

JUNE
2025

Redwood News



SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

We hope you have all had a good half-term and enjoyed time with friends and family. We have provided some information about the weeks ahead; you can also find lots of useful information on the school website www.redwoodprimary.com

SUMMER FAIR

We are really looking forward to our Summer Fair, which is taking place **on Wednesday 25th June starting at 3.30pm**. The fun activities include a bouncy castle, glitter painting, soak the teacher, balloons, welly-wanging, tombolas and adopt a pet plus lots to eat and drink (cakes, sweets, samosas, ice-cream, BBQ). We are also asking parents and carers to support in the following ways:

- **Raffle** – please try and sell the raffle tickets which have been sent home to you and return the completed ticket stubs along with the money. More tickets can be collected from the office if you are able to sell more. Please remember that adults should sell the tickets rather than children.
- **Non-uniform day on Tuesday 24th June** – children can come in non-uniform in exchange for a bottle (bottle of sauce, squash, pop, wine, shampoo, shower gel etc) **OR** some chocolate (box, bag or bars) **OR** cake (a few small cakes or one large cake) on that day.
- **Cakes and samosas** - these always sell well and very quickly. If you could donate any cakes or samosas please send them in on the morning of the fair.
- **Toys** – we will be having a Toy Stall this year. Please send in any new or good as new toys and games to the Nursery.
- **Adopt a Pet** - Please send in any new or good as new cuddly toys (especially cuddly animals) to be included on our Adopt a Pet stall as soon as possible.

Finally, we would really appreciate any volunteers to help with the Summer Fair. If you can spare some time to help on the day, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week, School Council have delivered assemblies to both the Infants and the Juniors to tell the children all about the new 'Buddy Benches' which have been bought with the money raised from a recent non-uniform day. They explained how the benches will work and how to help any of their peers who use them by starting conversations and asking questions.

In a few weeks, our School Council are also going on a very exciting adventure! They have been working really hard with the support of Mrs Sahota to represent the views of pupils at Redwood and making sure their voices are heard. Now they have been invited to the Houses of Parliament in London to see how democracy works on a national level. They will get to go inside the House of Commons and even sit on the famous green seats! You never know...we may have a future MP or Prime Minister on our School Council!



SAFEGUARDING - MOBILE PHONES

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the numbers of primary-aged pupils owning mobile phones, despite the growing body of research outlining the detrimental impact these devices have on mental health, quality of sleep, concentration levels etc. In an ideal world, it would be great if children were not introduced to smartphones until they were in secondary school and there wasn't such peer pressure to own a phone. See <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/> for more information about a national project to limit children's access to mobile phones.

As a school, we are realistic and know that some parents take some reassurance from their older child having a way of contacting them if they are walking home alone or with friends. The following rules apply with regards to mobile phones in our school:

- Pupils in Y4 and below **MUST NOT** bring a mobile phone to school in any circumstances.
- **If your Y5/6 child is not walking home alone, there is no reason to bring their phone to school and they MUST be left at home.**
- If Y5/6 pupils do bring a phone, it **MUST** be handed in, switched off, to the class teacher first thing in the morning and collected by the child at home time.
- Any phones brought into school by pupils will be placed in a secure location eg lockable drawer. **Phones MUST NOT be stored in pupils' bags.**
- If a pupil is found to have a phone which has not been handed in, this will be confiscated and will need to be collected by the parent.
- Any pupil using a mobile phone during the school day may face sanctions in line with our Positive Behaviour and Relationships Policy. This could include suspension depending on the nature of the phone use.

If you have any concerns regarding the use of mobile phones, please do speak to a member of 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.





TRANSITION WEEK

Parents will be notified about their child's new class for September on Friday 27th June. During the week beginning 30th June, children will get the chance to spend some time in their new classes. This will coincide with Y6 visiting their new secondary schools. These schools will notify parents directly about the arrangements for transition days.

UNIFORM

A polite reminder about some of our uniform rules:

- Black school shoes/black trainers should be worn. KS2 pupils only can wear trainers on PE days.
- Jewellery is not permitted at school apart from a watch (not a smartwatch) and stud earrings. Religious bangles can be worn.
- Brightly coloured hair is not permitted and hairstyles should be smart and moderate.
- False nails, nail varnish and make up (including items such as false eyelashes) are not permitted.

Any pupil found to be wearing other items of jewellery or make up will be asked to remove them. Our uniform policy can be found on our school website if you require further information about this.

RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION

During the summer term, classes in Y1-Y6 cover the Relationship and Sex Education aspect of our PSHE curriculum using our Jigsaw scheme of work. This is focused on healthy relationships and links to our Science work on changes in the human body. For our younger pupils, this includes using the scientific names for parts of the body and looking at how we have changed from being babies. For pupils in Y5 and Y6, this includes information about changes during puberty and scientific information about reproduction.

It is important that children understand the changes which happen as part of growing up (at an age-appropriate level) but we know that these units of work can often lead to questions at home. There is lots more information about our RSE curriculum on our school website (<https://www.redwoodprimary.com/relationship-and-sex-education-guidance>) Class teachers will be happy to discuss this further with you if needed and share the materials which will be used during these lessons. More information can also be found on year group newsletters.



STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Tidbury who got married over the half-term break! She will now be known as Mrs Steadman.

In other news, both Mrs Adams and Mrs Bennett will be returning from maternity leave over the next few weeks. They will be in school making preparations for September - it will be great to have them both back!



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 4th September 2025 and Friday 5th September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 2nd March 2026

Monday 1st June 2026





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. **Grayson in 5T Swans** is the latest recipient of this special award. Grayson was chosen for the way he always champions others, helping them to be the best version of themselves. Well done Grayson!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
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
Friday 20 th June	Y4 Sleepover
Monday 23rd June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 24 th June	Non-uniform day for Summer Fair
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
Friday 11 th July	End of year reports sent out
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	Term ends for all pupils
Thursday 4th September	INSET DAY
Friday 5th September	INSET DAY
Monday 8th September	Children return to school