



June News

The Official Newsletter of Rucstall Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy month at Rucstall, with pupils enjoying a wide range of educational visits. These experiences play an important role in bringing learning to life. As always, our pupils represented the school wonderfully and were a credit to Rucstall wherever they went.



I would also like to thank parents and carers for your support and understanding during the recent spell of hot weather. Your cooperation and flexibility have been greatly appreciated and have helped us to prioritise the wellbeing of our pupils while maintaining a positive learning environment.

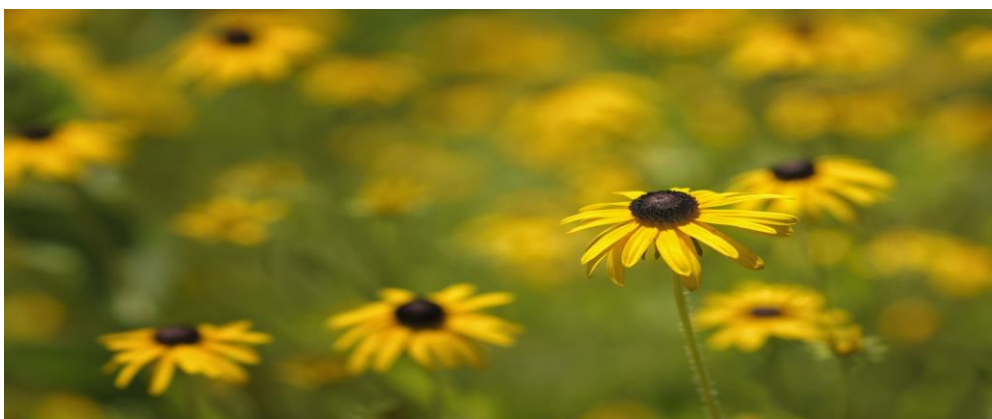
Throughout this newsletter, you'll find a snapshot of some of the activities and experiences that have taken place over the past few weeks. From educational visits to special events in school, it has been a busy and enjoyable time for our pupils, with plenty of opportunities to learn, explore and take part in new experiences.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the many highlights from the past month.

Warmest Regards

Rachel Hughlock

Headteacher



RECENT EVENTS

Selborne River Trip

Maple Class had a fantastic time on their river study trip to Selborne, bringing their geography learning to life. The children showed great curiosity as they explored the river environment (and didn't mind getting a little muddy too!).



Watercress Line Trip

Fir Class had a wonderful trip to the Watercress Line, travelling by steam train and taking part in a fun and engaging workshop at Ropley Station. The children had a fantastic day and made lots of special memories.



Isle of Wight

Rowan Class enjoyed an exciting geography trip, including a memorable journey across to the Isle of Wight by hovercraft. It was a brilliant day packed with new experiences.



Longleat Trip

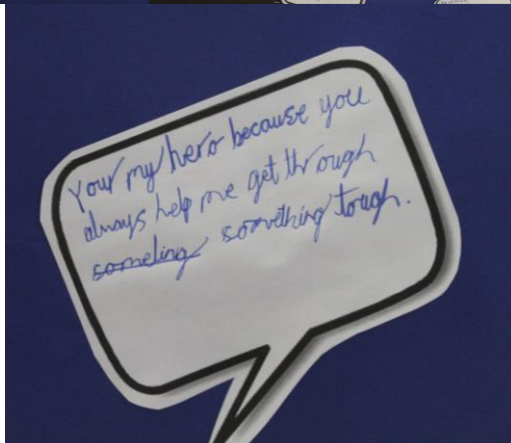
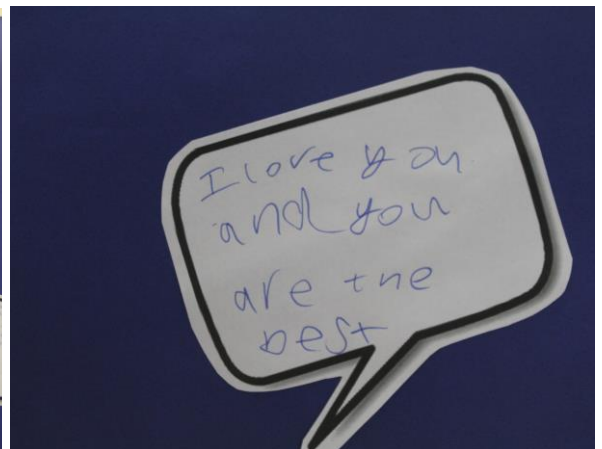
Lime Class enjoyed a day at Longleat Safari Park, where they had the opportunity to see a wide variety of animals and take part in activities linked to their science learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit.





Men's Appreciation Afternoon

A huge thank you to all the dads, grandads, uncles, brothers and other special male role models who joined us for our Men's Appreciation Afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying time together, sharing special moments with the important men in their lives.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CATERING TEAM

We are incredibly proud to share that Mrs Shukla, Mrs Bond and Miss Shukla have received the Caterlink 2026 Great Food Award.

This well-deserved recognition celebrates the dedication, care and enthusiasm they bring to our school every day. As well as providing our pupils with nutritious and delicious meals, they always go the extra mile to support school events and create memorable experiences. From their imaginative themed World Book Day puddings to the special menus and treats they prepare throughout the year, their creativity brings excitement and enjoyment to lunchtimes and celebrations alike.

Please join us in congratulating them on this well-deserved award. We are very lucky to have such a talented and caring catering team at Rucstall Primary School



HEALTHY EATING AT SCHOOL

We'd like to remind all of our families of the expectations around lunchboxes and snacks to help keep children safe and well throughout the school day.

These expectations form part of the consent booklet shared when your child joined the school, and we really appreciate your continued support in following this guidance. Please take a moment to revisit the guidance below:



FOOD AND DRINK EXPECTATIONS

- Please be aware that we are a NUT FREE school. This includes, no peanut butter or hazelnut spreads or items including nuts e.g. chocolate bars.
- Children are only permitted to have water within their water bottles. Squash or other drinks are not permitted unless directed by a medical practitioner in writing directly to the school.
- We also ask parents to ensure that break time snacks and lunches are healthy. We would not expect more than one chocolate item within a child's lunchbox. Sandwiches should not be chocolate spread, as this is often nut related. If you have concerns about your child's eating at school, then please do speak to the school office who can talk to the class teacher and lunchtime team who can monitor and support.
- Children in EYFS and Key Stage One are provided snacks and should not bring food in to school. Children in Key Stage Two can bring in a healthy non-chocolate snack. In all eventualities, any non-food waste will return home via children's lunchboxes/bags in Key Stage Two.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe and promote healthy habits across the school.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Travelling Books Book Fair, it was wonderful to see so many families coming together to share in the joy of reading. Events like this play an important role in nurturing a lifelong love of books, and every purchase helps us earn rewards to grow our school library, giving our pupils even more opportunities to discover and enjoy reading. We hope your children found some great books!

UPCOMING TRIPS

Year 6: Paultons Park 29.6.26 – Part of the Year 6 Enrichment Week

Year 6: Residential 1.7.26-3.7.26

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 7th July – Rock Steady Concert

Thursday 9th July – Whole School Art Day

Friday 10th July – Sports Day and Parent Picnic - Early finish at 12.30pm
(Friday 17th July – Reserve Sports Day)

Monday 13th July – Ash Class Parent Showcase

Tuesday 14th July – Parent Showcase (all classes except Ash)

Monday 20th July – Move up morning

Monday 20th July – Summer Fair and PTFA Cake Sale

Tuesday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers party

Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers assembly 1.30pm



PTFA UPDATES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you be part of something amazing at our Summer Fair? Just 30 minutes will help - can you lend a hand and help us create an unforgettable experience? The more of us who get involved, the bigger and brighter the fair will be!

Monday 20th July:

1pm - 3.15pm - setting up

3.15pm - 3.45pm - final prep and get ready to start running a stall

3.45pm - 4.15pm - make it happen by running a stall

4.15pm - 4.45pm - keep the energy high running a stall

4.45pm - 5.15pm - last full shift running a stall

5.15pm - 5.45pm - wrap up and tidy up!

Please get in contact if you can help

Thank you!



TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU!

DISCO RAISED OVER £600

ICE POP SALE RAISED OVER £60



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RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED



Rucstall PTFA will be holding a raffle at our Summer Fair on Monday 20th July.

Whether you are a parent or local business, your contribution - big or small - can make a huge difference.

Please contact us via our Facebook page or email: rucstallptfa@gmail.com

Thank you for your support

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UNIFORM/SUMMER WEATHER

A letter has recently gone out regarding keeping safe in the summer months.

Please remember to:

- Be vigilant regarding ticks, using the preventative spray if desired and thoroughly and regularly checking your children for ticks
- Sun Cream: Parents should apply long-lasting, high-factor sun protection (SPF 50+ with UVA protection) before children arrive at school.
- Please send your children into school with a sun hat daily.
- Children must bring in a water bottle to school every day.
- Summer uniform can be worn. This includes grey shorts (boys and girls) and summer dresses.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

The total attendance across the school for May was 97.28%. Well done to Willow class for the highest attendance of 99.11%.

Attendance Matters

Good attendance means being in school at least 96% of the time.

We are in school for 190 days of the year.

Punctuality Matters



Absence matters



STAYING ORGANISED

Communicating with the school.

Please direct messages and enquiries to our office team, they will ensure your communication finds the correct person and who will action. **For any absence, please call the school office rather than send in an email.**

Please be mindful that all our staff have additional duties and commitments, they are therefore not available for immediate communication. Allow 5 working days for a response.

School office opening hours – Term Time - Monday to Friday - 8.30am to 4pm.

Email: adminoffice@rucstall.hants.sch.uk Tel: 01256 466524

Alternatively, to relay short face-to-face messages to the class teacher, this can be done when collecting your child at the classroom door at the end of the school day.

Medication and Forms

Each academic year we are required to have a new medical form, for each medication we are required to administer (this includes Inhalers).

- We have emailed instructions to all parents of pupils with known medications. Please check and action this email.
- Any pupils no-longer requiring medication, please let the office staff know.
- Any new medical concerns must be brought to the office team's attention directly.

It is parents' responsibility to ensure the medical information held at school for your child is correct and up to date.

Children will NOT be able to take part in any off-site activities without the correct medications and up to date forms.

Everything Looks the Same as Everyone Else's!

Pupils from Year R all the way up to Year 6 lose multiple items every day. We will always help pupils look for lost items, it really does make that job a lot easier if the item is named.

Please ensure your child has their name on everything that belongs to them. Un-named items tend to get lost forever.

P.E Kits

P.E kits need to be in all week so that the pupils have access to them at all times. P.E lessons may need to be moved last minute or kit maybe used for other lessons.

School Dinners

Pupils in KS2 (year 3 and above) unless they are intitled to free school meals, need to pay for their school lunches. School lunches are £3 a lunch. Funds are paid into the class account, in advance of any school dinners required for the week, as the school cannot allow debt to accrue.

Finding Information

All information is sent to you via ParentMail any letters sent out are also uploaded on to the website under the Parent tab. Diary dates can be found on the website on the calendar tab and are sent out with details on the newsletters. Before contacting the office, please check ParentMail and the website.

Calendar

We have the school calendar on the school's website to ensure you always have easy access to the diary dates. You can also subscribe to this calendar right there on the website and it will sync with your own diary, keeping you up to date with all your child's events and activities.

REMINDERS

Please do read these newsletters to keep up to speed with news from the school. A few reminders are included below, as well as our Diary Dates for the upcoming term. The website also contains all dates, which you can link to your own electronic calendars also.

Nuts: Please could you ensure that you do not send your child into school with ANY nuts. This includes pistachio, pinenuts, almonds, cashew, walnuts, brazil and pecan nuts. We have children in school with **severe nut allergies** so we must ensure our school is completely nut free. Thank you for being vigilant in helping to safeguard our children.

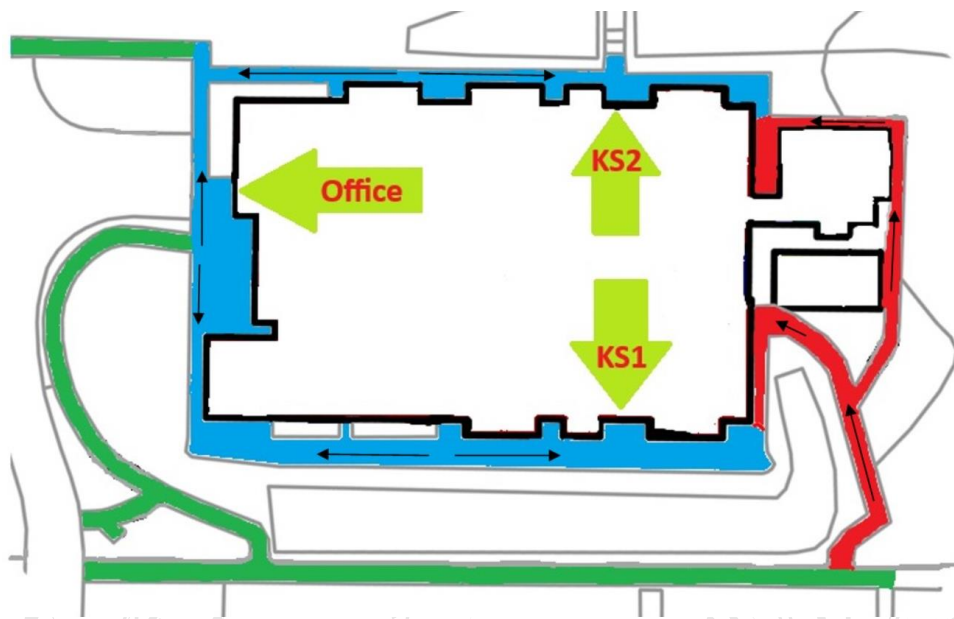


Labels: As we reach the halfway point of the year, please remember to label everything - names are starting to rub off jumpers.

School Library: Just a friendly reminder that the Key Stage One Library is open for parents on Mondays and the Key Stage Two Library on Fridays, both from 3:20 to 3:40. Please come and go from the library, this is the door before the cloakroom door.

Car Park - keeping everyone safe: Please can we remind everyone to drive slowly and carefully, especially in the school car park. We all want to keep our children safe. Please make sure you are watching your children at all times and please do not use your phone while walking through the car park. Please keep the path and gateway clear so people can walk home safely. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Drop off: We operate a one-way system for dropping off your children in the morning. This helps to keep everyone moving and ensures the children can get to their classrooms in a timely fashion. We appreciate that some parents are dropping off at both KS1 and KS2 and therefore two way traffic is necessary, but as you are aware narrow pathways around the school do create pinchpoints. Therefore we ask that the red areas on the map are one way only to avoid congestion and hazards.



Diary Dates for the Summer term

Date	Event
Monday 29 th June	Internal testing week
	Year 6 trip to Paulton's Park
	Swimming 9.30am-11am - Year 4 and 5
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 STEM day
Wednesday 1 st July - Friday 3 rd July	Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 1 st July	Open the Book Assembly
	Wellbeing Wednesday
	Outdoor learning - Year R - 2pm -3pm
Monday 6 th July	Swimming 9.30am-11am - Year 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 7 th July	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 9 th July	Whole School Art Day
Friday 10 th July	Sports Day and Parent Picnic - early finish at 12.30
Monday 13 th July	Ash class Parent Showcase 3.15 - 3.30pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Parent Showcase 3.10pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 16 th July	Reports out
Friday 17 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 20 th July	Move up morning
	New EYFS Welcome Event (in Early Years) Group 1 - 9am -9.45am Group 2 - 10am - 10.45am Group 3 - 11am -11.45am
	PTFA Summer Fair Cake Sale
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 6 Homework Treat
	Leavers Party 15.30pm - 5pm

	Books to go home
Wednesday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 1.30pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	

INSET days for 2026/2027 academic year:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 2nd October

Friday 27th November

Monday 4th January

Friday 28th May