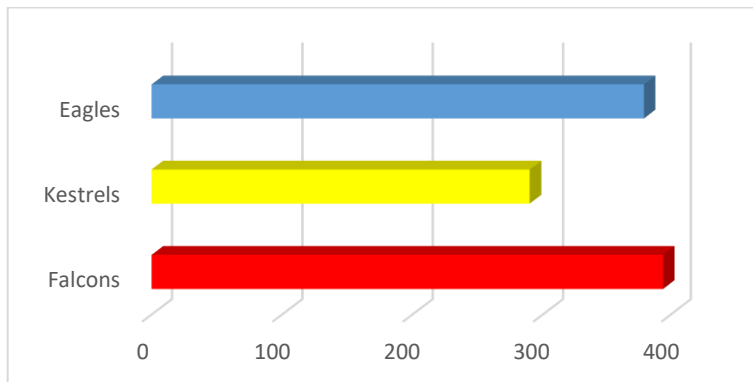
## Awards



This term's core value is Believe and the wider value for the half term is Independence/Collaboration.

## House Points

This week's winner is **Falcons!**



## Number Bonds to 20 Award

Eli

Albert B

## Number Bonds to 100 Award

Bree

## Bronze Times Table Award

Isabell J

## Silver Times Table Award

Sebastian H

Reece C

## Platinum Times Table Award

Cai

## Book Awards

KS1 – Dexter C

KS2 - Talon

## Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Finn George	For his focus and enthusiasm in phonics lessons. For WOWing us with his understanding of mass!
Asia (Year 1)	Ernest Harry	For focus and motivation during our phonics lessons and for being a wonderfully supportive reading partner. For great participation in group discussions and for creating wonderful sentences for his bakery poster.
Europe (Year 2)	Niah Ellis	For working hard in gymnastics when performing a patch balance, tuck jump and a controlled jump across a beam. For writing an interesting story, including lots of detail, with beautiful illustrations.

Australasia (Year 3)	Bertie	For showing real kindness and support to his partner in PE.
	Eleanor	For showing focus and motivation in maths this week.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Austin	For showing an excellent focus in his learning, sharing ideas with others and being a supportive learning partner.
	Daisy	For showing more confidence in herself when completing maths activities especially with fractions this week.
North America (Year 5)	Harloe	For demonstrating a growth mindset when publishing his writing and practicing his times tables.
	Zack	For writing a programme in computing to change the colour of a sparkle.
South America (Year 6)	Shay	For persevering with his writing and producing a great descriptive poem.
	Jasmine	For being meticulous with the way she works and evaluating her own work effectively.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	It has been another busy week in Africa class. This week we have been celebrating the Chinese New Year of The Snake. We have taken part in a Chinese New Year dance and have made lanterns and dragons. We have also been thinking about how we can look after our teeth and everyone has been very concerned that the Big Bad Wolf may not be brushing his teeth twice a day for two minutes! In Maths we have been discovering what is meant by the words mass and capacity and have enjoyed making predictions when using scales and boats on water.
Asia (Year 1)	This week we have started creating our persuasive bakery posters. We used our senses to write sentences about our bakeries, adding adjectives to help our reader's imagination. In Maths we have been continuing to explore greater and less than, comparing numbers and subtracting numbers within 20. On Tuesday we took part in the Great British Garden Birdwatch as part of our woodland learning. Although the bad weather may have kept many birds away, we were still able to spot a number of pigeons, robins and blue tits. In Geography we looked at the different types of weather we experience here in England and role played being weather forecasters. In history we ordered the events of the Great Fire of London and learnt about Samuel Pepys and his diary.
Europe (Year 2)	We have written and illustrated our own version of Goldilocks and The Three Bears and can't wait to share them with Africa class next week. In Maths we have been solving problems involving money including pounds and pence. In gymnastics, with coach Ben, we have developed our skills including patch balances, tuck jumps and jumping with control over a balance beam. In French the children finished their animal topic by making animal masks. We sent a photo of them wearing their masks to Mrs Hutchings which cheered her up.
Australasia (Year 3)	We have been focussing on writing a piece of descriptive writing about dragons in English this week, using as many interesting adjectives as we can. The children are enjoying 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'! The children also enjoyed learning how to make Slime during another English lesson! Maths has been all about money! The children are doing well in swimming this term

	and spent a very energetic PE lesson practising and recording some multi-skills this week – Ski jumps, clap-catch and shuttle runs.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Once again, lots of fantastic learning going on in Year 4 this week starting with the opportunity to bird watch, take part in cooking safely and doing observational sketching in Woodland Learning. In PE, the children continued to develop their fielding and bowling skills. In maths, the children have learnt how to add fractions with the same denominator which give answers less than and greater than a whole one. In English, the children have continued to enjoy reading Varjak Paw and preparing a persuasive letter for writing. In Science, the children made string telephones as part of their sound topic and showed excellent team work in creating and debugging codes in computing. In RE, we discussed why Mother Theresa was an important person and in Geography we developed our understanding of time zones. Finally, in music, the children have now put together the whole clarinet and are making a lovely sound.
North America (Year 5)	A superb week in North America once more with plenty going on. In maths, we have used our understanding of equivalent fractions to order as well as add fractions with different denominators. In English, the children have worked hard to edit their letters written as Beowulf and published them to go on display. We extended our understanding of conditions in computing, using an 'If...then...' selection to programme our crumble controllers. In PE, we did a number of relays to get a first glimpse of our new orienteering maps for the course that has been recently set up at the school - we used the key of the map to match symbols and labels. We did some research in history to learn more about different aspects of how the Vikings lived. Each group had an area of focus: religion and gods; arts and crafts; houses and food; rhyme and writing; clothes and jewellery.
South America (Year 6)	A great week in Year 6! We have been learning about ratio in maths and solving problems involving comparative sizes of quantities. In English, we have worked really hard to draft, edit and publish our poems. They are really creative and written to a really high standard. In science, we have finished learning about classification by looking at the Linnaeus system and we have chosen our preferred way of classifying animals and applied it to plants. In PE, we have continued our badminton unit and been thinking about match play and shot selection, we also learnt how to do a smash. We have also finished our work on the Dalai Lama by thinking about why he is a significant religious figure and in computing we have learnt about different ways of communicating over the internet.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

We invite the children to dress up as a character from a book this year. The costumes do not need to be purchased and can be created from items at home. The aim is to be imaginative but not expensive.



### **School lunches after half term**

Rudgwick will be on the holiday return menu on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, any pre-ordered meals for those days will need to be re-booked, please see the attached menu with the ParentMail email.

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Term

Tuesday's ongoing – Y3 Swimming

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Year 6 Residential

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Inset Day

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day – Children to dress up as a book character

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Trip to Hever Castle

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March – West Sussex Music Concerts

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March - Rudgwick Performing Arts Showcase

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Spring Term

**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.**

### Diary Dates

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/>

*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.*

