



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



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## WELCOME

Welcome to the June - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

We are nearing the end of the academic year and it's the season of continued hard work with a mixture of fun and celebrations. This week, forty-four pupils will embark on a residential trip to Frank Chapman for three days. The pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be watching Shrek the Musical, which will be performed by students at Ormiston Forge. Lots of pupils will be taking part in the upcoming Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum events, to celebrate their amazing behaviour and attitude towards learning. All the pupils, from nursery all the way up to Year 6 will partake in Sports Day events. There will also be a Year 3 Ukulele concert, and a Rocksteady and Wind concert too. The pupils in Year 6 will spend two days at their new school, which I know will be a fantastic experience for them and support them in preparing for their next step in their educational journey.

Just a quick reminder, as the temperature is increasing, please ensure that you apply sun-cream to your child before they come to school in the morning, and provide them with a sun hat/ cap to protect them in the sun, and a water bottle to hydrate.

## School Admissions

**Please note: The application process for reception places for September, is NOW CLOSED.** If you have not already applied for a place for your child to start reception in September 2025, you will need to complete a late application form. Please click on the following link for late reception application forms:

<https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/downloads/download/198/late-reception-application-form>

**Please note, Offer Day for Reception was on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

**Please note: The application process for Year 7 school places for September 2025, is NOW CLOSED.** If you have not already applied for a place for your child to start high school in September 2025, you will need to complete a late application form.

Please click on the following link for late secondary application forms:  
<https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/school-admissions/applying-secondary-school>

**Please note, National Offer Day for Year 7 was on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.**

## Rowley Regis Football Tournament

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, ten of our Year 5 and Year 6 boys entered the Rowley Regis football tournament, which was held at Blackheath Primary School. The boys wore the school's new football kit with pride. (The football kits were obtained through a bid that Mr. Beard entered on behalf of Reddal Hill - thank you Mr. Beard). The boys played seven matches and after a difficult start they showed great resilience and determination to overcome the odds, winning 2-1 from being in a losing position. The boys took this momentum and team spirit into the next games, being unbeaten in five matches in a row. We qualified for the quarterfinals, which we sadly lost to the eventual winners of the event. After a day of fun, teamwork and rain, the boys reflected on their day, feeling proud of their achievements. A massive thank you to Mr. Benningfield, for organising this superb experience for our pupils and for providing them with the necessary skills via the football after-school club, and to the boys who took part, for representing Reddal Hill magnificently; you made us very proud.



## 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%



Well done Hedwig class, so far this term you have had the highest attendance for three of the eight weeks. I wonder if you will be the overall winners?

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.

## Staff Changes

### A sad goodbye and a huge welcome...

The staff and governors will be sad to say GOODBYE to two of our teachers at the end of the summer term. Firstly, Mrs Stevenson, who is currently the class teacher in Hermione Class, is sadly leaving us after working at Reddal Hill for 17 years, which is a great achievement. Mrs. Stevenson has been an amazing teacher who has taught and supported many of our pupils and worked alongside many of our staff. She will be greatly missed at Reddal Hill by our pupils and staff. Secondly, Mr. Wilkes, who is currently the class teacher in Elephant Class, is also sadly leaving us after working at Reddal Hill for 7 years. Mr. Wilkes is a wonderful teacher, who has also taught and supported many of our pupils and worked alongside many of our staff. He too will be greatly missed. The staff and governors at Reddal Hill are truly grateful for the impact that both Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. Wilkes have had on our pupils, their families, and our school community. They will be greatly missed, and we would like to wish them both all the very best as they enter the next chapter of their professional journey, at the end of this academic year. Please rest assured that suitable replacements have been selected to continue the excellent work that Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. Wilkes have done with your children.

In July, we welcome back Miss Hackwood, who went on maternity leave in December 2024. Miss Hackwood, who had a beautiful baby girl, is really looking forward to returning to Reddal Hill at the end of the summer term.

In September, we would like to warmly welcome to the Reddal Hill team, three new class teachers. Mr. Willmott will be the new class teacher in Hagrid class; Miss James will be the new class teacher in Potter class; and Miss Bastable will be the new class teacher in Sunflower class. We would also like to welcome a new Learning Support Practitioner (LSP), to the Reddal Hill team, Mrs. Kingston, who will be based in Year 5. A warm welcome also to Mrs. Taylor, who is a temporary class teacher who will be covering Mrs. Williams, whilst she is on maternity leave, in Buttercup class, until Mrs. Williams returns, after the Easter holiday. For your information, Mrs. Williams had a beautiful baby boy in May.

## Dates for the diary



2024-2025

### Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Children return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Half-term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Spring Term 2025:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Half-term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Summer Term 2025:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Bank Holidays: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Half-term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

### Teacher Training Days 2024 - 2025:

Day 1 - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Day 2 - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Day 3 - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

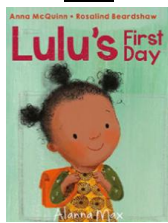
Day 4 - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Day 5 - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

## Books of the Month – July

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



Lulu's First Day  
by Anna McQuinn

### Key Stage 1



My Rice is Best by Selina  
Brown & Maxwell A. Oginni

### Key Stage 2



My Name is Samim  
by Fidan Meikle

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

Reddal Hill School Library

**REMINDER:** The SCHOOL LIBRARY will be opened every Friday afternoon from 3:10 - 4:00 pm. Pop in after you've collected your child/ children, and borrow some fantastic books.

## 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.

## Children's Mental Health Week - "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself"

As part of the Children's Mental Health Week this year, the theme was "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself". The Albion Foundation partnered with Student Voice at St Michael's C of E School for an exciting mental health event. Some of the children at Reddal Hill had the opportunity to take part in this event. They participated in a series of activities designed to promote self-awareness and personal growth. It was a fantastic day and enjoyed by everyone! The children even got to meet Baggie Bird himself! A massive thank you to Mrs. Baker for organising this event and to the children for being amazing Reddal Hill representatives.



## The Reddal Hill Governing Body

The governors and I would like to inform you that we currently have vacancies for **Co-opted governors**. A Co-opted governor is someone who has the skills and experience required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. Such volunteers don't have to have a connection to the school or local authority. Co-opted governors are sometimes called community governors as they often (but not always), come from the community the school is in and know the needs of that community well. They act in the best interests of the school and the wider community whilst being part of the governing body. The role of a Co-opted governor is a rewarding one as you will work alongside other board members to plan the school's strategic direction and oversee the school's financial performance, ensuring money is well-spent on your child/ children. If you are interested in this role, and/ or would like to find out more about it, then please contact the school and we will put you in contact with the Chair of the Governing Body, Mr. Chris Harris or you can come and speak to me. We are really looking forward to talking to interested individuals.

## Thought for the Month



'A parent's love is whole, not matter how many times divided.' Roger Brault

Kind regards,

*A. Bashir-Pugh*

Mrs. A Bashir-Pugh  
Headteacher

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