



# Rudgwick Primary School News

Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our week started with an assembly from our friends at 'Open the Book' in which they explored a story that complemented our half-termly value of collaboration, working together, being together. A number of children in Year 5 helped to tell the story, displaying some great acting skills.



Collaboration was certainly a strong theme throughout some of the activities taking place this week. Our Sports Leaders have started their lunchtime football tournament and there have already been some exciting games among all three Houses, with goals aplenty. Sports Leaders have worked well together to ensure a smooth start to the event and players have come together across year groups as teams to compete. I have no doubt there is more excitement to come.



Our Talented Athletes, [Norah, Bonnie, Sophie, Jack, Alex, Joshua, Isla, Imogen, Jasmine, Alex, Lewis and Max], have been in action this week as well, in this term's gathering at The Weald. Mr Christmas took the twelve children to take part in a range of sporting activities such as relay sprinting to improve footwork, developing their ball skills in football and basketball and an exciting teamwork challenge in orienteering which involved them locating 12 markers around the site using a map. Three of our Year 6s recorded the quickest time out of all the pupils from the 10 schools with a time just over 11 minutes. Well done to all of our athletes.



And without a doubt, the highlight of the week this week has been the Young Voices concert at the O2. Mrs Edwards took her *Singing for Fun* group up to London yesterday to take part in one of the biggest schools events of the year. After spending many weeks rehearsing, they joined 7954 other children to perform at the O2 arena to friends and family. The children represented the school wonderfully and really did the school and their parents proud. Thank you so much to all of the parents who listened the music hundreds of times at home to help the children to practise the songs, to everyone who were able to make their

way to London to watch the show and a special thanks to Mrs Edwards (for organising and leading our involvement in this wonderful event) and Mrs Dunsby, Mrs Rose, Mrs Coiley and Mr Hewitt for coming with us. It was a magical day that I'm sure the children will remember for a long time.



## **Birthdays**



Celebrating their birthday this week:  
Laila, Albermarle, Alice, Eddy and Dylan.

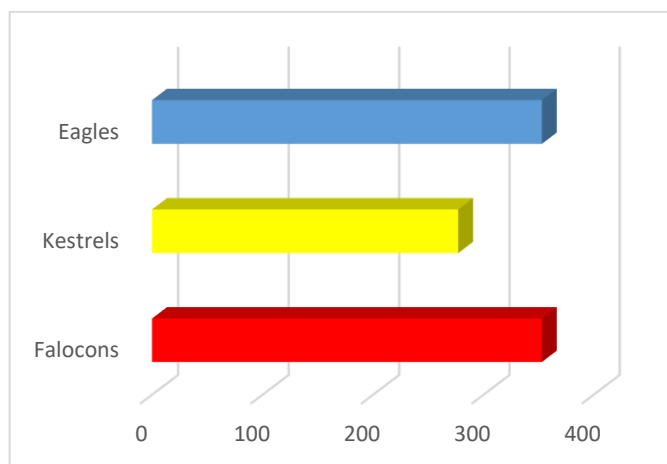
We hope you all have a fantastic birthday!

## **Awards**



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

## **House Points**



## **Number Bonds to 10 Award**

Ernie – Y1  
Sophia – Y1

## **Number Bonds to 20 Award**

Leo – Y4

## **Gold Times Table Award**

Cai – Y4

## Book Awards

KS1 – Harvey YR

KS2 - Ahaan Y5



## Star Awards

Africa (Year R)	Leo	For having a clear understanding of an authors choices when reading 'Who ate Steve?' and what is meant by the word 'Karma'.
	Sky	For the pride and care she takes with letter formation and word writing.
Asia (Year 1)	Lucie	For working so hard on her handwriting this week.
	Monty	For working hard to develop his independence this term and really focusing on his tasks.
Europe (Year 2)	Eddy	For his efforts in Gymnastics this week. He really tried to challenge himself with balances and concentrated well. Well done!
	Eva P	For her efforts across the curriculum, but especially in gymnastics this week. She works so well with others and always gives her all.
Australasia (Year 3)	Jonie	For working really well this week and showing a growth mindset. She has also shown kindness to others.
	Oscar	For always trying his best and working quietly. Oscar always shows the Rudgwick values.
Antarctica (Year 4)	Halle	For her enthusiasm and perseverance in improving her fielding and bowling skills in cricket.
	Nelly	For demonstrating great effort and confidence when trying new things in her learning this week.



North America (Year 5)	Matthew	For his accuracy this week when comparing fractions with different denominators.
	Lily	For her teamwork, energy and enthusiasm demonstrated during orienteering.
	Norah	For her teamwork, energy and enthusiasm demonstrated during orienteering.
South America (Year 6)	Oscar	For always having a positive attitude and being responsible for his own progress.
	Sophie	For being really engaged with learning and asking questions to help her understand.

### **We have been learning**

Africa (Year R)	This week in Africa class we have been busy being scientists, authors and illustrators. We were surprised to find that the three little pigs had been left outside and had become frozen into ice balls. We worked together to investigate how to free them using hammers, material and salt. We were also faced with another pig problem when Mrs Worth built them a house and forget to make a roof! We used a variety of items (paper, metal, plastic and cloth) to discover which would make the best roof for the pigs and would stop them getting wet if it rained. We have also been listening to four authors (via Zoom) reading their picture books as part of the West Sussex Books to Shout About competition. We will be voting on our favourite one in the next couple of weeks. We have also begun to write and illustrate our own versions of Goldilocks and The Three Bears. We are able to use our phonics sounds to write words for our story, Mrs Worth is very impressed!
Asia (Year 1)	It's bread week in Year 1! We have had a great week learning about recipes and following instructions to bake our own bread. We mixed the ingredients in the classroom before taking our dough out to the woods to bake on a real fire. We then ate the bread in our classroom, thinking about our senses and writing adjectives down to describe our experience. We are going to use this information to create our own persuasive bakery posters, imagining that we are owners of our very own bakeries. In Maths we have been exploring odd and even numbers and comparing amounts using the greater and less than sign. In History we have been ordering the events of the Great Fire of London.
Europe (Year 2)	Half way through already – how can that be! We have worked our way through our focus story this week, finding out that The Jolly Postman visits Cinderella next. Using her post as inspiration, we are writing the familiar story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We are planning each stage of the story carefully and will publish part of them when we are finished. In maths, we looked at solving division word problems, using the skills we have been developing. In science, we explored the suitability of materials and why they are best used to make certain things. In music, we are getting to grips with the ukulele and in gymnastics, we continued with Coach Ben to put together small routines, using point and patch balances, as well as pencil jumps and rolls. A big thank you for all your support over the last 2 weeks. I will do my very best to be back with you all soon! Take Care.

Australasia (Year 3)	The last three weeks have flown by! The children are really settled with me now which is lovely. In English, we have been revising word classes to help with the descriptive work we are starting next week about dragons. We have also continued to read 'The Boy who Grew Dragons.' We have been looking at the relationship between multiplication and division in Maths. The children are loving their music, learning the ukulele and in art we have continued drawing eyes – dragon eyes!
Antarctica (Year 4)	Another busy week in Year 4 again with lots going on. In English, we have continued to read Varjak Paw and build up a range of exciting vocabulary with expanded noun phrases to improve setting and character descriptions. In maths, we have started our learning on fractions by counting in tenths and hundredths and finding equivalent pairs. We have learnt about the tropics in geography and how the climate compares to the UK. The children have had the opportunity to make a charcoal pencil in Woodland Learning and use it to produce observational sketches in the woods. They have had lots of fun in music with learning to play the clarinet and in art, they have begun to explore the different effects technology can do with digital art apps. The pupils have continued to enjoy their cricket coaching and tried their luck at overarm bowling this week.
North America (Year 5)	A superb week in North America as we approach the halfway stage of this half-term. We kicked off on Monday with an introduction to orienteering, where children had to work in pairs to follow courses using 8-point compass directions. In maths, we've been working on finding equivalent fractions and how we can compare the value of fractions with different denominators. In English, the children have worked hard to finish their first drafts of letters written as Beowulf. The children have had fun programming crumble kits again in computing, learning how to add conditions to their code. We learnt more about 'Danegeld' in history and how it was used to pay the Vikings not to attack during the Anglo-Saxon era. In science, the children did a class experiment to test which materials dissolve to form a solution.
South America (Year 6)	Another busy week in Year 6. In maths, we have been learning about percentages and finding percentages of amounts and solving problems where there has been a percentage change. In English, we have started our poetry unit based on The Lost Words. We have analysed some of the poems from the book and started to think about our own poem and which animal we want to write about. In science, we have learnt how to draw classification keys and in PE we have continued our badminton topic and learnt about footwork and movement and how to direct our shots where we want them to go. In RE we have thought about what beliefs the Dalai Lama has and how we can learn from these and act upon them ourselves and in computing, we have thought about how searches can be influenced by different factors.

### **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.



### **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/>

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