



Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

And so, it has arrived. Our final day in school for 2024! As the term comes to an end we have had some more memorable moments in this last week. Particularly our KS2 Carol Concert. It was a truly special evening in which the children of Rudgwick once again demonstrated how well they work together to create magical musical moments. They sounded amazing in church and it was great to have so many families join us in the congregation. My thanks once again goes to the staff, led by Mrs Parsons for the work they have done with each of the classes. I would like to make a particular mention of Madame Kent for the amazing work she has done during French lessons with the children this half term. The singing of *Le Plus Beau Noel* was, for me, a real highlight of the evening, a song so beautifully performed. For the children to learn and remember all the carols they sang was impressive, but to be able to sing so confidently in another language is something even more amazing and an experience they could not enjoy without the teaching and support of Madame Kent. Well done children for giving everyone a lovely Christmas occasion.

Prior to our Carol Service we had enjoyed Christmas Jumper day and our school Christmas dinner. This festive fun went down very well and there were lots of empty plates so the turkey and trimmings were very much enjoyed.



More Christmas fun followed on Thursday afternoon for our autumn term winning house, Falcons, as they enjoyed a Christmas party on Thursday afternoon. There was singing and dancing and a few treats to enjoy.



Our final Christmas fun came in the form of another Danceologist performance. The children in Miss Verran's dance group gave another fun-filled show to the school this morning, having performed to parents on Thursday evening. As usual, they showed just

how much they learn in their dance lessons and just how well they work collaboratively to entertain us all. Thank you dancers!



All in all, it has been a busy end to a busy term and I would like to finish by wishing you all a very merry Christmas. I hope you all enjoy this special time of year with your families, particularly with your children who make Christmas such a magical time. I would also like to wish you a happy new year and we will look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th January 2025!

Birthdays

Celebrating their birthday this week and over the Christmas break:
Mary, Teddy G, Harvey, Ella Mae, Freddie W, Theo, Harvey,
Sebastian H, Corrine, Dexter E, Barnaby, Emily, Madeline and Neave.



We hope you all have a fantastic birthday!

Awards



This term's core value is **Inspire** and the wider value for the half term is **Respect**



Book Awards

KS1 – Anna

KS2 - Alex LG

Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Teddy	For his positive attitude to school and for his winning smile.
	Evie	For her engagement in class activities and phonics.
	Harvey	For his happy attitude to school and for being a lovely friend.
Asia (Year 1)	Harry	For making great progress with his reading this term through his focus and effort during phonics lessons.
	Sienna	For being a wonderful role model, always offering friendship to others and trying her best in everything she does.
Europe (Year 2)	Darcey	For settling into year 2 fantastically.
	Henry	For your amazing sewing skills.
Australasia (Year 3)	Jonie	Always being a fabulous role model in school. She works hard, tries her best. She aims to be an independent and respectful learner who perseveres with every challenge.
	Eli	Great attitude to reading and always being creative with his ideas and learning.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Orla	For being a kind and supportive learning partner with a great learning attitude.
	Lizzy	For showing a great attitude to her learning and demonstrating a better focus on tasks.
North America (Year 5)	Oscar	For demonstrating excellent control in gymnastics and being safe doing so.
	Joshua	For making sensible contributions to class discussion and always being motivated to learn.
South America (Year 6)	Lewis	For being a patient and considerate learning partner.
	Poppy L	For always working hard and being determined to improve.

We have been learning

Africa (Year R)	What a lovely last week we have had in Africa class. In Maths, we have begun to learn our number bonds up to 5 and we are looking forward to earning number bonds badges in the New Year. In Woodland Learning, we were treated to smores, hot chocolate and blackcurrant. We have
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	<p>enjoyed our first school Christmas dinner, listened to KS2 sing Christmas carols and had a class Christmas party! We have all worked so hard this term and have settled in to school life wonderfully. Mrs Worth and the rest of the Africa class team would like to wish us all a very Happy Christmas; we definitely deserve a visit from Santa this year!</p>
<p>Asia (Year 1)</p>	<p>What a great end to the term we've had! The children have worked so hard to finish their maths counting books and we have to say they look AMAZING! In English we wrote lists of the things we might find in an elf's pocket, using our knowledge of adjectives to come up with some really beautiful sentences. In PE we had our last session of Gymnastics with Coach Ben where we combined our knowledge of pencil and egg rolls with patch and point balances to create our own sequences of movement. We were very lucky to have visits from not ONE but THREE secret readers this week – thank you to Finch's mum, Sam's mum and Corrine's Grandma for reading to us! This week we have also had to say goodbye to Miss Matthew's who has been with us as part of her teacher training this term. She has been truly amazing and we wish her every success for her next placement. Thank you for all the kind cards and gifts that came our way this week. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in the Spring Term.</p>
<p>Europe (Year 2)</p>	<p>And just like that the Autumn term is complete and what fun we have had with our learning and the children have achieved so much! This week has been full of Christmas joy in Year 2. The children have worked so hard with their Christmas cards, Enjoy! We also had a surprise video call from the one and only.... MRS HUTCHINGS! The children were super excited but she wanted to personally wish them all a very Merry Christmas. We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and New Year!</p>
<p>Australasia (Year 3)</p>	<p>It's done. Autumn term is a wrap! Enjoy the children's Christmas pop up cards and trees. They worked hard measuring and cutting so that the flaps and folds worked effectively. They loved their DT workshop with the Royal Opera House and making Stop Motion animations in computing. In English, the children wrote setting descriptions for a winter setting. In maths, they enjoyed applying their addition and subtraction skills to a competitive game. In PE, they played competitive games using tennis balls and hoops and in RE they explored the Christian symbols and meanings in popular carols. Well done to Year 3 for their fabulous singing at the Carol Concert-you were amazing! Enjoy the holidays one and all!</p>
<p>Antarctica (Year 4)</p>	<p>Wow! The children have completed a huge amount of learning across the Autumn Term and shown great progress in what they have achieved and can now do. In Maths, the children have focus on number revision of key concepts. We have focused this week on completing our topics in a number of different subjects. We designed and made a selection of water collectors as part of our fieldwork in Geography and placed them in various locations around the school grounds to see which ones collect the most water over the holidays. In Design and Technology, the children completed their food unit by making and baking Christmas flavoured cookies. In PE, the children completed their unit in Gymnastics by developing their vaulting skills. Finally, Year 4 took part in the school Carol Service at the church, we they read and sang beautifully. Have a wonderful Christmas break!</p>

<p>North America (Year 5)</p>	<p>Aaaaand we made it! We have had a great last week of the Autumn term. We enjoyed smores during our final woodland learning session and had practice interpreting information on different timetables linked to time in maths. In English, the children edited and published their diary entries writing in role as Jamie's dad, Commander Dan Drake, who is an astronaut living on the International Space Station. We finished our final space compositions in art, with some children choosing to add nebulas to their backgrounds using chalk before adding watercolour planets and a sketched foreground and middle ground. It's always great at this time of year to enjoy the Carol Concert – all of the children read their parts amazingly well, a lovely way to end the term. Have a great break and see you all in the new year!</p>
<p>South America (Year 6)</p>	<p>What a great final week of the term. We have been learning about shape in maths and completed some fun Christmassy activities like making snowmen out of nets. In English, we have tried to push through and finish The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, but unfortunately this did not happen so it will become our class reader after Christmas. In D&T we have worked really hard on designing and making our Anderson shelters. The children had really great ideas for how to build a solid structure and the end results were fantastic. In PE, we finished our dance unit by learning about the 1990s and learnt about choreographed pieces to pop music, where groups would dance in unison. Finally, we worked on our webpages in computing and managed to finally add pictures to bring our pages to life. It has been a really fantastic term and this week has really topped it all off! Have an amazing Christmas and a great New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2025!</p>

Upcoming Events

Spring Term

Mon 6th Jan – First day of Spring Term

Tues 14th Jan – Year 3 swimming lessons begin

Wed 15th Jan – Year R – NHS health checks

Thurs 23rd Jan – Young Voices 2025 for Singing for fun club

Mon 3rd Feb – Year 6 Residential

Fri 14th Feb – Inset Day

Mon 17th – Half 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/>

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