

FEBRUARY  
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# Redwood News



## WELCOME BACK

We hope you have all had a good half-term – we have provided some information about the weeks ahead; you can also find lots of useful information on the school website [www.redwoodprimary.com](http://www.redwoodprimary.com)

## SAFEGUARDING

We always want children to feel safe and happy at school and it is always great to hear your overwhelmingly positive feedback on this as part of our parent surveys and pupil voice activities. 99.7% of parents said their child felt safe at school in our most recent survey. Children know that they can talk to any staff member about any worries or concerns and understand that we are always here to listen and help. All classes have worry boxes if children want to talk about anything privately and there is an online worry box for older pupils on our school website.

“Speaking out and staying safe” is a key message of the NSPCC campaign for schools and all classes will be revisiting this again during the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> March. This will include assemblies, follow-up lessons and poster competitions throughout the week and you will see lots of this work on Class Dojo.

As part of our PSHE curriculum, we will continue to cover this important theme of seeking help and support if needed both in everyday life and in the digital world.



## SAFE HAVEN ZONE

As many of you will know, the Safe Haven Zone has been in place on Redwood Road for some time. This plays a significant part in reducing traffic outside of school at the busiest times of the day.

It is important to note that cameras are in operation and the local council will issue fines to anyone who drives through the restricted zone between the times of 8:15-9:00am and 2:30-3:30pm. Only those with exemptions issued by the council are allowed to enter at these times. School has no power to withdraw any fines sent out by DCC.

**Please show consideration for our neighbours if you do drive to school.** We hear regular reports of driveways being blocked and cars parking on pavements making it very difficult for those with pushchairs or wheelchairs. We have even heard of drivers being verbally abusive towards local residents (many of whom are elderly) when challenged about their parking. This is not acceptable and does not meet the high standards of behaviour we expect from our families.

**Residents should be able to access their property at all times so please park considerately.**

## BOOK WEEK

We will be taking part in lots of activities in school in the run up to World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. There will be lots of reading-related fun happening right from Nursery all the way up to Year 6, showing just how much we all love reading!

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character OR in their pyjamas for ‘Snuggle up and read’ day.

We will also be hosting the Travelling Book Fair from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. During this time, you are welcome to come and buy books from the Book Fair, which will be held in the junior hall, starting from 3:15 PM.

**Happy reading everyone!**

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last half term, School Council had an important meeting with our local MP Baggy Shanker where we learned all about his role in parliament. He gave us lots of ideas of how we can help in our local community and we are now busy planning for the future. We also loved presenting our certificates in Golden Book and we have our eyes peeled for the next group of children who will be receiving our awards for displaying our SHINE rules this half term.

Upcoming event: In order to make our school even better, we think it would be lovely to have some Buddy Benches on the playground to promote friendships and kindness. Therefore, we will be holding a fundraising event to raise enough money to be able to buy a Buddy Bench for each playground. Children will be able to **come to school in pyjamas for a £1 donation on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. There will also be some other fun activities/competitions on the day with prizes available, more details to follow. We are very excited and hope that this will be a great day.

### MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Across the school, we took part in many activities to recognise Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself', which was a great opportunity to celebrate what makes us special and how unique we all are. We did this by creating artwork to display all of our favourite things and we completed quizzes in class to share fun facts about ourselves. It was great to learn something new about each other. We also thought about what we might like to be in the future and considered our dream jobs. To finish off the week, we had a non-uniform day where we either wore our favourite outfit or dressed as our dream career. It was lovely to see everyone's chosen outfits!



### SHINE AWARD

Our SHINE award badge is given out to those pupils who follow our SHINE rules at all times and go that extra mile. **Abdul in 6J Eagles** is the latest recipient of this special award. He always shows kindness towards others, particularly our younger pupils, and demonstrates that **EVERYONE MATTERS** in our school. Well done Abdul!

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Being at school on time is really important for children to have a settled start to the day. **The gates open at 8:40am each morning and are closed at 8:55am. Arrivals after this are marked as late and anyone coming after 9:15am is marked as an unauthorised absence.**

Please can we also ask that parents avoid booking routine appointments during school time so that we can reduce the amount of lost learning time. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



### STAFF NEWS

At the end of this term, Mrs Greene will be retiring after several years as a teacher at Redwood. She is planning to spend more time with her grandchildren and we would like to wish her a very happy retirement. Mrs Kerrigan will be taking over in Flamingos class after Easter.

Mrs Cooper will also be retiring at Easter. She has worked as a Teaching Assistant here for over 20 years and will be very much missed by pupils, families and staff alike. We would like to wish her health and happiness for the future.

Congratulations also to Miss Clemson who has got engaged over the half-term break.

## TERM DATES 2025-2026

### Autumn term 2025 (72 days)

- Thursday 4 September 2025\* to Friday 24 October 2025\* (37 days)
- Monday 3 November 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025 (35 days)

### Spring term 2026 (55 days)

- Monday 5 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026 (30 days)
- Monday 23 February 2026 to Friday 27 March 2026 (25 days)

### Summer term 2026 (68 days)

- Monday 13 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026 (29 days)
- Monday 1 June 2026\* to Thursday 23 July 2026 (39 days)

### INSET Days:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 PGL weekend
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>INSET Day - School is closed to pupils</b>
w/b 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Week
5 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Travelling Book Fair in school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – children can come to school in pyjamas with their favourite book or dress up as their favourite book character
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day – more details to follow
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 performance
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children break up for Easter Non-uniform day to raise money for Buddy Benches</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

## Our Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please ask to speak to a member of our safeguarding team.



Mrs Dingle  
Designated  
Safeguarding  
Lead



Mrs Kinder  
Deputy  
Safeguarding  
Lead



Ms Nicholson  
Deputy  
Safeguarding  
Lead

If you have an urgent concern out of school hours, you can contact the safeguarding team by emailing [safeguarding@redwood.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@redwood.derby.sch.uk)

