

JUNE
2026

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 24th 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 Monday 22nd 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 (shop bought items only) on that day.
- **Cakes and samosas** - these always sell well and very quickly. If you could donate any home-made 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

It has been a busy and successful year for the School Council. We have taken part in many important activities including leading assemblies, fundraising, shopping for new playtime games and interviewing potential candidates. We have worked hard throughout the year and are very proud of what we have achieved. We are also looking forward to presenting our work and achievements to the governors in a few weeks' time.

Some of our highlights have included visiting local care homes to deliver Christmas cards and carrying out online school surveys to make sure everyone's voice is heard. These experiences have helped us make a positive difference to our school and wider community. Thank you to all School Council members for their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work this year. We can't wait to see who will be part of the School Council next year and continue our work to make our school even better.



SAFEGUARDING – DANGERS OF OPEN WATER

Following the recent half-term break, many families will have seen the heartbreaking news reports of several children and teenagers who sadly lost their lives in open water incidents across the UK during the recent spell of hot weather. These tragedies are a stark reminder of how dangerous rivers, lakes, reservoirs, canals and ponds can be, even on warm, sunny days.

While open water may look inviting, the water is often much colder than expected. Sudden cold-water shock can affect breathing and movement within seconds, making it difficult even for confident swimmers to stay safe. Hidden currents, deep mud, underwater obstacles and steep drop-offs can also present serious risks.

We ask all families to talk to their children about staying safe around water and to remind them never to enter open water without appropriate supervision. Children should only swim in designated, supervised areas and should never jump into unknown water.

If someone gets into difficulty, children should be reminded not to enter the water themselves. Instead, they should call 999, ask for the appropriate emergency service, and, where possible, encourage the person to float on their back until help arrives. Water safety experts recommend the “Float to Live” approach if someone unexpectedly finds themselves in trouble in the water.

By having these important conversations at home, we can work together to help keep all children safe this summer.

PTA NEWS

The PTA has had a fantastic start to the year, with two successful movie events that were very well attended and enjoyed by the children. The PTA have already raised over £900 for school. Looking ahead, our next event will be a Reception Disco.

The PTA is always keen to welcome new members and fresh ideas. If any parents would like to get involved, support events, or find out more about what we do, please let the school office know.

We look forward to sharing more updates and upcoming events with everyone throughout the year.

Join the PTA!



TRANSITION WEEK

Parents will be notified about their child's new class for September on Friday 3rd July. During the week beginning 6th July, 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. We are aware that those attending John Port Spencer Academy from September have visits the week before Derby City secondary schools but pupils will be back in school in time for Sports Day.

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.

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

Mrs Kerrigan will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this week. We wish her lots of luck with her new arrival.

In other news, Mrs Clark has now been appointed as the permanent Deputy Head. She will continue as SENDCO with the support of Mrs Kirk (Nursery) as Deputy SENDCO. Miss Kirk (Y2) will be leaving us at the end of this term as she is relocating to Sheffield. We wish her lots of luck for the future. We are pleased to share that Miss Pelling has been appointed as a new teacher for September.

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 1st June	INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd June	Children return to school
2 nd June onwards	Y4 Multiplication Tables Checks start
w/c 8 th June	Y1/2 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 22 nd June	Non-uniform day for Summer Fair
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y5 musical performance
Wednesday 24 th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 30 th June	KS1 Sports Day (Y1-2)
Wednesday 1 st July	Foundation Stage Sports Day (Nursery and FS2)
Thursday 2 nd July	KS2 Sports Day (Y3-6)
w/c 6 th July	Transition week
Friday 10 th July	End of year reports sent out
Wednesday 15 th July	Y2 performance
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 performance SEND celebration event 2:30pm
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 22 nd July	Y6 Achievement Assembly
Thursday 23rd July	Term ends for all pupils
Friday 4th September	INSET DAY
Monday 7th September	Children return to school