



Rusper Primary School

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Important Dates:

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 20 th April	All Years	Art Club begins
Tuesday 21 st April	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Chess Club begins
Wednesday 22 nd April	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	KS2 Dance Club begins
	Y1-Y6	Chelsea Football Club begins
Thursday 23 rd April	Y1-Y6	Tennis Club begins
	Y4, Y5 & Y6	Spanish Club begins
Friday 24 th April	Y1 & Y2	KS1 Dance Club begins
	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Drama Llama Club begins
Friday 1 st May	Whole School	Whole School Photograph
		Morris Dancers at the Church

Bringing Items in From Home

A reminder that the school rule remains in place that **children should not bring items in from home**, including toys and personal “fidgets”.

All learning resources are provided by school. Fidgets can only be used where agreed with the class teacher and SENCO. School-sourced fidgets are carefully chosen as the type of fidget makes a substantial difference to their effectiveness. We have found that simple resources, such as blue tac, are often the most effective. **Items brought from home have caused disruption to learning for some children and classes**

Thank you for helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment.

Meet Miss Kay

I am pleased to introduce myself as the school’s new SENDCo and would like to take this opportunity to invite parents and carers to meet with me. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and becoming part of the school community, and I am keen to work in close partnership with families to support pupils with additional needs. I would be delighted to meet parents informally to share a little about my role, explain how support for special educational needs and disabilities is organised within the school, and answer any questions you may have.

I would like to invite you to attend an informal introductory meeting on **Tuesday 28 April at 2.30pm** in the **Village Hall**. During this meeting, I will take the opportunity to introduce myself, outline my role, and answer any queries.

Whole School Photograph – Friday 1st May

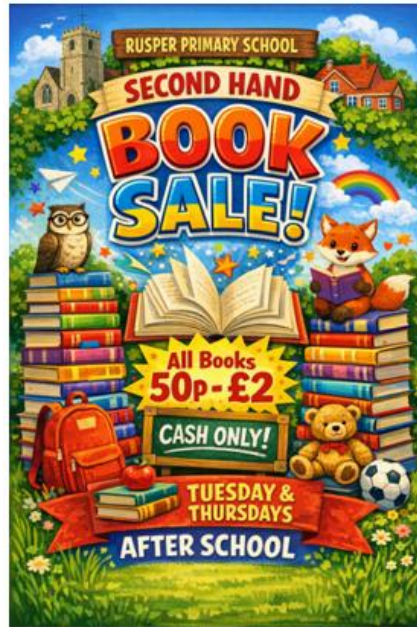
As well as our class photographs being taken this term, we will also be having a whole-school photograph. This is taken every seven years, ensuring that all pupils appear together in one photograph during their time at Rusper Primary.

It’s always a lovely keepsake to look back on in years to come.

Safeguarding

We kindly ask that parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6 who wish for their child to walk home independently provide this request **in writing** to the school. All other children must be collected by a responsible adult aged 18 or over. Please note that we are not permitted to release children to older siblings who attend secondary school. If someone other than a parent or carer will be collecting your child, please ensure the school office is informed in advance. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Book Sale Next Week



We are excited to be launching our second-hand book sale this half term! It will take place every Tuesday and Thursday after school, giving children and families a great chance to pick up some fantastic reads.

All books will be priced between 50p and £2, so there's something for everyone at a very affordable price. **Please note that this will be cash only.** Not only is this a wonderful way to encourage a love of reading, but it will also help us to raise valuable funds for the school, supporting resources and opportunities for all our children.

We look forward to seeing you there and hope you find some brilliant books to enjoy at home!

Blossom Class – Mrs Green

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a wonderful break over the Easter holidays. The children have returned to school and are eager to learn, which is great. This term our topic is 'Away we go.' We will be exploring our wonderful world as well as transport.

In Maths this week, we have been exploring the numbers 11 and 12. The children have been able to demonstrate their number knowledge by combining two numbers to make the whole. The Blossoms have even begun exploring tens and ones as part of our learning this week.

In PE this term, we are developing our fitness in preparation for athletics next term. The children will be developing a range of skills to enhance their fitness and athletic abilities. We started this week with jumping, focusing on the long jump. The children loved competing in a mini class long jump, to see who could jump the furthest and be the champion of the (Blossom) World.

Finally, the children are working towards making boats. In our first lesson, we explored waterproof materials. We carried out an experiment, and the children observed different materials when they were added to water. We discussed our findings and recorded our results.

Willow Class – Miss Jones

Welcome back to Willow Class! We hope you all had a restful break. The children have returned super focused, motivated and ready to learn, which has been fantastic to see.

Our topic this half term is Away We Go, and we kicked off the week with the beautiful book *Ocean Meets Sky* by The Fan Brothers. The children are thoroughly enjoying the story and have been learning how to write in the past tense, using this to create diary entries as the main character, Finn.

In PE, we have been practising our tennis skills, focusing on using a racket and ball with increasing accuracy and control.

We were also very lucky to have Miss Smith the scientist visit us this week. She taught us all about rockets, and we even got to learn about a recent space shuttle mission to the moon. The children then designed and made their own rockets, testing how far they could travel using air pressure—it was an incredibly exciting experience and a definite highlight of the week!



Maple Class – Mr Snook

This week, our young scientists in Maple Class were treated to an out-of-this-world workshop led by a visiting science teacher from Bohunt Horsham. Inspired by NASA's Artemis II mission, the children explored the physics behind space travel by engineering their very own rockets using only paper and masking tape.

The excitement reached a fever pitch during the launch phase, where the students used pressurized air and tubes to "blast off" their creations across the classroom. It was a fantastic way to bring complex aerodynamics to life, and we were so impressed by the children's creativity and teamwork as they counted down to every successful flight!



Also, the young artists of Maple Class have been channelling their creativity into a special project for our local community. Inspired by the natural beauty of our surroundings, the children have designed and painted a brand-new sign for Loader's Yard. Our focus was entirely on biodiversity, with students researching the various plants and wildlife that call our local environment home. Using vibrant acrylic paints, they captured everything from intricate leaf patterns to the bright colours of local insects. We are incredibly proud of how they've used their artistic skills to advocate for nature.



Redwood Class – Mr Rogers

Welcome back everyone – I hope you all had a lovely and restful break. It has been fantastic to see the children return with such positive energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead.

A big thank you to those who kindly purchased copies of our key text from the Amazon wish list – your support really does make a difference and helps us to provide the best possible learning experiences for the children.

This week, we have launched our new history topic on World War 2. The children have already fully immersed themselves in the learning, making excellent links across the curriculum. Our key text ties closely to this topic, alongside our work in music and computing. In music, the children have begun learning songs from the World War 2 era, while in computing they have taken on the role of code breakers, exploring how messages were sent and deciphered during the war.

In history, we have started to build a broad understanding of the timeline of the Second World War, before diving into our class text, where the children are beginning to discover the inspiring story of the resistance movement in the Netherlands. This learning will continue to develop over the coming weeks and will culminate in our exciting trip on 20th May.

And finally... Our Game Changer

Game Changer of the Week: Rory McIlroy

Rory McIlroy is a true game changer in the world of golf, known not only for his incredible skill but also for his determination and resilience. From a young age, he showed exceptional talent and went on to become one of the best golfers in the world, winning major championships and inspiring others to follow their dreams. What makes Rory stand out even more is his mindset — he has faced setbacks and challenges but continues to work hard, improve and come back stronger each

time. He is also a strong leader within his sport, speaking up for what he believes in and helping shape the future of golf. Rory reminds us all that success comes from dedication, perseverance and a willingness to keep going, even when things don't go to plan.

