



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This week has very much been about performances at Rudgwick. Many of you will have joined us on either Wednesday or today (or possibly both) to enjoy the children showing off the many talents they have and are continually growing at school.

In Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 the children performed their termly music concerts, demonstrating all they have been learning over the spring term with the ukuleles (Years 1-3) and the clarinet (Year 4). I believe they showed the usual confidence and enjoyment as they exhibited their increased understanding of how to play these instruments and I know Mrs Eames and their teachers were very proud of them.



Today, those who attended our annual *Rudgwick Performing Arts Showcase* will have seen the range of talent our children have. We had musicians, singers and dancers all performing with confidence, collaboration, enthusiasm and, most importantly, enjoyment. It has taken a lot of hard work and effort from Mrs Edwards, Miss Verran, Janet Beale, Marion Osborne and Rupert Horne to put together the show and the individual performances and we are very grateful to them for this. I would also like to say thank you to Alex Bull and Imogen Coleman (our Head Boy and Girl) for introducing each of the performing groups throughout the afternoon. And of course, a huge WELL DONE and thank you to all of our performers who gave us all a very special afternoon of entertainment, you were all amazing.

With this entertaining week in mind I would ask that you read the message from Mrs Edwards below about an exciting project we are embarking on and ask for your input about:

We need your help... We are going for Artsmark!

As a school, we feel that the Arts is an area of strength. However we feel that there is even more that we can do to make our Arts provision even better so we have applied to start a journey towards becoming an Artsmark School! Artsmark is accredited by Arts Council England and is the only award for arts and cultural provision in England. It is a programme, which recognizes schools' commitment to creativity and is a fantastic way for us to focus on what we already do well as a school and help us to highlight what we could still strive to do.

Before we begin our Artsmark journey, we are asking our whole school community to give us their opinions on arts provision within the school, in order to provide us with information on what our starting point looks like. Therefore, we would really appreciate you giving us a few minutes of your time to fill out our short survey on ParentMail.

We will use your answers to help inform the actions we take moving forwards, so your contributions will directly impact on the future development of the school!

Thank you so much for your time – watch this space for updates of our exciting journey to becoming an Artsmark accredited school!

****Reminder - Smart Watches****

Please can we remind you that smart watches are not allowed in school. Some children have been wearing them and have used the camera function on them whilst in school. This is not allowed. Also, I know these, often expensive, watches are important to them and if anything happened to them they would be very upset. Thank you.

Birthdays



Celebrating their birthday this week: Alfie, Evie S and Archie M. We hope you all have a wonderful day!



Thank you Evie for sharing your birthday celebration picture with us.

If you would like to share a photo of your birthday celebrations, please send it to office@rudgwick.sch.uk

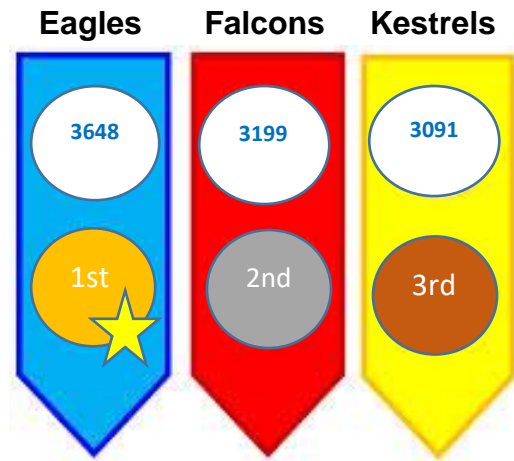
Awards



This term's core value is **Believe** and the wider value for the half term is **Confidence**.



House Points



Number Bonds to 5 Award

Scarlett, Henry F, Hugo, Archie, Vinnie - YR

Number Bonds to 100 Award

Ethan – Y3

Book Awards

KS1 – Henry Y2

KS2 – Lexie Y3

Stars of the Week

Africa (Year R)	Archie	For his efforts in writing his letters, especially the ones in his name.
	Naomi	For working so hard to learn her number bonds to 10.
Asia (Year 1)	Finch	For showing great knowledge and super participation during RSHE this week – explaining to the class how to keep safe around medicines.
	James	For amazing progress with his writing this term, showing great focus and determination. Keep up the good work, James!
Europe (Year 2)	Max	For starting to create a painting in the style of the artist Melissa McCracken.
	Kaeson	Reading his homemade book aloud to the class with such expression. The class loved it!
Australasia (Year 3)	Chloe	For her perseverance and determination in swimming
	Frazer	For showing good focus and learning and being a good friend
Antarctica (Year 4)	Orla	For her amazing confidence and creativity in her art work and in her writing with her choices in descriptive vocabulary.

	Bree	For always showing great confidence and enthusiasm in all of her learning and producing her best effort.
North America (Year 5)	Ahaan	For his effort during PE this week and showing good control when practising a forehand.
	Freddie W	For his presentation and careful layout when learning a new method in maths.
South America (Year 6)	Imogen	For thinking more deeply about her learning and being more accurate with her work.
	Poppy L	For being more independent when editing and improving her writing.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have begun to think about different types of museums and what we might find in them. We have read 'Harry and the Dinosaurs at the Museum (Ian Whybrow) and Super Silly Museums (Nick Sharratt). We are super excited to find out what might be inside Horsham museum next week! In Maths we have been learning about 3D shapes, including spheres, cylinders, cubes and cuboids. In PE with have continued to impress Coach Ben with our football skills and with Mrs Parsons we practiced throwing balls at targets. On Friday we learnt about the Muslim festival of Eid-al Fitr which is celebrated at the end of Ramadam.
Asia (Year 1)	What a great week we've had. In Maths we have been exploring counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and solving missing number questions. In English we have created front covers and blurbs for our People Who Help Us books and they look amazing. In History we have been comparing the work of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavill, thinking about their similarities and differences. In RSHE we have been discussing keeping safe with medicine and learning about how to store our medicines safely. I'm sure you'll all agree that the children did so well during our ukulele concert – they were all shining stars and have made so much progress in just 10 weeks. We can't wait to use our new music reading skills to tackle the recorder next term!
Europe (Year 2)	What an exciting and busy week we have had in Year 2. In English we have started to read our new book The Tin Forest written by Helen Ward. So far, we have discussed the opening pages and described the dreary scene. We all hope that the story has a happy ending. The children were all really excited to perform to you and show the music skills they have learnt this term. I was extremely proud of them all as it can be quite scary playing an instrument to an audience! In Art we have started to create own our paintings and the children are really enthusiastic about mixing different shades of colour. We are keen to display the finished pictures as if we are a 'real' art gallery! Perhaps we will sign the works of art and they might be worth something in the future!
Australasia (Year 3)	Another busy week in Year 3! In English, we have been working on retelling a story as part of our Roman topic too. The children are producing some fantastic work and should be very proud of themselves. We have been continuing with fractions this week. The children loved woodland learning this week where we threaded our clay beads to make necklaces. It was a good week at swimming and the children have all made good progress since they

	started. We are also excited to work on the bookmarks in sewing and hopefully they will all be finished ready to come home next week. The highlight of our week was our music concert where we showed our musical skills to parents in playing the ukulele and singing.
Antarctica (Year 4)	A very busy and exciting week it has been in Year 4. On Tuesday, we visited Hever Castle as part of our Tudor history learning. The children really enjoyed looking around the home of Anne Boleyn and Anne of Cleves and seeing how they lived at that time. The children were excellent in their curiosity and behaviour. This formed part of our English work this week with the castle providing the stimulus for our narrative writing. In science, the children have continued to learn about the human digestive system and how it all works! In PE, the children completed their final orienteering challenge with plenty of enthusiasm. In art, the children have explored Tudor rose patterns in readiness for our printing using polystyrene tiles. Finally, it was great to see lots of you attending our music concert to hear the children play their clarinets so well.
North America (Year 5)	The penultimate week of the Spring has once again flown by. We had a fantastic day on Tuesday – PE and woodland learning. The children couldn't believe their luck! We practised the forehand stroke, recapping how to grip the racket and enjoyed a whole assortment of activities in the woods. In maths, we have started thinking how to multiply a two-digit by two-digit number and in English, finished writing our plans for a newspaper report. In computing the children created graphs linked to data from a database to answer a specific set of questions and in science, we moved our learning on to thinking about how plants can reproduce asexually, where only one parent plant is needed to create offspring. We looked at runners, tubers and bulbs and will observe over the next few weeks what this looks like.
South America (Year 6)	This week in South America class we have been learning about measurement in maths. We have looked at converting, reading scales accurately and then solving a variety of problems using these skills. In English, we have been completing our Land of Neverbelieve pieces of writing. The published pieces look amazing and the writing is of really high quality. In science, we have looked at how living things have changed over time and in geography we have analysed how borders have changed over time and thought about the reasons why. In PE we have learnt more skills in gymnastics ready to use in our sequences next week and in art we have started printing out final pieces and finishing off carving our lino blocks.



Rudgwick Primary Car Boot Sale

Saturday 29th March

We would love to see you all at the car boot sale tomorrow, even if you can only make it for a short time. Source it Sussex will be contributing a percentage of their takings to Rudgwick Primary, so please do check them out

<https://sourceitsussex.co.uk/>



Spring Term

Tues 1st April – Y3 Swimming – Last session

Fri 28th March - Rudgwick Performing Arts Showcase - 2:00pm

Sat 29th March – Rudgwick Primary School Car Boot Sale 10:00am – 2:00pm

Wed 2nd April – Horsham Museum

Fri 4th 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.

