



Reddal Hill Primary School Parents / Carers' Newsletter November 2025



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WELCOME

Welcome to the November - Parents / Carers' Newsletter.

It has been a very busy time since the last newsletter; Year 4 took part in a SPARKES workshop, delivered by the West Midlands Fire Department, to think about fire safety. The children in Nursery have had a lot of visitors lately, for example, a nurse and a paramedic, as part of their topic 'Magical Me' whereby the children learn about 'People who Help Us.' Members of the Eco-Council met with SIPs Catering, to talk about the Farm to Fork Programme, Sustainability and Recycling, with Mrs. Davies, the school's Eco-Council Lead. All pupils have listened to a short videoclip, which was delivered by Alex Ballinger, the MP for Halesowen, as part of Parliament Week. Alex spoke about the role of MPs, how policies are discussed and passed, and how pupils could be involved in bringing about change in their local community. The pupils in Year 5 visited Frank Chapman for the day, as part of their Stone Age history topic and Year 6 pupils visited Bewdley Museum to learn about World War II. All pupils have taken part in Anti-Bullying Week, Road Safety Week and supported Child in Need by wearing either pyjamas or comfy clothing. This was organised by Mrs. Spence, the School Council Lead. All these activities can be seen on ClassDojo for your information.

We are all looking forward to December whereby there will be lots of lovely activities which are being planned as we speak.

Please note, the weather is getting colder so please remember to send your child into school with a warm coat, gloves and a hat. Please also take a few minutes to write your child's name in their school jumper/ cadigan, coat and PE clothes as this will help us relocate any lost property and save you buying new items. Thank you.

School Admissions

RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE 2026: If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 then it is time to register your child for a [reception school place](#) for September 2026. You will be able to apply online at www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions during the period of **Monday 15th September 2025** until the closing date of **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

(Non-Sandwell residents must contact their home local authority)

YEAR 7 SCHOOL PLACE 2026: Please note: The application process for Year 7 school places for September 2026 is **NOW CLOSED**. If you have not applied for a place for your child to you will now 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 is Monday 2nd March 2026.

If you require any support in applying for a school place, then please speak to Mrs. Begum, our Parents Support Advisor, who is more than happy to help.



The Royal British Legion

Thank you to all our awesome families who bought a range of items for Remembrance Day in November. Due to your HUGE generosity, the school raised an amazing **£384.98** which is **£114** more than last year for this year's Poppy Appeal. Unfortunately, we didn't raise the highest amount across all Sandwell schools, Temple Meadow won this accolade, however, we were runners up, in second place, which we are still very proud of. Maybe next year we can make this achievement. Thank you all for your continued support. I will share the letter received from the Royal British Legion, to thank you, on ClassDojo this evening, for your information.

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 3rd September 2025.

Week commencing	Winning class	Percentage
01.09.2025	Lilies and Elephants	100%
08.09.2025	Lilies	98%
15.09.2025	Hagrid	98.3%
22.09.2025	Hagrid	96.9%
29.09.2025	Dumbledore	98.2%
06.10.2025	Hermione	97.2%
13.10.2025	Potter	98.1%
20.10.2025	Dobby and Hagrid	96.9%
Half term		
03.11.2025	Dumbledore	99.2%
10.11.2025	Dumbledore	97.3%
17.11.2025	Hermione	97.2%

Dumbledore and Hagrid classes have had the best attendance so far this half term. Well done Dumbledore and Hagrid classes: I wonder who the winning class will be.

Reddal Hill's attendance for the autumn term 1 2025 was 93.22%. (National: 94.92% - 2024/2025) – unfortunately, we are currently **below** the National percentage. Please support Reddal Hill Primary School by ensuring that your child attends school every day and on time. Thank you.

Please see a message from Mrs. Rogers, the school's Attendance Champion:

Attendance and Punctuality Matter!

Attendance: Regular school attendance and punctuality are key to every child's success. When students attend school every day and arrive on time, they build strong learning habits, stay connected with their classmates, and make the most of each learning opportunity. As we enter the season of colds and flu, we understand that some absences are unavoidable—please visit the website via the following link [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) or our school website, for guidance on **when** to keep your child at home and tips for staying healthy.

Punctuality: We are still working to reduce lateness at Reddal Hill. Unfortunately, this week alone, we recorded **107 late marks**. Please help us to reduce this number. If a pupil arrives late, parents/ carers must sign their child/ren into school at the office, before they go to class. This can cause queues and further lateness. To avoid this, please ensure you arrive on time at 8:30am. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



This year, Mrs. Spence, the School Council Lead, organised our Children in Need Day. This took place on Friday 14th November, and the children and staff came to school wearing **PYJAMAS or COMFY CLOTHING**. Although we did not ask for any donations this year, if you would like to donate then please follow the link to the Children in Need website <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>. So far, the Children in Need charity has raised over £45 million. How awesome is that!



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

Dates for the diary



2025-2026

Autumn Term 2024:

Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 24th October 2025

Children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Half-term: Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026:

Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026

Half-term: Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2025:

Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Half-term: Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June 2025 - Monday 20th July 2026

Teacher Training Days 2025 - 2026:

Day 1 - Monday 1st September 2025

Day 2 - Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Day 3 - Monday 3rd November 2025

Day 4 - Friday 9th January 2026

Day 5 - Monday 20th July 2026

Books of the Month - December

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
 <p>Mullets by Nick Sharratt</p>	 <p>Flush it Down by Rob Flowers</p>	 <p>Wild Journey by A.M. Dassu</p>

Reading with your child

Lives can be so busy when your child/ children are at home, but finding just 5 or 10 minutes a day, to read with your child, can be hugely beneficial. Reading together stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. It is a fact that children, who have spent time sharing a book at home, on a regular basis, make the greatest progress. Try to support your child with reading at home. Thank you.

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

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 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.

A thank you message from Mrs. Begum, our new Parent Support Advisor:

I know that Mrs Bashir-Pugh introduced me in the last newsletter, but I thought I would take this opportunity to officially say Hello!!

Many of you will already be familiar with me as I have worked at Reddal Hill as a Learning Support Practitioner for a very long time, however, I am now Reddal Hill's new Parent Support Advisor. My message today is really to thank you all for the tremendous support, smiles, kind words, encouragement and congratulations that have been sent my way - I cannot express how much this has meant to me and I cannot thank everyone enough for this love and strength which has really helped in my first few days - thank you EVERYONE!!

I have already set a date for a coffee morning after the Christmas holiday, with some special guests who have a menu of free activities for families - so watch out for more information!!

Lastly, if you feel that there is anything that I may be able to help you with, then do come and find me and I will try my best to assist. I make it a priority to be visible on the playground but if I am not, then come and ask for me in the office or phone school. Thank you once again everyone - see you soon!!



ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

During the week commencing Monday 10th November, the pupils took part in Anti-Bullying week and World Kindness Day. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, the pupils wore 'Odd Socks' and took part in a range of activities during their PSHE session. The pupils were also encouraged to take part in an Anti-Bullying Poetry Competition; first prize is a £5 gift voucher. For World Kindness Day, the pupils in KS1 and KS2 watched a 30 minute live session which looked at kindness and how we can show kindness to others. It was a very thought-provoking and rewarding week for our pupils.



Thought for the Month



'We never know the love of a parent until we become parents ourselves.' Kerry Ward
Beeches

Kind regards,

A. Bashir-Pugh

Mrs. A. Bashir-Pugh
Headteacher

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