



Reddal Hill Primary School

Parents / Carers' Newsletter

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WELCOME

Welcome to the April - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

Spring has finally arrived! It is so lovely feeling the benefits of the warm sun on our faces.

Since the last newsletter, the pupils have continued to work hard and take part in a range of enrichment experiences: Hagrid and Dumbledore classes have taken part in the Wild Earth Movement Workshops, the pupils in KS1 and KS2 listened intently to an Air Ambulance virtual assembly, and wore green for the day and gave a donation for this important service. As part of our Start Small, Dream Big Careers Programme, the pupils had two special visitors (nurses), who spoke about their role, and what skills are required in order to do this job. The staff and pupils wore red to commemorate Comic Relief/ Red Nose Day. Year 5 and Year 6 visited Wolverhampton University, as part of Children's University. Year 2 visited Cradley Heath Library and Year 3 visited Worcester Cathedral and Tudor House, as part of their history topic on the Tudors. Reception visited Dudley Zoo as part of their topic on animals and their habitats and Nursery will be visiting Ash End House Farm on the last day of this term, as part of their topic on animals and where they come from.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic Easter break, and for those who celebrate Easter, Happy Easter. Continue enjoying the lovely weather and spending time with your friends and family. 🐣 🐰 🌷

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 is 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>

RRLC Dance Festival 2025 - Tuesday 25th March 2025

On Tuesday 25th March, 15 Year 6 pupils attended the Dance Festival at Temple Meadow Primary School. They had an absolutely fantastic day learning new dance skills and performing their dance routine to lots of other schools in Sandwell!! The pupils also learnt how to dance hip hop to a song from Hamilton, contemporary to Wicked and they danced with bandanas to a song from Bob Marley the Musical. It was a fantastic day! We are extremely proud of our pupils; they were incredible. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Davies who helped perfect the dance performance and provided excellent props.



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 6th January 2025.

Week commencing	Winning class	Percentage
06.01.2025	Hermione	99.2%
13.01.2025	Sunflowers	97.9%
20.01.2025	Dumbledore	95%
27.01.2025	Elephants	98.5%
03.02.2025	Elephants	95.6%
10.02.2025	Lilies	92.7%
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24.02.2025	Hermione	98.6%
03.03.2025	Dobby	97.9%
10.03.2025	Hedwig	98%
17.03.2025	Dobby and Sunflower	97.9%
24.04.2025	Potter	98.3%
31.03.2025	Dobby	92.4%

Well done to DOBBY class who the best attendance for the greatest number of weeks throughout the spring term. They will celebrate this with a film and snack afternoon. 😊 Reddal Hill's attendance for spring term 2025 was **92.76%**. (National: 94.60% - 2023/2024). Unfortunately, we are 1.84% below the national percentage. This gap has **INCREASED** further since the autumn term. Please support Reddal Hill by ensuring your child/ children comes to school every day Thank you.

British Science Week

During week commencing 10th March, the pupils across the school took part in a range of fantastic investigations/ experiments to celebrate British Science Week. This event is entering its third decade in 2025, and the theme to mark the start of this new era is 'Change and adapt!' Look at an example of some great images of our investigations/ experiments below.



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 - May

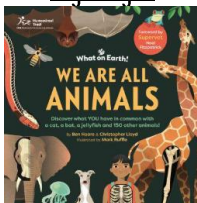
Please see below the following recommended book/s you can read with your child. For older children, your child could read this book to you. These books are age appropriate and provide key vocabulary that is important in supporting your child's developing language skills.

EYFS



Our Tree
by Jessica Meserve

Key Stage 1



We are All Animals
by Ben Hoare and
Christopher Lloyd

Key Stage 2



Under a Fire-Red Sky
by Geraldine
McCaughrean

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.

Wild Earth Movement Workshops

All the pupils across the school have taken part in the Wild Earth Movement Workshops which have been organised through the local charity, Wild Earth Movement by Mrs. Harrold. During the month of March, Year 5 had the pleasure of taking part in these workshops. The pupils created mobile collages of the Earth, with pledges on the back about how they plan to help protect our planet. They also made clay sculptures of their favourite things from nature. A HUGE thank you to Mrs. Harrold, for providing these excellent workshops for our pupils.



Please note: Hannah and her team organise a variety of wonderful, eco-friendly activities in the local area (many of which are free and perfect for children). For more information, check out 'Wild Earth Movement' on Facebook or Instagram.

Worcester Cathedral and Tudor House

On Thursday 3rd April, the pupils in Year 3 had an amazing day visiting Worcester Cathedral and the Tudor House Museum as part of their history topic on the Tudors. The pupils learnt about what it was like to live in Tudor England, dressed up in Tudor clothes and looked at Tudor toys. They also visited Worcester Cathedral and learned about how it was used in Tudor times. This experience was thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and pupils. The pupils behaviour was exemplary.



Thought for the Month

'Once in a while, you have to take a break, and visit yourself.' Anon

Enjoy the Easter break everyone.

Kind regards,

A. Bashir-Pugh

Mrs. A Bashir-Pugh

Headteacher

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