Reddal Hill Primary School
Parents / Carers' Newsletter
September 2026

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WELCOME

Welcome to the September - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our wonderful pupils and their families.

A special welcome goes to the new pupils and families who have joined the Reddal Hill community this term. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you and your child, and to working in partnership with you over the coming years.

I am pleased to report that pupils have settled exceptionally well into their new classes this month. They have embraced new routines, demonstrated positive attitudes to learning, and are already producing some fantastic work. They are a real credit to you.

For the benefit of our new parents and carers, this is the first monthly Parents and Carers' Newsletter of the academic year. The newsletter is designed to keep you informed of important school information, as well as the many learning experiences, achievements and activities our pupils enjoy throughout each month.

As the weather can be quite unpredictable at this time of year, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing for the changing conditions. We would also be grateful if you could take a few moments to clearly label your child's school jumper, cardigan, coat and PE kit with their name. This helps us to return lost property quickly and reduces the need for families to replace missing items.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful and enjoyable year ahead.

School Admissions

Applying online for your secondary place for September 2027

You will be able to apply for a secondary (Year 7) school place for your child from Monday 13th July 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 Authority). Please note: **You cannot apply before 13th July 2025.** You must apply by the closing date of **31st October 2026.**

Applying Online for your Reception place for September 2027

If you require a Reception school place for your child, you will be able to apply online at https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/school-admissions/applying-reception-place-year-3-junior-school during the period from: **Monday 14th September 2026** until the closing date of **Friday 15th January 2027**

If you require any support in applying for a reception or Year 7 school place, then please speak to Mrs. Begum, our Parent Support Advisor, who would be only too happy to help.

Eco-Schools Distinction

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that our school has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction.

This prestigious award is an internationally recognised accreditation that celebrates schools demonstrating an outstanding commitment to sustainability and environmental action. It is the highest achievement within the Eco-Schools programme, which has been inspiring young people to make a positive impact on the environment since 1994.

This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm shown by our pupils and staff. I would particularly like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs .Davies and the Eco-Council for their fantastic efforts throughout last year.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and look forward to continuing our journey towards a more sustainable future. Well done to everyone involved!

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 minute 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 2026.

Week ending	Winning class	Percentage
04.09.2026	Potter, Snape, Sunflower and Tiger	100%
11.09.2026	Dumbledore	99.3%
18.09.2026	Luna	98.9%
25.09.2026	Hermione	99.7%

Reddal Hill's attendance since the beginning of the academic year (September 2026) is 96% for statutory school-age pupils (not including Nursery and Reception children). When Nursery and Reception are included, our overall attendance is 95.8%.

We do not yet have the national attendance figure for the 2026/27 academic year; however, the national average last year was 94.8%. As you can see, Reddal Hill's attendance is currently above the national average, which is a fantastic achievement.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high levels of attendance. Please continue to support Reddal Hill in working towards the attendance levels by ensuring your child attends school every day, unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

McMillan Coffee Afternoon

On Friday 25th September, Mrs Begum, our Parent Support Advisor, and the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) hosted a Coffee and Cake Afternoon to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Staff and PTA members generously donated a wonderful selection of cakes. Mrs Williams baked two delicious cookies, and Mrs Begum made two beautiful cupcake bouquets, which were included in both the parents/ carers' and staff raffles.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the event and to those who purchased cakes and raffle tickets afterwards. Your generosity and support for such a worthwhile cause is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to all staff members who donated a fantastic range of baked goods, and to Mrs Williams and Mrs Begum for their time and effort in making and donating homemade treats.

We are delighted to share that the event raised over £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity. 😊







Dates for the diary



2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026:

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Friday 23rd October 2026

Children return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2026

Half-term: Monday 26th October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027:

Monday 4th January 2027 – Friday 12th February 2027

Half-term: Monday 15th February 2027 - Friday 19th February 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027:

Monday 12th April 2027 – Friday 28th May 2027

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2026

Half-term: Monday 31st May 2027 - Friday 29th May 2027

Monday 7th June 2027 – Wednesday 22nd July 2027

Teacher Training Days 2026 – 2027:

Day 1 – Tuesday 1st September 2026

Day 2 – Wednesday 2nd September 2026

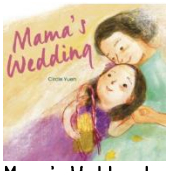
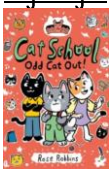
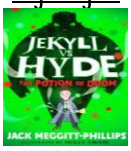
Day 3: - Monday 2nd November 2026

Day 4 – Monday 4th January 2027

Day 5 - Monday 7th June 2027

Books of the Month

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	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
		
Mama's Wedding by Circle Yuen	Cat School Odd Cat Out by Rose Robbins	Jekyll VS Hyde The Potion of Doom by Jack Meggitt-Phillips

Reading with your child

Reading every day helps children build vocabulary, improve comprehension, and develop confidence. It also sparks imagination and creativity, opening doors to new ideas and adventures.

How does Read to Succeed work

Every time your child reads at home, they earn a tick in their reading record, even if they read more than once in day. As they collect ticks, they can achieve exciting milestones:

Bronze Reader – 45 reads

Silver Reader – 90 reads

Gold Reader – 135 reads

For the ultimate challenge,

If your child reads **50 different books**, they become a **Platinum Reader.**

NEW FOR THIS YEAR: If your child reads an additional **100 different books**, they become a **DIAMOND Reader.**

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, Mrs. K Beard and Mrs. Begum

Post Ofsted Update

As you are aware, in June 2026, Reddal Hill Primary School underwent an Ofsted inspection under the new Ofsted framework. We are pleased to share that the school achieved the Expected Standard in the following areas:

- Inclusion
- Curriculum and Teaching
- Personal Development and Wellbeing
- Early Years
- Leadership and Governance

In addition, Safeguarding Standards were judged to be 'Met'.

Whilst we are proud of these outcomes, two areas were identified as requiring further improvement: Achievement and Attendance and Behaviour. As the expected standard for behaviour was met, our key area for improvement will be attendance.

As a school, we have already implemented a range of strategies to move these areas from 'Needs Attention' to the 'Expected Standard'. To improve attendance, Mrs Rogers will be sharing information with you all about our attendance monitoring procedures and the support available to families. Encouragingly, these actions are already having a positive impact and, as you can see from the information on the front page, our attendance is currently above the national average.

To further improve pupil achievement, we are strengthening our provision through:

- Enhancing mathematics fluency and vocabulary development.
- Improving adaptive teaching to ensure learning is appropriately matched to pupils' needs, enabling all children to make good or better progress.
- Refining our writing curriculum, The Write Stuff, to provide greater opportunities to address gaps in knowledge while developing pupils' independence as writers.
- Introducing whole-class reading with a stronger emphasis on vocabulary, reading fluency and comprehension skills.
- Increasing opportunities for pupils to read aloud and develop confidence as readers.
- Implementing Oak National Academy schemes of work in history, geography, science and physical education to further strengthen curriculum delivery.

We are confident that these developments will continue to raise standards across the school and accelerate progress for all pupils, including those who join Reddal Hill throughout the academic year.

Our School Improvement Plan is focused on three key priorities:

- Raise Achievement for All Pupils
- Secure Excellence in Early Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- Improve Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support as we work together to provide the very best education and opportunities for every child at Reddal Hill Primary School.

Thought for the Month



"One of the greatest titles in the world is parent, and one of the biggest blessings in the world is to have parents to call mom and dad." – Jim DeMint

Kind regards,

A Bashir-Pugh

Mrs. A Bashir-Pugh

Headteacher

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