



September News

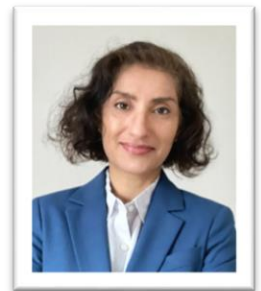
The Official Newsletter of Rucstall Primary School

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely summer with your families.

I am writing to introduce myself as the Interim Headteacher at Rucstall Primary School for this term. It is a privilege to support Rucstall during this important time as the school recruits a new Headteacher.



I am also the Headteacher at another primary school. Both schools share much in common: strong values, a commitment to high standards and a focus on nurturing the whole child.

As I will be sharing my time between both schools, on the days when I am out, Mr Blake will be managing operational matters as Acting Headteacher. Our focus will be on sustaining the best education for each and every child in a caring environment. I will also be working closely with the leadership team, pupils, staff, governors and parents over the coming weeks.

The children have returned back to school ready to learn and excited to meet their friends. They all look very smart in their school uniforms so thank you for your support!

We enjoyed meeting our new Reception class parents at the coffee morning this week and look forward to meeting many more of you during the term.

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Interim Headteacher

REMINDERS

Please do read these newsletters to keep up to speed with news from the school. A few start of year 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.

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming information meetings. Teachers will be sharing information vital for your child this year, both educationally and regarding organisational matters such as home learning.

Communicating with the school.

Please direct messages and enquiries to our office team, they will ensure your communication finds the correct person and is actioned.

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.

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.

UPCOMING TRIPS

Year 3: Butser Ancient Farm on **08.10.25**

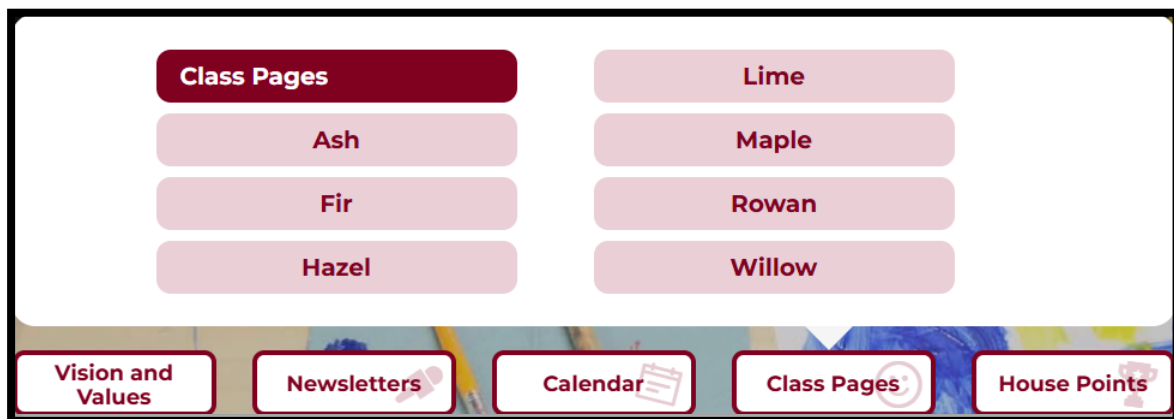
Year 1: Milestones Museum on **21.10.25**

CURRICULUM

We are delighted to share that the children have returned to school with great enthusiasm as they settle back into routines and reconnect with their classmates and teachers.

Our comprehensive Rucstall Curriculum is now fully underway, offering a rich and engaging learning experience across all subjects.

To stay informed and support your child's learning journey, please take a moment to read through the class newsletters, which provide a more detailed insights into what each year group will be covering this term. Additionally, the Information Evening slides are available on the website.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 15 th September	Parent Information Meeting (Year 2) - 3.30pm in Main Hall.
Tuesday 16 th September	PTFA AGM 3:30pm - All Parents welcome. Parent Information Meeting (Year 1) - 3.30pm in Main Hall.
Tuesday 30 th September	Bikeability - Year 6 - See school letter on ParentMail, copy can be found on website.
Wednesday 1 st October	
Thursday 2 nd October	CENSUS Costello Open Evening - See their websites for details.
Tuesday 7 th October	Year 6 height and weight - In school for children only. Parent Perspective - 5:30pm - All Parents welcome.
Wednesday 8 th October	Y3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website. Open The Book Assembly in school for children only.
Monday 13 th October	Balance Bikeability - EYFS - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Tuesday 14 th October	Y5 Pizza Express Visit - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website. Y6 Ada Lovelace STEM Day - Small group trip - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Wednesday 15 th October	Balance Bikeability - EYFS - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Thursday 16 th October	
Friday 17 th October	Whole School Flu Vaccinations - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Tuesday 21 st October	Y1 Milestones Museum Trip - See school letter on Parentmail, copy can be found on website. Parent Consultations 1 3:30-6pm - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Thursday 23 rd October	Parent Consultations 2 4-7:30pm - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.

	Pumpkin Woodland Walk - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Wednesday 5 th November	Open The Book Assembly in school for children only.
	Year 5 CARE Programme - In school for children only.
Thursday 6 th November	EYFS Autumn Walk - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Friday 7 th November	Year 5 CARE Programme - In school for children only.
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service - 11am - In school for children only.
Wednesday 12 th November	Open Morning 1 - 9.15am - See website for details.
	Wellbeing Wednesday - In school for children only.
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
	Year 5 CARE Programme- In school for children only.
Tuesday 18 th November	Year 2 Trip - Winchester Science Museum- Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Wednesday 19 th November	Positive Noticing Day- In school for children only.
Friday 21 st November	Year 5 CARE Programme- In school for children only.
Monday 24 th November	Open Afternoon 2 - 1.30pm- See website for details.
Wednesday 3 rd December	Open The Book Assembly in school for children only.
Thursday 4 th December	Open Morning 3 - 9.15am - See website for details.
Tuesday 9 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 2pm - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity at 9.30am - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Thursday 11 th December	Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles (tombola) - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Fayre- Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.
Tuesday 16 th December	Rocksteady Concert at 2.30pm TBC
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch- In school for children only.
	KS2 Christmas Carols at St Mary's Church - Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.

	Parent Showcase – Parents invited into the classroom to see the children’s work after school.
Friday 19 th December	Pantomime - 1:30pm – In school for children only – Letter on ParentMail coming soon. Copy will be available on website.

INSET days:

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 23rd January 2026

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Friday 27th March 2026