

Rusper Primary School

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Important Dates:

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 2 nd February	Redwood	Oliver at Bohunt Horsham
Friday 6 th February	Blossom & Willow	Jaws and Claws workshop
Friday 6 th February	All	Valentine Disco
Tuesday 3 rd March	Dance Club Members	Horsham Dance Festival

Oliver – Monday

Redwood Class will be visiting Bohunt, Horsham on Monday to watch their performance of *Oliver!* We will be leaving school at 9.10am and returning by lunchtime. We are excited to watch this after seeing their fantastic performance last year of High School Musical!

Dance Festival

Our Dance Club is excited to be taking part in the Horsham Dance Festival on Tuesday 3rd March.

This wonderful event gives our dancers the chance to perform alongside pupils from several other Horsham schools, showcasing their talents on stage in front of family and friends. Parents will have received an online form to complete, and a slip with your unique code will be coming home shortly. This code will allow you to order your allocated tickets directly from The Hawth.

Blossom Class – Mrs Green

The children in Blossoms have worked so hard this week! This week our class story has been 'Monkey Puzzle' the children have been exploring nocturnal animals and identifying them. Using our class story as inspiration, we have been learning facts about the jungles and rainforests and the Blossoms children have then had a go at writing their facts.

Continuing with our map learning, the children have been learning about plotting on a map but this time using coordinates to help them. Using a map of the garden they re-plotted the animals but we discussed the co-ordinates to help us identify each animal's location. Phonics this week we have been recapping our learning of: g, o, c and k with the focus on letter formation and reading simple words. In Maths this week the children have been developing and strengthening their addition knowledge and their number knowledge of 8. Finally, we have loved being in the garden this week. The children have very much enjoyed playing and learning outside without any rain!

Willow Class – Miss Jones

In maths this week, the children have been learning about fractions, exploring how shapes and quantities can be split into equal parts. In science, we have been looking at living processes, and the children showed a really good understanding of how we identify living things and what they need to survive. The children then took to the school grounds to look for living, non-living and things that used to be alive. In literacy, we've been blown away by the factual writing about wolves—there have been some fantastic sentences packed with information and strong vocabulary. We have also been working hard on teamwork and working together effectively, and it's been great to see the children making such positive progress in this area.



Maple Class – Mr Snook

This week, Maple Class took a step back in time as we began our exploration of the Roman Army. The playground was transformed into a training camp where our young legionnaires practiced their tactical manoeuvres, most notably mastering the formidable wedge formation. Beyond the physical drills, the children were challenged to follow authentic Latin commands—proving that they have both the discipline and the linguistic skills to serve the Empire! It was wonderful to see their teamwork in action as they learned how communication and strategy were the true secrets behind Roman success.



Take a look at Henry's amazing drawing of a Roman Soldier!

Redwood Class – Mr Rogers

This week in literacy, Redwood have been drafting their own visitor guides to the **Stonewall Inn**, thinking carefully about audience, tone and purpose.

Our Year 6 pupils explored the **United Nations' 30 human rights**, using a thoughtful resource from **Amnesty International**. With great maturity, they analysed a powerful Amnesty cartoon, identifying where human rights were being respected or neglected and explaining their reasoning clearly.

Meanwhile, Year 5 enjoyed a very different kind of learning experience, spending the afternoon at Forest School working collaboratively to build dens and develop their teamwork skills.

And finally...

Game Changer of the Week: Nazir Afzal OBE

Nazir Afzal OBE is a lawyer who has worked tirelessly to protect vulnerable people and stand up for fairness and justice. Throughout his career, he has spoken out against abuse and worked to make sure that victims are listened to and supported, even when it was difficult or unpopular to do so. He is a true game changer because he has helped change the law, challenge unfair systems, and shown that using your voice with courage and integrity can make the world a safer and fairer place for everyone.

