

Rusper Primary School Newsletter 24.10.25

Secondary School Transfer Applications Reminder

The closing date for Y6 Secondary Transfer applications is fast approaching. The deadline for secondary applications is during half term - **Friday 31st October**. Make sure you've made your Y6 child's application by then.

Cake Sale – Wednesday 5th November

Reminder: **FORPS will be hosting a delicious cake sale on the first Wednesday back after half term - 5th November**. If you're able to contribute by baking (or buying) some treats or popping by to purchase a few, your support would be greatly appreciated!

Children in Need

To help celebrate and support **Children in Need**, we're encouraging all children to come to school on **Friday 14th November** wearing something fun, bright, or spotty! Whether it's Pudsey-themed, colourful clothes, or a favourite accessory, it's all about joining in and showing support.

We kindly ask that children bring in a **small donation** to contribute to this wonderful cause. Thank you for helping us make a difference!



Remembrance Sunday



We will be marking **Remembrance Sunday on 9th November** and **Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November**.

To support the Royal British Legion, **poppies and related items** will be available in school during the week beginning **Monday 3rd November**. Each morning, our **House Captains** will visit classrooms with poppies and other goodies, giving children the opportunity to make a donation and take part in this important tradition.

Website Calendar

Don't forget to use this very useful tool. This will help you keep up to date with all that is happening in our busy school. To view the calendar you can use the QR code below.



<https://www.rusper.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/calendar/2916>

Rocketeers Wraparound Care

Don't forget Rocketeers are available for ad hoc sessions. If you would like further information about their services please visit www.rocketeerschildcare.co.uk or contact enquiries@rocketeerschildcare.co.uk.

Amazon Wish List

We're incredibly grateful for your generous purchases this half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the deliveries at school and have already been making great use of the new items. Your support truly makes a difference! 😊



Half Term Reflection from Mrs Wright

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the many successes we've shared together. This term, our focus has been on establishing strong, inclusive classroom routines and ensuring that every child feels secure, valued, and ready to learn.

As a school, we are deeply committed to investing in our staff and developing their skills, confidence, and expertise. Through cross-trust training, our teachers, LSAs and administration team have all taken part in 2 days of INSET sessions designed to strengthen a shared language of acceptance, curiosity and empathy across the trust, building dynamic learning environments. This continued professional development helps us honour our central commitment — to keep each child's experience at the heart of all that we do.

Research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shows that children make the most progress when interventions happen within the classroom, allowing them to benefit from quality-first teaching alongside their peers. We've seen this in action through in-class support in maths, fine motor development, and phonics, where children are demonstrating growing confidence in decoding and blending — supported by families through increased home reading. Our sensory circuits have also had a noticeable impact on children's focus and attention, particularly in the mornings.

One of the most exciting developments this term has been in Key Stage 1, where we have fully embraced continuous provision and play-based learning. This approach has already had a hugely positive impact, helping to:

- Reduce cognitive overload through repetition and overlearning in a low-pressure environment
- Support communication and language development through role play, small-world exploration and adult-led talk
- Meet sensory and emotional needs with calm, familiar areas and flexible routines
- Encourage fine and gross motor development through manipulatives, outdoor play and creative mark-making
- Build independence, confidence and decision-making through self-chosen tasks

We were delighted to welcome 31 families to our recent Open Evening, with further tours planned throughout the next half term. The evening was a wonderful success — a celebration of the hard work and dedication that go into creating a truly child-centred learning environment. We were especially proud of our Year 6 Rusper Representatives and the Year 7 pupils, now at Bohunt Horsham, who returned to speak so warmly about their time at Rusper.

The children have shown genuine excitement and appreciation for the improvements made to our school environment over the summer — the biggest hit by far being the new lockers! The changes to lunchtimes have also been a success, with children enjoying cross-phase play and helping to strengthen our already thriving sense of community. This warmth and togetherness is perfectly reflected in how our older pupils have welcomed and reassured our youngest learners in Blossom Class, who have settled in beautifully. The laughter and music that fills their learning spaces each day is a true joy and never fails to bring a smile to my face.

I am incredibly proud of the entire team for their dedication, creativity and commitment throughout what has been a fantastic half term for our small but mighty

school. Next half term promises even more celebrations, achievements and meaningful connections.

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support and kind words — they truly mean so much.

Have a wonderfully restful half term, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3rd November.

Warm regards,
Mrs Wright