

Rusthall St Paul's Primary School Newsletter



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School News

I am pleased to let everyone know that the KS2 roof is now finished. The scaffolding will be coming down on Wednesday and our wonderful school will be back to normal. This will mean that Play Place collections will go back to normal as of Thursday, all being well.

The children have done remarkably well this week and shown fantastic attributes of perseverance and determination during assessment week. The teachers are busy marking and analysing the results so that we can carefully plan each classes next steps to ensure all children can reach their full potential and be the best they can be.

We are very excited to be entering teams into the local gymnastic competitions on Wednesday and I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all the very best of luck. I am sure that they will all make Rusthall St Paul's very proud.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Smurthwaite
Head of School

Events and Dates

Tuesday 19th March	Year 5 Swimming York Library Visit Year 5 & 6 Life and Soul Workshops
Wednesday 20th March	Gymnastics Competition Mrs Smurthwaite out at training – see Miss Sheldrake for any issues
Monday 25th March	Go Cheer Competition
Tuesday 26th March	Year 5 Swimming Exeter Library Visit Year 5 & 6 Life and Soul Workshops
Wednesday 27th March	Yoto Carnige Book Club
Thursday 28th March	LAST DAY OF TERM

Mothering Sunday Parade

Last Sunday Jacob carried the Rusthall St Paul's Primary School banner at the Mothering Sunday church service. I have received 2 emails this week celebrating Jacob and the great job he did. Well done Jacob, you have made us all very proud!



FORS Cake Sale

CAKE SALE



Class Cake Sales will be starting at the end of this month! These are monthly cake sales which are run by parents of each class. Cake donations need to be bought in, on the morning and we need two or three volunteers to help set up and run the stall at the end of the school day. These cannot run without volunteers so please let Mrs Mackintosh know via dojo if you can help.

Next cake sale: **27th March 3pm**

FORS Summer Fair



Rusthall St Paul's School Summer Fair: **Saturday 11th May 2024**

We will need lots of volunteers to help set up, run stalls on the day and pack away at the end. This is our biggest fundraiser and is enjoyed by all of the school community and the people of Rusthall. More details to follow on dojo and in the newsletters.

Fundraising for Play Equipment

Give Rusthall school children play equipment



Friends of Rusthall School are raising money to replace old play equipment that is no longer fit for purpose- it has been taped off since last summer with the children unable to use it. The proposed new play equipment is quoted at £28,000 & we would be so grateful for any donations small or large.

Thank you!

[Fundraiser by Jayne Sharratt : Give Rusthall school children play equipment \(gofundme.com\)](#)

GIRLS ONLY CRICKET AT LINDEN PARK CC

Softball and Hardball Pathways

DYNAMOS CRICKET

Dynamos Cricket is a programme aimed at children aged 8-11 years old, either as a first taste of cricket or as a natural progression from All Stars Cricket. Dynamos is linked closely to The Hundred, with participants playing games of Countdown Cricket and getting the chance to emulate their favourite players.

DYNAMOS CRICKET

Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on developing the fundamental skills required to play cricket. We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers with the ECB via the Dynamos website will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.



Register Here



HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Children will use soft balls and light wooden bats
- Minimum of six 60-90 minute sessions, or minimum eight hours of course delivery
- Introduction to game play through a countdown cricket match
- New Balance personalised t-shirt with name and number
- Valuable time with your kids - parents/guardians are encouraged to take part too
- Complementary digital app experience
- Exclusive access to Topps Cricket Attax cards
- Dynamos Cricket is fully inclusive and designed to support a wide range of abilities, disabilities and different learning needs
- Safe and fully accredited



AT A GLANCE Friday Evenings 5.30pm from late May to July 2024

- Sessions begin with a 5-10 minute warm-up working on gross motor skills and basic ball handling.
- The sessions continue with skill builders for 15 minutes.
- The session finishes with a game that gives everyone a chance to participate in all elements of the game - batting, bowling and fielding.



LINDEN PARK CC Higher Cricket Ground, Fir Tree Road, Tunbridge Wells

We are a friendly club with a long history of great cricket catering for all abilities age 5-69. We have a thriving junior division of 150+ children from complete beginners to county-level and a thriving social scene.

Mental Health and Wellbeing for Children in Kent

[i-THRIVE](#) is a new mental health support tool for young people which helps them find extra emotional wellbeing and mental health support they need when facing difficult situations.

[KCHFT](#) offers a range of resources, information, advice, and guidance including how to access counselling support.

Visit [Kent Resilience Hub](#) where you can increase your understanding, find approaches and tools or navigate your way to support and services relating to resilience and emotional wellbeing.

[EBSA](#) - Emotional based school avoidance can be difficult for parents and carers to manage. There is a range of support and information available if your child becomes anxious about coming in to school. This document shared by the Kent resilience hub is particularly helpful. Please do speak to school if you are worried or need further support with this.

CELEBRATIONS!

Head Pupils: Iyla and Xena

Orange Rainbow Awards: Keaton,

Yellow Rainbow Awards: Emily P, Sonny, Tyler,

Reading Stars: York Class – Leo M, Winchester Class – Andrea Exeter Class – Ettie, Durham Class – Toby W, Rochester Class – Jack

Golden Book: York Class – Keaton and Gracious, Winchester Class – Asher and Jamie, Exeter Class – Teo and Victor, Rochester – Harry and Alexavier, Durham – Aidan and Sonnie

House point winners:

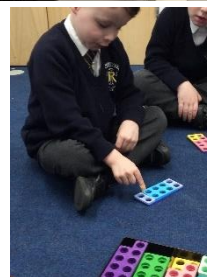
Attendance Winners – Winchester Class



ATTENDANCE

York Class

This week saw both Reception and Year 1 start new books for English. Reception are learning the story of Owl Babies. We are sequencing the events and talked about the characters. IN drawing club we are working on sharing our ideas through drawing and writing. Year 1 have begun the book Bob-Man on the Moon. The children are really enjoying this book and can already identify key events. We are using the book to help us learn all about recounts. We can now recount the events in Bob's day. We have begun to look at the features we need and are working on extending sentences using and. In Maths Reception have been representing 9 and 10 in different ways and Year 1 have been exploring doubles. We had a very focused PE session this week looking at different ways we can balance.



This Week: 76.3 %
This Year: 90.69 %

Winchester Class

Winchester have had a brilliant week this week. They have continued to show their perseverance and resilience and have had lots of fun. We had our second trip to the library on Tuesday which the class were very excited about and the rain did not dampen spirits. They loved looking through the books and choosing some new ones to bring back to school, Roald Dahl was quite a favourite! We ended the trip with our class book BFG. In Geography they completed their maps of Rusthall using keys to show the human and physical features and they are looking great. In PE we have worked on being able to hit a ball accurately over a net which proved more challenging than expected. Yesterday the class had Forest school and we had glorious sunshine for our first visit to the common. We are looking forward to more great adventures next week.

This Week: 94.7 %
This Year: 94.72 %



Exeter Class

This week Exeter have worked extremely hard to complete their assessment tasks. They have shown hard work and perseverance throughout. It was great to see the children putting in place all the skills and strategies we have worked on in class independently. In R.E. we have learnt about specific aspects of the Holy Week. We studied Leonardo da Vinci's painting: The Last Supper. In pairs, we discussed what we could see and what we thought was going on. We thought about what might be being said and what the characters were thinking or feeling. We also created story maps showing the events of Holy Week. In P.E. we have refined our tackling and defending skills in pairs and small groups and our jumps from a standing position. We published the sonnets we wrote last week inspired by Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream and decorated the board with leaves, vines and flowers. They look amazing!

This Week: 88.46 %
This Year: 91.57 %

Durham

This week in Durham we have been consolidating our learning about play scripts and have finished writing our own version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' Next week we will be moving on to explanation texts and exploring more of our text 'Room 13.' We kick-started our new Science topic of 'Light' where we looked at how we can see and investigated how light moves. The children created some beautiful diagrams of how light and images go through our eyes and are taken up to our brains via the optic nerve. The children then participated in an exciting experiment where they investigated how light travels. They created light tunnels – one straight and one bent - and used a torch to see how the light travelled.

This Week: 89.47 %
This Year: 93.13 %

Rochester



This Week: 79.89 %
This Year: 91.62 %

Another busy week. This week has been assessment week and Rochester class have shown great perseverance, confidence and progress. We have also continued with our foundation subjects and in PE this week Rochester class applied their catching, throwing and interception skills, which we have been working on, in a game of bench ball. It was great to see how far they have come. On Tuesdays Year 6 have been building on the basic skills of Rugby. This week we attempted to apply all of the skills and rules we have learned to mini matches in non-stop rugby. After an initial few slower games, as we got the hang of it and the pace picked up, it was exhausting. What really stood out was their supportive teamwork and positive sportspersonship. In Science we have started our new unit, light, and carried out an investigation to prove that light travels in straight lines. We also learned how to draw light travelling accurately. On Monday afternoon we played games.... maths games to embed our mental maths skills. It was great to see the focus and teamwork as they consolidated their knowledge. As the games went on they got much quicker. Well done on such a busy week Rochester.

