



Reddal Hill Primary School Parents / Carers' Newsletter May 2025



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WELCOME

Welcome to the May - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

I cannot believe that it is already the end of summer term!! Although the term has been four weeks long, the children have still been extremely busy. Year 6 have now completed their SATs and celebrated with a day of fun at Haden Hill Park. The pupils in Year 2 are working hard in the lead up to their Special Agent Training (Optional KSI SATs) that will take place after the half term. The pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 are also working hard in continuing to develop their knowledge in phonics in readiness for the Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 are working hard learning their times tables in readiness for their Multiplication Times Tables Check.

Year 4 had an awesome experience visiting The Thinktank in Birmingham; travelling by train, which was an experience in itself. The children who belong to the Planet EARTH, took part in a celebratory film and snack afternoon for having the most number of points for the most number of weeks during the spring term. They watched one of my favourite films, Inside Out 2. A HUGE well done to all of our pupils, especially those that belong to the Planet EARTH.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Whitsun half term.

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 2024, 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 16th 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 3rd March 2025.

School Awards

We are delighted to inform you that Reddal Hill Primary School has received the Music Mark Award for 2024/25 in recognition of our positive approach to music across the school and for our engagement with SIPS Music & Arts Service. We have also received the Artsmark Silver Award from the Arts Council England, for championing arts and culture. Artsmark schools gain access to exceptional resources as well as networks of the country's most treasured cultural organisations, helping us develop and strengthen our arts provision for our pupils. A massive thank you to Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Leach for championing music across the school and to Mrs. Whitehurst and Mrs. Stevenson for championing the arts across the school along with Mrs. Rogers.



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 28th April 2025.

Week commencing	Winning class	Percentage
28.04.2025	Hedwig	96.7%
05.05.2025	Hedwig	99.6%
12.05.2025	Snap	96.9%



Well done Hedwig class, so far you have had the highest attendance for two of the three weeks. Reddal Hill's attendance for the spring term 2025 was **92.83%**. (National: 94.60% - 2023/2024). Unfortunately, we are 1.77% below the national percentage. This gap is 1% higher than the gap at the end of the autumn term. Please support Reddal Hill by ensuring your child/children comes to school every day. Thank you.

Well done to DOBBY class who had the highest attendance for the greatest number of weeks throughout the spring term. They will celebrate this achievement with a film and snack afternoon. 😊



Year 1's trip to Dudley Zoo

On Tuesday 13th May, the children in Year 1 visited Dudley Zoo as part of their science topic on habitats and living things and to explore a range of real-life animals. The children had a fantastic day at the zoo and their behaviour was exemplary. A HUGE thank you to our Year 1 children for being super representatives of Reddal Hill Primary School and to all the staff who supported them.



Dates for the diary



2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 2nd September 2024 - Friday 25th October 2024

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half-term: Monday 28th October 2024 - Friday 1st November 2024

Monday 4th November 2024 - Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

Monday 6th January 2025 - Friday 14th February 2025

Half-term: Monday 17th February 2025 - Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025 - Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

Monday 28th April 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025

Bank Holidays: Monday 5th May 2025

Half-term: Monday 26th May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025

Monday 3rd June 2025 - Monday 21st July 2025

Teacher Training Days 2024 - 2025:

Day 1 - Monday 2nd September 2024

Day 2 - Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Day 3 - Monday 4th November 2024

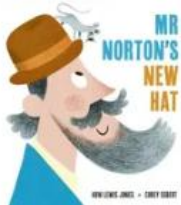
Day 4 - Monday 6th January 2025

Day 5 - Monday 21st July 2025

Books of the Month - June

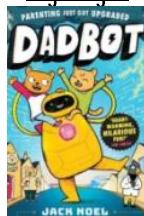
Please see below the following recommended book/s you can read with your child. For older children, your child could read this book to you. These books are age appropriate and provide key vocabulary that is important in supporting your child's developing language skills.

EYFS



Mr Norton's New Hat
by Huw Lewis Jones

Key Stage 1



Dadbot
by Jack Noel

Key Stage 2



Land of the Last Wildcat
by Lui Sit

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 \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://www.amazonaws.com/primarysite-prod-sorted-s3-virtual-library-final-draft.pdf)

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.

Year 6 End of SATs Celebration Event

In recognition of their continuous hard work throughout the year and for completing their SATs, the children in Year 6 spent a day at Haden Hill Park as a super 'well done' treat. They explored the play equipment and had fun playing a range of games with their friends and the staff! A fantastic well done Year 6 for completing your SATs; the staff at Reddal Hill are extremely proud of you all!



EYFS and KSI NEST Artist

At the beginning of May, the children in the EYFS/ KSI NEST explored the work of Claude Monet. They looked at one of his paintings, 'Waterloo Bridge' and then created their own version. For this they used a finger painting technique and masking tape. See below the amazing pictures the children created. You are truly amazing EYFS/ KSI NEST children.



Thought for the Month

'Parenting is a rollercoaster. Sometimes it is terrifying, but other times it is a thrill.' Anon

Enjoy the half term everyone.

Kind regards,

A. Bashir-Pugh

Mrs. A Bashir-Pugh
Headteacher

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