



Reddal Hill Primary School Parents / Carers' Newsletter October 2025



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WELCOME

Welcome to the October - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

It has been a very busy time half term for our pupils and staff. I cannot believe that we are already approaching the half term already. Last week and this week, we invited our families in to school to partake in the Maths Inspire Workshops across the school. Please see the lovely photos on ClassDojo. A HUGE thank you to those of you who were able to attend these events, as not only do your child/ children take great joy in you coming into school, you also learn about how we teach them maths in school, which hopefully, helps you in supporting your child at home.

The pupils in Year 5 and 6 took part in 'Bouncing Back Mental Health Workshops' which were excellent. The pupils in Year 1 went on a lovely walk around the local area as part of their geography topic as well as supporting their writing. All the pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in a DECCA assembly, which looked at how we can make good choices and keep ourselves healthy. All the pupils took part in some lovely activities for World Mental Health Day and everyone wore RED on Friday 17th October in support of SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD.

Please note that the weather is getting colder so please remember to send your child into school with a warm coat, gloves and a hat. Please also take a few minutes to write your child's name in their school jumper/ cadigan, coat and PE clothes as this will help us relocate any lost property and save you buying new items. Thank you.

School Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 then it is time to register your child for a **reception school place** for September 2026. You will be able to apply online at www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions during the period of **Monday 15th September 2025** until the closing date of **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

(Non-Sandwell residents must contact their home local authority)

If you have a child who is in **Year 5**, you can apply for a Sandwell secondary school place from **Monday 14th July 2024** until **Friday 31st October 2025**. To apply please first register at <https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/school-admissions/applying-secondary-school> you will then receive an email with a link to complete and submit your application.

(Non-Sandwell residents should contact their home local authority).

Don't worry, if you don't have a computer at home, you can also apply from one of Sandwell's 19 libraries and at our school. You may also apply from a mobile device (e.g. smartphone or tablet). To assist you with your online application, further information will be sent to Sandwell residents in September 2025.

Staffing Update



It gives me great pleasure to inform you all that we successfully appointed Mrs. Begum as our new Parent Support Advisor. We are truly pleased with this appointment and we know that Mrs. Begum will be a huge asset to the Reddal Hill Team. Many of you will already know Mrs. Begum as a Learning Support Practitioner. She has worked at the school for many, many years and prior to this, her children attended Reddal Hill. Mrs. Begum will introduce herself to you all when she commences this post.

Attendance

At Reddal Hill, we really value the attendance of all our pupils. As such, every week, the class with the best attendance, are rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play and our attendance trophy. At the end of each term, the class who has the highest attendance percentage for the greatest number of weeks, will enjoy a movie and popcorn afternoon. Please see below the classes that have won the highest attendance since we returned to school on 3rd September 2025.

Week commencing	Winning class	Percentage
01.09.2025	Lilies and Elephants	100%
08.09.2025	Lilies	98%
15.09.2025	Hagrid	98.3%
22.09.2025	Hagrid	96.9%
29.09.2025	Dumbledore	98.2%
06.10.2025	Hermione	97.2%
13.10.2025	Potter	98.1%



Lilies and Hagrid classes have had the best attendance so far this half term. Well done Lilies and Hagrid classes:

Reddal Hill's attendance for the summer term 2 2024 was 92.57%. (National: 94.40% - 2022/2023) – unfortunately, we are currently below the National percentage. Please support Reddal Hill Primary School by ensuring that your child attends school every day and on time. Thank you.

Please see a message from Mrs. Rogers, the school's Attendance Champion:

Attendance and Punctuality Matter!

Attendance: Regular school attendance and punctuality are key to every child's success. When students attend school every day and arrive on time, they build strong learning habits, stay connected with their classmates, and make the most of each learning opportunity. As we enter the season of colds and flu, we understand that some absences are unavoidable—please visit the website via the following link [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) or our school website, for guidance on **when** to keep your child at home and tips for staying healthy.

Punctuality: A reminder that the school gates open at **8:30 a.m.** every day and learning begins promptly at **8:40 a.m.** Please try to ensure that your child arrives on time, every day. We are closely monitoring lateness to ensure all students start their day ready to learn! Thank you, Mrs. Rogers.

McMillan Coffee Afternoon

On Thursday 25th September, the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) held a coffee and cake afternoon to raise money for the **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** to raise money for **Cancer Support**. The staff and the PTA donated a range of cakes and Mrs. Williams baked a delicious cookie for a parents/ carers raffle and Mrs. Begum baked some delicious cupcakes for the staff raffle. A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who attended this coffee afternoon and purchased cakes after the event for this worthy cause. A MASSIVE thank you also to all of the members of staff who donated a delicious range of cakes. The money raised was over £100. Thank you all again for your continued support 😊



Dates for the diary



2025-2026

Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 24th October 2025

Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half-term: Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026:

Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026

Half-term: Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2025:

Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Half-term: Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June 2025 - Monday 20th July 2026

Teacher Training Days 2025 - 2026:

Day 1 - Monday 1st September 2025

Day 2 - Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Day 3 - Monday 3rd November 2025

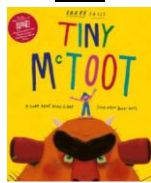
Day 4 - Monday 9th January 2026 - please note change to this date.

Day 5 - Monday 20th July 2026

Books of the Month - November

Please see below the following recommended book/s you can read with your child. For older children, your child could read this book to you. These books are age appropriate and provide key vocabulary that is important in supporting your child's developing language skills.

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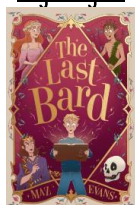
Tiny McToot
by Barry Falls

Key Stage 1



The Mushroom of Doom
by Becky Davies and
Thomas Elliot

Key Stage 2



The Last Bard
by Max Evans

Reading with your child

Lives can be so busy when your child/ children are at home, but finding just 5 or 10 minutes a day, to read with your child, can be hugely beneficial. Reading together stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. It is a fact that children, who have spent time sharing a book at home, on a regular basis, make the greatest progress. Try to support your child with reading at home. Thank you.

Remember, there are a range of EXCELLENT online reading books, located on our school website, that you can share with your child at any time.

[virtual-library-final-draft.pdf](#) ([primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com](#))

Safeguarding

At Reddal Hill, we take our safeguarding duty very seriously. If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, then you must contact the school or the Sandwell Children's Trust on 0121 569 3100 in confidence. If a child is in immediate danger, you should contact the police, call 999. The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs. A. Bashir-Pugh and the Deputy DSLs are Mr. J. Stokes, Mrs. H Rogers, Mrs. T. Whitehurst and Mrs. K Beard.



We are a **Nut Free Zone**. We have a number of pupils and adults who are **seriously allergic** to nuts. Please do not send your child to school with ANY Nutella or chocolate spread unless the label clearly states that it **does not contain nuts**. Please support us in protecting our pupils and staff.



On Friday 17th October 2025, the staff and pupils at Reddal Hill, wore red clothing to highlight the importance of 'Showing Racism the Red card.' The pupil listened to some lovely stories during the day about children from a range of different cultures. Thank you all for supporting this important event.

If you would advise of how to talk to your child about racism, please click on the NSPCC link below: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/?utm_old=racism



**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

**HARVEST
2025**



During autumn term, Reddal Hill, once again, supported the Black Country Foodbank via for our annual Harvest Festival. They requested our families to donate as many food or toiletry items as possible. As you are aware, we are living in an ever-changing world and as such, we know that there are many families in our community who need some extra support. In exchange for a food or toiletry item, the pupils were able to wear their own clothes for the day. I am extremely pleased to inform you that due to your very generous donations, we were able to **donate 221.6kgs of food and 16kgs of non-food, to the Black Country Foodbank**, which is an amazing amount and which I know they are greatly appreciative of. Mrs. Spence will be sharing the certificate of acknowledgement, from the Black Country Foodbank, in recognition of this awesome generosity, on ClassDojo very soon. A HUGE thank you to our families and staff who donated to this very worthy cause. 😊

Thought for the Month 🧠

"All of our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." -
Walt Disney.

Kind regards,

A. Bashir-Pugh

Mrs. A Bashir-Pugh

Headteacher

SCHOOL MOTTO: GLEE: 'Growing - Learning - Enjoying - Excellence'