



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This Friday we celebrate the fact that Year 6 SATs week is FINISHED! We could not be more proud of the children, who have put in every bit of effort we have come to expect from them. They have demonstrated just how much knowledge they have and they applied themselves in test conditions with such focus and hard work. Well done to each and every one of you. A big thank you also, to the team of parents and to our breakfast club staff for ensuring that every day began with a fine feast. They were well set up for the day ahead of them (as were some of the lucky staff as well) with the delicious breakfasts you provided, we are very grateful.



Such effort and hard work is common place for this class but that positive attitude to learning always starts so early on in school life. Just look at some of our children in Year 1 this week who were busy being amazing writers and took time to engage in the editing process which ensures they produce the best work they can. Those special glasses are certainly helping them to spot any improvements they can make.



And in Year 4 we have had a number of sports people representing us in locality tournaments this week, at The Weald. On Wednesday Mr Tucker enjoyed taking children to a Tri-golf event where the children had an opportunity to compete against other local Year 3 and 4 classes in a mixture of different challenges. They represented the school exceptionally well and were energetic in testing their chipping and putting skills throughout the afternoon gaining as many points as possible playing a challenging variety of holes. All

children contributed to our overall points tally and it certainly looked as though we have some budding golfers who may go on to flourish in the sport in the future.

And on Thursday Mr Christmas took more children to compete in a tennis event against children from other schools in the local area. They represented our school brilliantly in a range of tennis skills-based challenges testing racquet skills, ball control and footwork. I am proud and delighted to say that our children finished in first place and were absolutely delighted with their gold medals!

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Sofia, Annabelle, Molly D, Reuben and Louis C.

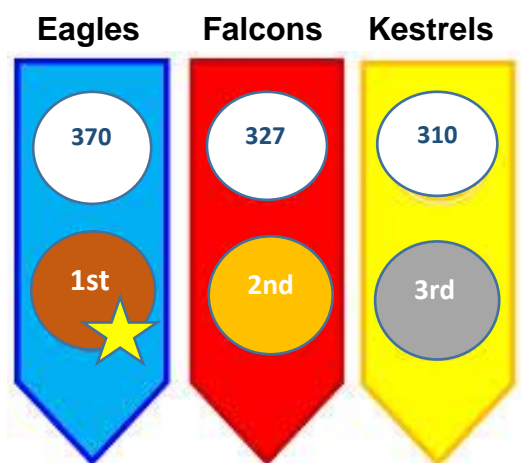
We hope you all have a wonderful day!

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
	Michael – Y3	Henry – Y2 Molly – Y2 Lizzie – Y4	Bea – Y2 Harvey – Y2 William – Y3 Austin – Y4 Annabelle – Y4 Isabel – Y4

Times Tables

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Alice – Y4	Liam – Y2 Emily – Y4	Harry – Y2	

Book Awards

KS1	KS2
Harry – Y2	Poppy L – Y6

Stars of the Week



Africa (Year R)	Winnie	For her engagement and enthusiasm during Woodland Learning sessions.
	Mary	For drawing a clear map of our school grounds and for thinking carefully about how areas of the school make her feel.
Asia (Year 1)	Sophia	For her awesome engagement in Geography this week and showing super knowledge of the oceans and continents.
	Nancy	For really focusing in her phonics lessons this week and applying her learnt sounds to her reading.
Europe (Year 2)	Max	For always trying his very best and being so kind and thoughtful.
	Bea	For writing an amazing pirate story, including lots of detail.
Australasia (Year 3)	Lexie	For really trying with her handwriting and being more focussed in the lessons.
	Talon	For making good progress with his handwriting.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Orla	For super use of vocabulary in her rainforest descriptive writing.
	Aiden D	For showing great effort to improve his presentation in his writing.
North America (Year 5)	Benny	For showing a strong understanding when interpreting graphs in maths.
	Norah	For demonstrating a good technique in bowling resulting in great accuracy.

South America (Year 6)	Zoe	For working diligently all week and being really focussed.
	Poppy A	For having a positive attitude all week and really trying her best.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What another busy week it has been in Africa class! We have been looking at a range of different maps (atlases, weather maps, street maps) and have learnt how to use a key. We walked the school grounds and drew maps of what we saw. We then used a coloured key to highlight the emotions we felt in different areas of the school. Mrs Worth was pleased to find we all felt happy in our classroom! In Maths we have continued to learn about subtraction and we are all getting confident to take-away and write number sentences to represent our findings. In Music we have been learning to perform 'The eye of the tiger' and a very groovy song called 'Big Bear Funk'.
Asia (Year 1)	This week we have started writing our own Percy the Park Keeper stories. We created an amazing story map with our ideas for a new tale, drawing pictures to show the 6 different parts of the story. We then drafted, edited and published the first part of our stories and they already look fantastic. In Maths we have been continuing to explore finding half and a quarter of shapes. In Geography we learnt all about the 5 Oceans and found them on a world map. We used our knowledge of the equator to discuss the temperatures we might find in the different oceans. In RSHE we have been discussing personal space and how to respect other people's personal space.
Europe (Year 2)	A gloriously sunny week in Year 2, all except Tuesday afternoon, when the heavens opened and spoilt our woodland learning. Our cooked apples were a soggy mess! In English, we have continued with our pirate adventure stories; composing the middle where we meet a problem and writing how it is resolved. We explored how to keep the momentum of the story up, right until the very end. In maths, we used our learning in length to solve word problems. In computing we continued to explore the program Chrome Music Lab and used the song maker section to create our own tunes using notes and tempo. In RE, we explored a Bible story about kindness. We have started to prepare our fabric and wax resist for our art work linked to the artist Patricia Greaves, In PE we are preparing for Sports day and this week we started to polish up on our throwing skills in preparation for the big day. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you Monday all ready for our school trip.
Australasia (Year 3)	We have worked really hard this week in the classroom, especially trying to be quiet in the mornings during the year 6 SATS week! The children have done some lovely work. On Tuesday, the children did some still life drawing and used pastels. They drew items from plants and flowers to baby toys and musical instruments. During our RHSE lessons, we have been talking about the choices we make and had a lovely conversation about how the choices we make can impact our everyday lives. We continued with our class reader in English which the children are really enjoying and linking it to diary writing. In Maths we have been looking at fractions on a number line and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We have had a busy week and are all ready for the weekend which looks to be lovely weather.

Antarctica (Year 4)	Another busy week of learning once more in Year 4. In English, the children have enjoyed writing a number of descriptive pieces about the animals of the rainforest and enjoying our Explorer book by Katherine Rundell. In maths, we have been developing our skills and confidence in working with decimal conversions and calculations. In science, the children have continued to learn about electrical circuits. In geography and art, we have continued to base our learning on life on the Amazon rainforest with children enjoying creating a new discovery. It has been an exciting week for our year 4 children in PE with activities in golf, tennis and cricket taking place. In Woodland Learning, the children enjoyed exploring our woods and making a rain maker instrument. We had an important discussion in RSHE around how we manage any problems we face and using the right strategy for the situation.
North America (Year 5)	The penultimate week of the half term has flown by in North America. In maths, we have looked at graphs and how we can interpret them in different contexts as well as how to plot data on a graph. In English, we have recapped the punctuation rules we used for direct speech and written the opening and build-up of our narratives linked to Podkin. We had a focus on bowling in cricket in PE and in computing, we learnt how to use layering in creating vector drawings. The children finalised their recipes in to make soup in DT and designed their own logos to include in a recipe pouch We also learnt how to chop safely with a knife using the bridge and claw technique. We missed out on our samba session this week due to the Year 6 Sats but are excited to continue from next week and into the next half term.
South America (Year 6)	What a week! The children have been amazing and nothing less than we expected. They have worked really hard, tried their best and remained positive throughout. We have been doing some nice things alongside SATs tests this week to keep the children as calm and relaxed as possible. In PE the children had some choice in the games they played, there were lots of things happening from football to tennis. In art, we have continued to create our surreal rooms in perspective and in computing the children revisited either scratch or tinkercad and had a freer session creating something of their own choice. We have also been completing our cooking unit this week. We have tasted food, created our own recipes and then worked together to chop, grate and fry vegetables to go into our spring rolls.

School Lunches – Change of Menu

Chartwells have advised us that they are trialling a new delivery system that will enable the serving of normal menu items on the first couple of days after a school holiday, rather than just jacket potatoes. They have amended the options available on Parentpay, which means that **any pre-ordered meals for Monday 2nd June and Tuesday 3rd June, will need to be re-booked.**

Billingshurst Lions Coat Drive

The Billingshurst Lions are collecting pre-loved coats in good condition for children aged 5 – 11 years. There is a collection box in the school reception area, if you have any to donate.

Term Dates

Mon 19th May – Y2 trip to the Sealife Centre, Brighton

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.

