



# Reddal Hill Primary School Parents / Carers' Newsletter July 2025



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## WELCOME

Welcome to the July Parents and Carers' Newsletter,

This will be the last newsletter for this academic year. The next newsletter will be sent in September 2025. I can't believe that this year has passed by so quickly.

The children have had an extremely busy month with three amazing concerts: (Year 3 Ukulele, KS2 Wind concert and a Rocksteady concert). Forty-three pupils took part in an amazing residential trip at Frank Chapman, which I had the pleasure of attending this year. The Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed an awesome Year 6 Prom, (see some photos below). This year, all of the pupils took part in their planned Sports Days! Thirty-seven Year 2 and twenty-one Year 6 Platinum Behaviour Champions went to Frankie and Benny's for lunch as a reward for being a Gold Behaviour Champion in reception, Year 1 and Year 2, for our Year 2 children, or in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, for our Year 6 pupils. The Gold, Silver and Bronze Behaviour Champion also took part in either an hour of fun in the playground, or a half-day visit or a full-day visit to Haden Hill Park. Unfortunately, due to the hot weather, the Gold Behaviour Champions in EYFS and KS1, celebrated their reward at school with a whole day of amazing activities.

We are very, very sad to say GOODBYE to our very special YEAR 6 pupils, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025. They continue to amaze us with their hard work, resilience and achievements, as they move towards the next chapter in their educational journey. We wish them all the happiness and success they truly deserve as they leave us at the end of this term. Keep reaching for the stars Year 6 and keep being YOU, as you truly are amazing. 😊

A HUGE thank you also to our parents and carers, for supporting the range of activities that your children have taken part in throughout this academic year. Thank you also for supporting your child/children in their academic learning journey; e.g. reading with them, helping them with their homework, or just simply talking to them about their day; this helps them in more ways than you think. A special well done too, to the parents who have volunteered at the school and who have supported the school's PTA as well as our Parent Governors; you certainly are an awesome team.

I wish you and your child/children a fantastic and safe summer break, whatever your plans are, and I really look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**. 😊

## School Admissions

### Applying online for your secondary place for September 2026

You will be able to apply for a secondary (Year 7) school place for your child from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025. You must apply by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

### Applying Online for your Reception place for September 2026

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 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025** until the closing date of **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Week commencing	Winning class	Percentage
28.04.2025	Hedwig	96.7%
05.05.2025	Hedwig	99.6%
12.05.2025	Snape	96.9%
19.05.2025	Hedwig	96%
HALT TERM		
02.06.2025	Dobby	93.9%
09.06.2025	Potter	97.7%
16.06.2025	Potter	97.7%
23.06.2025	Dobby	98.2%
30.06.2025	Tiger	96.9%
07.07.2025	Hedwig	97.7%



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to **HEDWIG** class who are the ATTENDANCE WINNERS this term.

Enjoy your film and snack afternoon before the end of the summer term.

Reddal Hill's attendance for the summer term 1 2025 was **93.06%**. (National: 94.48% - 2023/2024). Unfortunately, we are 1.42% below the national percentage. This gap is 0.35% **lower** than the gap at the end of the spring term. Please continue to support Reddal Hill by ensuring your child/ children comes to school every day and on time. Thank you.

## Year 6 Prom

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 pupils took part in an awesome Prom at the Halesowen Town Hall. The pupils had a fantastic time dancing, laughing, and having fun! Everyone had a brilliant time and looked absolutely amazing; they are a credit to Reddal Hill and to our families. We will miss them very, very much, as they move on to their new high schools. Goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils. More photos will be made available on our new school website which will be going live soon. 😊



## Dates for the diary



2025-2026

### Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Children return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Half-term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Spring Term 2026:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Half-term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Summer Term 2025:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Bank Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Half-term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Teacher Training Days 2025 - 2026:

Day 1 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Day 2 - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Day 3 - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Day 4 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Day 5 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

For the school term dates for 2025-2026, please refer to the school

[Term Dates 2024 - 2025 / 2025 - 2026 | Reddal Hill](#)

## 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.



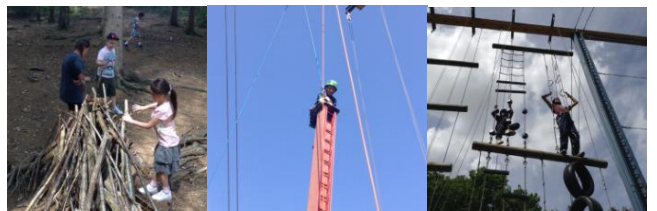
We are a **Nut Free Zone**. We have a number of pupils and adults who are **seriously allergic** to nuts. Please do not send your child to school with ANY Nutella or chocolate spread unless the label clearly states that it **does not contain nuts**. Please support us in protecting our pupils and staff.

## AMENDMENT - from June's Newsletter

In the newsletter that I shared in June, I informed you of the staffing changes that will be taking place in September. I informed you that we would be welcoming a new Learning Support Practitioner (LSP), to the Reddal Hill team. Unfortunately, I provided you with the incorrect name for this new member of staff; the name of the new LSP is Mrs. Kingston, and not, as mentioned Mrs. Phillips. My apologies for any confusion caused.

## Frank Chapman residential

Forty-three Year 3 and Year 4 pupils went on the annual residential trip to Frank Chapman on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The pupils had an amazing time, and showed exemplary behaviour throughout, as well as fantastic resilience. The pupils challenged themselves through the varied activities that they took part in, including climbing a manmade rockface, a very tall tree and the high ropes, building an outdoor shelter in the forest and travelling through a manmade mine. It was a fantastic experience for all involved, including the staff and the parent, who attended. A massive thank you to Mr. Benningfield, who, as the lead member of staff, took responsibility for the organisation of the whole event, Mrs. Whitehurst, who took responsibility for all medical needs and any first aid issues, and Mr. Pender, Mr. Ali, Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Kapoor and the parent who also took part. Your precious time is greatly appreciated.



## Books of the Month - August

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



**I'm going to Make a Friend** by Doreen Chetty and Sandhya Prabhat

### Key Stage 1



**The Wood Where Magic Grows** by Andy Shepherd

### Key Stage 2



**Shadow Thieves** by Peter Burns

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 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place over the summer holidays throughout the UK. It is the UK's biggest free reading promotion for primary-aged children and it's easy to take part in! You can join online or take part by visiting your local library. Use the link below for further information. [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

## Thought for the Month



"What it's like to be a parent: It's one of the hardest things you'll ever do, but in exchange, it teaches you the meaning of unconditional love."

- Nicholas Sparks.

Kind regards,

*A. Bashir-Pugh*

Mrs. A. Bashir-Pugh

Headteacher

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