Reddal Hill Primary School
Parents / Carers' Newsletter
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WELCOME

It has been a very busy half term for both our pupils and staff, and I cannot believe that half term has already arrived! This week, we welcomed families into school to take part in our Reading Inspire Workshops across all year groups. Please take a look at the lovely photographs on ClassDojo.

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Not only do the children take great joy in sharing their learning with you, but these workshops also provide an opportunity for you to learn more about how we teach phonics (early reading) and reading in school. We hope this helps you to further support your child's learning at home.

As the weather begins to get colder, please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves. 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 makes it much easier for us to reunite lost items with their owners and helps to avoid unnecessary replacement costs.

School Admissions

Applying online for your secondary place for September 2027

Please click on the following link for late secondary application forms:

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/school-admissions/applying-secondary-school

You will be able to apply for a secondary (Year 7) school place for your child from Monday 13th July 2026. 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 2026.** 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.

show racism the red card

On Friday 16th October 2026, the staff and pupils of Reddal Hill Primary School marked Show Racism the Red Card Day by wearing red to show their support for this important anti-racism initiative. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of meaningful activities, including exploring the feelings and emotions that someone might experience when they are treated unfairly, and created beautiful 'Rainbows of Skin Colour' using handprints, to celebrate diversity and inclusion within our school community. Thank you to everyone who supported this important event and helped promote the values of equality, respect and understanding for all.






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%
02.10.2026	Tiger	99.3%
09.10.2026	Sunflower	100%
16.10.2026	Dumbledore	97.7%

A huge well done to Tiger Class, Sunflowers Class and Dumbledore Class for achieving the highest attendance for two weeks each. What a fantastic achievement!

Reddal Hill's attendance since the start of the academic year in September 2026 is 94.9% for statutory school-age pupils (excluding Nursery and Reception). When Nursery and Reception pupils are included, our overall attendance stands at 94.8%.

We do not yet have the national attendance figures for the 2026/27 academic year. However, last year's national average was 94.8%. As you can see, Reddal Hill's attendance is now in line with the national average, which is a fantastic achievement; however, last month we were above this percentage.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high levels of attendance. Please continue to support the school by ensuring your child attends every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to do so. Regular attendance is essential in helping children make the most of their learning opportunities and achieve their full potential.

Reddal Hill Year 5 and Year 6 Mixed Football Team Tournament

On Friday 9th October, ten of our extremely talented Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in a 7-a-side football tournament at the West Bromwich Albion (WBA) Dome, competing against schools from across the borough. Throughout the day, the team played five matches, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship in every game. They represented our school superbly, showing resilience, commitment and encouragement towards one another both on and off the pitch. The tournament provided a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to develop their football skills, build confidence and experience competitive sport in a professional sporting environment. We are incredibly proud of the effort, attitude and behaviour they displayed throughout the event.

A huge well done to all of our amazing pupils for their outstanding representation of the school, and a special thank you to Mr Benningfield for organising this valuable opportunity for our children.



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

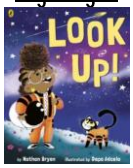
Day 3: - Monday 2nd November 2026

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
		
Bumblebear by Nadia Shireen	Look Up! By Nathan Bryan	The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepard

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



Nut Aware School Reminder

We are a Nut Aware School. We have a number of pupils and adults who have serious nut allergies, and even trace amounts can pose a significant risk to their health.

Please do not send your child to school with Nutella, chocolate spread containing nuts, or any other nut products, unless the packaging clearly states that the product is nut-free.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us provide a safe environment for all pupils, staff and visitors. Thank you for helping us protect members of our school

Reddal Hill Eco-Councillors 2026-2027

We are delighted to introduce our new Eco-Councillors for this academic year!

Our Eco-Councillors have been elected by their peers and will play an important role in helping to make our school a greener, cleaner and more environmentally friendly place. Throughout the year, they will work together to promote sustainability, encourage environmentally responsible behaviours and lead initiatives that help protect our planet.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who applied for these roles and congratulate those who were successfully elected. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make within our school community.

Congratulations to our new Eco-Councillors, and we wish them every success in their exciting new role!



Thought for the Month



Family is not an important thing. It's everything." — Michael J. Fox

Kind regards,

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Mrs. A Bashir-Pugh

Headteacher