

APRIL
2025

Redwood News



SUMMER TERM

We hope everyone has enjoyed the Easter break and is ready for the start of the summer 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

SAFEGUARDING

ONLINE SAFETY

Parents and carers will have no doubt seen the extensive coverage relating to the Netflix drama, Adolescence. Although this series relates to secondary-aged pupils, it raises important questions about young people's access to the internet and social media.

Online safety forms an important part of our curriculum at Redwood and we continually remind children about ways to stay safe online eg through PSHE lessons, assemblies etc. Pupils tell us they know how to keep themselves safe online and how to report abusive online behaviour.

However, we continue to be very concerned by the number of pupils who, despite knowing all about e-safety, are engaging in very inappropriate group chats on apps such as WhatsApp and Snapchat. We have been made aware of group chats including: bad language, sexualised content, mean/unkind comments, racist comments.

As parents/carers, it is **ESSENTIAL** that you regularly monitor your child's online activity and ensure there are appropriate controls on your child's device. Inappropriate group chats are NOT just part of the everyday digital world we live in – it is important that parents teach their children the appropriate ways to interact with others, both in real life and online.

We will always make parents aware when we know about unsafe online behaviour but the responsibility ultimately lies with families to ensure their child is safe when using phones and tablets outside of school.

If you need any support with online safety, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to help.

SPEAK OUT, STAY SAFE

All children have taken part in lessons related to the NSPCC campaign to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe'. This encourages pupils to talk about any concerns they have, either about themselves or others. Children have designed posters to help get this important message across and these will be displayed around school and in classrooms. We are always here to listen and pupils can speak to anyone in school about any worries, including our Pastoral Team based in The Nest and our Safeguarding Team.

Our Safeguarding Team

This is our safeguarding team who help to keep everyone safe and happy in our school.



Mrs Dingle
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Kinder
Deputy
Safeguarding
Lead



Ms Nicholson
Deputy
Safeguarding
Lead

If you have any worries or concerns, you can talk to any adult in school or use the worry box in your class. You can also talk to our Safeguarding Team who will always be happy to help.



VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Thursday 8th May, we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War 2 by hosting a whole school street party on the junior playground from 2pm. Families are welcome to come along to share in our afternoon of celebrations. Children can wear red, white or blue on this day. We kindly ask for donations of crisps and small cakes/biscuits for the street party which can be sent into school with your child on the day. We will be having a singalong and waving our Union Jack flags so come along and join in the fun!



CANCER RESEARCH UK

Cancer Research UK is a charity which is very close to our hearts as a school and one which we always try to support to help raise money for research into this illness. Once again, a team of staff will be running the Pretty Muddy 5k at Markeaton Park on June 7th. Any donations to our team efforts are much appreciated.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/redwood-2025-team-1>

Many thanks for your support.



IMPORTANT – WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that we have a small number of children in school with nut allergies so it is crucial we work together to ensure no child brings any nut products into school. Even minor traces of nut oils can cause dangerous allergic reactions in those with nut allergies.

Please help us by not sending in any foods containing nuts for snacks, lunch boxes or birthday treats. This includes items such as Nutella in sandwiches.

STAFF NEWS

As some of you already know, Mr Bullock will not be returning to Redwood due to personal reasons. Please be reassured that both Mr Bullock and his family are well as we know there has been some concern. He wanted to pass on how much he will miss the pupils and their families and we wish him lots of luck for the future.

Mrs Wood will be continuing in Toucans class until the end of the year and they will now be known as 3W.

Following Mrs Greene's retirement at the end of the Spring term, Mrs Kerrigan has taken over full-time in Flamingos class who are now known as 3K.



SCHOOL COUNCIL



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School Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated on PJ day – together, we raised an incredible **£560!** This amazing amount will go towards purchasing **Buddy Benches** for our playgrounds.

The School Council is thrilled and can't wait for these benches to arrive. They'll be a wonderful addition to our school, helping to promote **friendship, kindness**, and a welcoming space for everyone during playtimes. Your generosity is truly appreciated – thank you for helping make our school an even better place!

SCHOOL DINNERS

From Tuesday 22nd April, the price of school dinners has increased to **£2.65 per day** for pupils in Key Stage 2 who are not entitled to free school meals. In addition, there is a new menu starting this week which can be found on our school website by following the link [School Dinner Menu](#) We now have two sandwich choices available every day (except Monday) with a cheese option on offer in addition to the current menu.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
w/c 28 th April	The Big Walk and Wheel – children are encouraged to ride a bike/scooter to school or walk
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day celebrations
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Y6 SATs week
Friday 23 rd May	Y6 visit to London
	Children break up for half-term
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
w/c 2 nd June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Checks start
w/c 9 th June	Y1/2 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 23rd June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 25 th June	Summer Fair
w/c 30 th June	Transition week
Friday 4 th July	School Council visit to Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 8 th July	KS1 Sports Day
Wednesday 9 th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day
Thursday 10 th July	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 16 th July	Y2 performance
Thursday 17 th July	Y6 performance
Tuesday 22 nd July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 23 rd July	Y6 Achievement Assembly
Thursday 24th July	Last day of term

Please note that year group/class events will be on individual newsletters and Class Dojo pages.