



Reddal Hill Primary School Parents / Carers' Newsletter September 2025

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WELCOME

Welcome to the September - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to say a HUGE welcome back to all of our amazing pupils and their families.

I would like to welcome in particular, our new pupils and their families who have joined Reddal Hill this term; I look forward to getting to know you and your child/children and working closely with you over the coming years. I am very pleased to say that the pupils have settled into their new classes really well so far this month, and they are already producing some amazing work. They truly are a credit to you.

For the benefit of our new parents, this is the first monthly Parents and Carers' Newsletter for the academic year. It is produced to share with you any important information and learning experiences our pupils partake in each month.

I can't believe that we are already at the end of September. Please note that the weather is very changeable at the moment so please ensure that your child wears the appropriate outer clothing for the different types of weather. Please also take a few minutes to write your child's name in their school jumper/ cadigan, coat and PE clothes. This will help us relocate any lost property and save you having to buy 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.

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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.

Parent/ Carer information: Sandwell Children's Trust: Fostering – ever thought of it as a career?

That's right, we know that people who consider fostering, do so because they want to make a difference, and want to be making a positive contribution. However, it might be worth factoring into the equation that you do get an income from fostering too. You could start fostering whilst continuing to work, or perhaps it's something to consider as an alternative, perhaps even as part of retirement planning? Whatever stage you're at, why not take a look at our new updated payments page

here <https://fostersandwell.co.uk/how-much-can-i-earn-as-a-foster-carer/> and try out our new payments calculator. Whether it's finance or any other aspect of fostering that you're wondering about, if you're thinking about it, contact us for a no obligation chat. Just click the enquiry button via <https://fostersandwell.co.uk/> to request a call or an email or call us on 0800 358 0899 to get the facts about fostering for Sandwell.

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%



Lilies are doing very well so far this term! Well done Lilies class!

Reddal Hill's attendance for the summer term 2 2024 was 92.66%. (National: 94.10% - 2022/2023) – unfortunately, we are currently below the National percentage.

Enterprise Week

In July, the pupils took part in **Enterprise Week**, whereby each class created a product that they made and sold to raise money for **PROJECT GAMBIA**. This year the money raised supported the child who we sponsor (please see school report below), and also to help fund the new school that they are currently building. I am pleased to inform you that the school raised an amazing £300.47 through this amazing event. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Monkton, for organising this event and to our amazing pupils for their creativity, and to our families, for financially supporting this event too. 😊 A HUGE well done also to **LILIES CLASS** who made the most profit (£44.30) they will enjoy a film as a reward. Thank you so much for everyone's support and hard work with enterprise week. It was a huge success and the pupils learnt so much from taking part in this event. 😊

Bev Hodt, who supports the Gambia project through raising money, wrote the following message. *'Thank you so much for the £300 that was raised during Enterprise week, it really is much appreciated'*

Bev also shared a **PROJECT GAMBIA UPDATE**, which will be shared with you all, along with this newsletter FYI.

A new school for Omega Nursery and Primary School is being built. We are hoping that children will be able to move in to it in the autumn term, ready for UK students to paint during next season's trips



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 5th January 2026

Day 5 - Monday 20th July 2026

Books of the Month - October

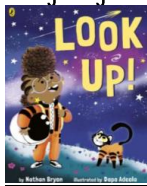
Please see below the following recommended book/s you can read with your child. For older children, your child could read this book to you. These books are age appropriate and provide key vocabulary that is important in supporting your child's developing language skills.

EYFS



The Museum of Shapes
by Sven Volker

Key Stage 1



Look Up!
by Nathan Bryon

Key Stage 2



The Girl who Raced the World
by Nat Harrison

Reading with your child

Lives can be so busy when your child / children are at home, but finding just 5 / 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.

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 Mrs. J. Nisbet, Mr. J. Stokes, Mrs. H Rogers, Mrs. T. Whitehurst and Mrs. K Beard.

NUT FREE ZONE



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.



Member of Parliament (MP) visit to Reddal Hill

On Friday 12th September, Alex Ballinger, the MP for Halesowen, visited the pupils in Hagrid class to talk about the letters that they had sent him when they were in Year 4, about how he can improve our environment. The pupils' behaviour was exemplary and they showed great confidence when asking and answering questions; we were extremely proud of them. Please see the letter that we received from Alex, following the visit. Thank you to Mrs. Whitehurst, for organising this visit, and thank you Hagrid class and Mr. Wilmott, for making Alex feel very welcome.

Staffing Update

Unfortunately, I have to report that we will soon be saying a very sad goodbye to our Parent Support Advisor (PSA), Mrs. Nisbet, who was successful in obtaining a new post as a Strengthening Families Practitioner. Mrs. Nisbet has been at Reddal Hill since January 2017, and has worked with many, many families, children and staff. She has been highly effective as a PSA as well as a deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, during her time with us, and as such, will be greatly missed. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the governing body and staff, to wish Mrs. Nisbet every success in her new role. As a school, we have already advertised for a new PSA, and as soon as this post has been filled, I will formally introduce you to the successful applicant.

Thought for the Month

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis

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Kind regards,

Mrs. A. Bashir-Pugh

Headteacher

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