

APRIL
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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

INCLUSION MARK

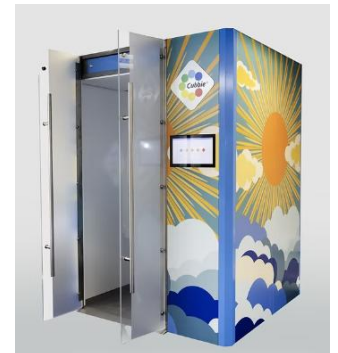


We are pleased to share that our school will be undergoing reassessment for the IQM Inclusion Mark at the end of April. This is an important opportunity to reflect on, evaluate and celebrate the inclusive practices we have developed to support all pupils across the school. The Inclusion Mark recognises schools that demonstrate a strong commitment to inclusion, ensuring that every child—regardless of their needs, background, or abilities—feels valued, supported and able to achieve their full potential. As part of the reassessment process, an external assessor will review our provision, meet with staff and pupils and look closely at how we support a wide range of needs within our school community.

We are incredibly proud of the work our staff do each day to create a nurturing, inclusive environment where every child can thrive. The reassessment also provides us with a valuable opportunity to identify further ways to strengthen our practice and continue improving outcomes for all learners.

As part of our continued focus on inclusion, we recently applied for a grant for a “Cubbie” – this is a calm and supportive space designed to help children with emotional regulation. The Cubbie provides a quiet area where pupils can take time to pause, reflect and manage their feelings when they may be finding things challenging.

Our application was successful and we have recently had our very own Cubbie installed! We look forward to sharing how this is being used in the coming weeks and months.



Parent Teacher Association

Following an appeal on Class Dojo, our newly formed Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has already held its first meetings and is off to a fantastic start. A group of enthusiastic parents and staff have come together with lots of great ideas and a shared commitment to supporting our school community.

The PTA is now busy planning a range of fun events and activities for pupils and families to enjoy throughout the year. These events will help raise valuable funds to support school projects and provide additional opportunities for our children.

The first event will be a Movie Night for pupils in Years 4-6 on 18th May.

More details will be shared soon via Class Dojo.

Further events will follow and we hope many of you will get involved and support the PTA!



FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

This term, we are able to offer a free Breakfast Club for all pupils, available every school day from 8:15am in the Junior Hall. This is a great opportunity for children to start the day with a healthy breakfast in a calm and friendly environment, helping them feel ready to learn.

This provision is part of the national government rollout to support families and ensure all children have access to a positive start to the school day.

There is no need to book—children can simply arrive and join us. We look forward to welcoming everyone!



SUPPORT FROM THE NEST

The Pastoral team would like to extend their heartfelt thanks for your very generous donations to our food bank recently. Whether you were able to send in one tin or bags of shopping, your kindness is very much appreciated and we were able to help dozens of families over the Easter holidays.

If you need any help from the Pastoral Team with food parcels, please do contact them either in person or via Class Dojo. Any requests for help will be dealt with sensitively and in confidence. The Pastoral Team are also able to provide support with school uniform should you need this.

We are continuing to work closely with local community groups such as Sinfin Moor Church to explore further ways of support our families during these difficult times. If you know anyone who may be able to help, please get in touch.

STAFF NEWS

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to Mr de Sousa, our site manager, who left to take up a position in a secondary school. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new site manager, Mr Page. He has joined us this week and he is looking forward to getting to know our pupils and their families.

We would also like to send get well wishes to Mrs Coppen, Miss Otter and Mrs McNeill who have had routine medical procedures recently and are recovering at home. We hope they get lots of rest and we look forward to seeing them again soon.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council were very busy last half term analysing the results from our whole-school online survey. After carefully reviewing everyone's responses, we have compiled a list of games for each class based on the children's choices. We are really looking forward to going shopping this half term, where we will spend the money raised on new equipment to improve our indoor playtimes for everyone. This work is particularly important as it links closely to our British value of democracy, ensuring that every pupil has a voice and that decisions are made fairly, reflecting the opinions of the whole school community.

During our most recent meeting, we discussed a number of suggestions from our suggestion box. The School Council are now busy planning the next steps to help meet the requests of children across the school.

We are excited to continue making positive changes and improving our fantastic school even further.



SCHOOL DINNERS

From Monday 13th April, the price of school dinners has increased to **£2.76 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.

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.



TERM DATES 2026-2027

Autumn term (71 days)

- Friday 4 September 2026 to Friday 23 October 2026 (36 days)
- Monday 2 November 2026 to Friday 18 December 2026 (35 days)

Spring term (54 days)

- Monday 4 January 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027 (30 days)
- Monday 22 February 2027 to Thursday 25 March 2027 (24 days)

Summer term (70 days)

- Monday 12 April 2027 to Friday 28 May 2027 (34 days)
- Monday 7 June 2027 to Monday 26 July 2027 (36 days)

INSET Days will be on:

Friday 4th September 2026
Friday 27th November 2026
Monday 22nd Feb 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Monday 26th July 2027



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Monday 13th April	Children return to school
Friday 1 st May	Dream Fest (Y4/5 group performing at Derby Theatre)
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May – Friday 8 th May	Reception farm trips
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Y6 SATs week
Monday 18 th May	PTA Movie Night – Y4-6
Friday 22 nd May	Y6 visit to London
	Children break up for half-term
Monday 1st June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2nd June	Children return to school
w/c 2 nd June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Checks start
w/c 8 th June	Y1/2 Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 24 th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 30 th June	KS1 Sports Day (Y1/2)
Wednesday 1 st July	Foundation Stage Sports Day
Thursday 2 nd July	KS2 Sports Day (Y3-6)
w/c 6 th July	Transition week
Wednesday 15 th July	Y2 performance
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 performance
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 22 nd July	Y6 Achievement Assembly
Thursday 23rd July	Last day of term

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