

# Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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## Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

During the summer term we had a period of consultation with our staff, governors and families to consider our vision which I am now proud to share with you. A sense of nurture and compassion and desire for all children to succeed shone through many of the responses we received and from these sentiments, we have written our new vision for all.

Whilst, as a Church of England federation, we root our vision in theology, I hope that whatever your beliefs, you are able to recognise the work we do in school in these words:

Love, Learn, Live

Love is at the centre of our federation with the importance of developing the whole child at the heart of all we do.

As a nurturing, inclusive community we enable and engage all to grow, flourish and succeed; discovering a love for one another, for learning and for life.

We seek to inspire ambition, courage and respect to give our children the skills they will need to live in a diverse and ever- changing world now and in the future.

Love your neighbour as yourself. Mark 12:31; God is Love 1 John 4:8

Our vision is then underpinned and lived out through our four values: Courage, Compassion, Resilience and Respect. These have not changed and the children are very familiar with them. Our values also underpin our behaviour code and are used to encourage our children to develop positive learning and social behaviours.

At the start of our new school year, we spent valuable time with the children thinking about the new routines, new learning in our new year groups and the new children in our school and classes. Our values truly helped all of us, children and staff to manage this period of change and come to this point in the term feeling like it has always been this way. Like every other term, this term has flown by and so much has been achieved. We can't wait to share these achievements with you during our upcoming parents evenings at the start of next term.

For now though, I wish you all a happy and restful (where it can be) half term break.

With kindest regards

Natalie Frey

## Robin Class



Robins have had a busy and fun-filled half term. I am so proud of how they have all settled back into school and the routines!

Reception have transitioned so well into our school, much supported by our pre-school sessions that we ran from last November. The children have enjoyed learning through texts to explore the question 'What makes me...me?' They have sequenced stories (Julian is a Mermaid), made lions manes (The Lion Inside) and made a swamp in the outdoor area (Croc and Bird), as well as so much more!

Years 1 and 2 have enjoyed exploring acrostic poems linked with the story Bottled. We talked about a range of emotions and even made our own feelings jar! More recently, we have been reading 'The Story Machine' and enjoyed creating our own! We are looking forward to writing our own adventure narrative.

The children enjoyed having a workshop with Drama Queens, learning a dance to 'I can sing a Rainbow'. In PE, they have been practicing a range of ball skills, as well as navigating space and obstacles safely. In music, we have been learning the song 'Hey You!' and look forward to performing it this week to the Kingfishers. In History, we have enjoyed exploring how toys have changed over time. Thank you to everyone that was able to bring an old toy in to share. It was great for the children to see first-hand how much some toys have changed and the different materials that were used.

I hope you all have a well deserved break and look forward to seeing you all after half term!

Miss Marfell











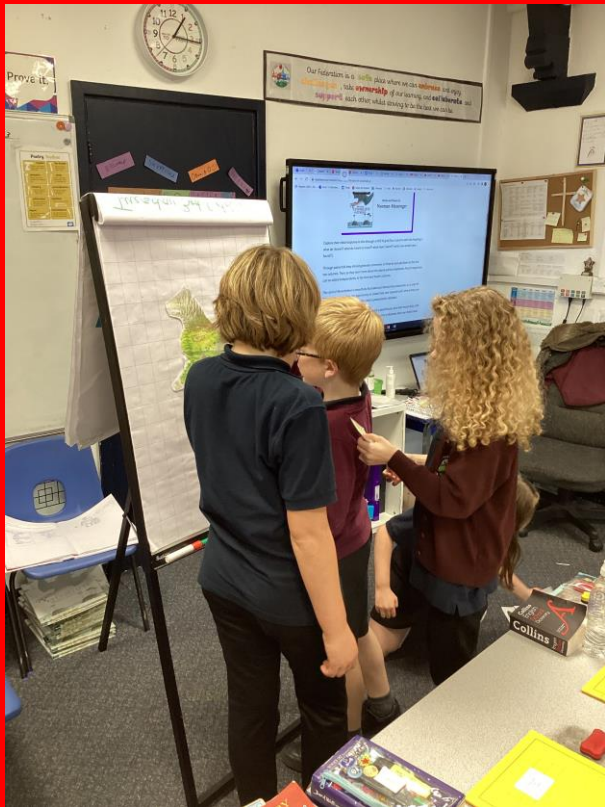
## Kingfisher Class













It's been a busy yet brilliant start to the year in Kingfishers. It's been a pleasure welcoming the children back into the classroom and they have embraced the changes and challenges with smiles and a positive attitude. Well done, Kingfishers!

This half term we've introduced new expectations, such as monitors, weekly spellings and reading records, as well as using Seesaw to share the children's learning. Thank you for your likes and comments. If you're unable to access Seesaw, please let myself or Miss Taylor know.

During the first few weeks we focused on engaging in a range of settling in activities, developing the children's emotional vocabulary and working on team building skills and co-operation. As the

half term has progressed, the children have continued to work hard across the curriculum. In English we have looked at poetry, specifically acrostic poems, and more recently non-chronological reports inspired by 'The Land of Neverbelieve'. The children's Harvest acrostic poems were a lovely addition to the Harvest Festival, alongside their wonderful singing and performing - Dingle Dangle Scarecrow is one of my favourites!

In other areas, the children have learnt about properties of materials and shadows in Science, E-safety in Computing, Mozart and musical composition during Music and charcoal drawings in Art (to name a few other areas of the curriculum)!

It has been a wonderful start to the year and I look forward to the next half term. A few reminders; Next half term we'll be starting swimming from Tuesday 7th November. We'll also be having parents evening, as well as some lovely Christmas activities including a trip to the pantomime, our Christingle service and our Christmas Carol Concert.

The children deserve a well-earned rest, ready for another busy half term!

Miss Chambers

## **Book Day**

Sharing books together







One of our pupils recently met Julia Donaldson ('The Snail and the Whale' among many others!) at the Monmouth Savoy Theatre.







## Help Publicise Redbrook School Open Morning

Redbrook Church of England Primary School is having an **OPEN MORNING** on Thursday 9th November 2023, 9.30-11.30am, for children due to start school in September 2024

If you know anyone who may be interested, please do let them know, we still have slots available.

Please ask people to contact us to arrange an appointment: call us on

01600 713501

or email

[admin@redbrook.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@redbrook.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Pig Race Fri Nov 17th 5.30pm-8.30pm

We are holding a family fund-raising pig race on the evening of Fri Nov 17th in Redbrook Village Hall from 5.30 to 8.30pm to raise money towards next years Malvern event. Please do attend, and encourage friends to come too! We have sent forms home, please book your places now!

# Family Pig Race Night

In order to help to cover our costs for the schools Malvern Garden competition and to be able to take children to and from the showground during the festival, we are holding a family fund raising pig race.

Amy Swinehouse

Sponsor and name your own pig for £5 for a chance to win a prize! The "piggier" the better!

Harry Trotter

Choice of main meal to enjoy before the racing starts with dessert at the interval.

You can come along and bet on a pig for each of the 6 races (50p per pig per race) if your chosen pig wins you will receive a share of the winnings.

**Redbrook Village Hall**  
**Friday 17th November**  
**5:30-8:30**

**Thank yous**



Many thanks to Mark Bick at St Saviours Church, for all his help enabling us to move our school lunches over to the church: he has sourced tables, chairs and financial support.

Thank you also to The Redbrook Village Trust who very kindly donated £228.10 to Redbrook School to enable us to buy two tables to add to those already sourced.

All our pupils can now eat lunch together in the church. It has greatly improved our lunchtime experience, having all the children eat together and away from the classrooms. Many thanks!

Thank you to Sarah Lynch, who is stepping down after being a Parent Governor since 2021. Many thanks for your support and hard work on behalf of the Federation.



*1 - The Forest Foodbank*

Thank you to everyone who brought food for our harvest festival, this has been collected by the Forest Foodbank who were very grateful.

Thank you also to Louise Cobb who brought some gorgeous apples for us all to eat - they are DELICIOUS!



## Dates for your diaries

Please check letters home for more details about events. Dates may change.

- Friday 27/10/23 - Music Workshop for Kingfishers, children only
- Friday 27/10/23 - Last day of term
- Monday 6/11/23 - First day of term
- Tuesday 7/11/23 - Kingfisher Swimming

- Wednesday 8/11/23 - Year 6 and Reception Health Screening
- Thursday 9/11/23 - Prospective Parent tours
- Tuesday 14/11/23 - Kingfisher Swimming
- Tuesday 14/11/23 - Parents Evening
- Thursday 16/11/23 - Parents Evening
- Friday 17/11/23 - Robins Panto trip
- Friday 17/11/23 - Pig Race - 5.30pm-8.30pm – fundraiser for Malvern Show - Village Hall
- Tuesday 21/11/23 - Kingfisher Swimming
- Tuesday 21/11/23 - School Photos - individuals and siblings
- Monday 27/11/23 - Phonics Morning - R and year 1 – Parents invited to attend, 9-9.30am
- Tuesday 28/11/23 - Kingfisher Swimming
- Thursday 30/11/23 - Reading morning - Years 2-6 – parents invited to attend, 9am-9.30am
- Tuesday 5/12/23 - Kingfisher Swimming
- Friday 8/12/23 - Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
- Tuesday 12/12/23 - Kingfisher Swimming
- Thursday 14/12/23 - Carol Concert (all years)
- Friday 15/12/23 - Kingfisher Panto Trip
- Tuesday 19/12/23 - Kingfisher Swimming
- Thursday 21/12/23 - Christingle - Redbrook Church 2-2.30pm, children to go home at end
- Thursday 21/12/23 - Last day of term
- Friday 22/12/23 - INSET
- Monday 8/1/24 - First day of term

We update key dates on our website ([www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk](http://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk)), please check there and in your emails for notifications.

## Term Dates 2023-2024

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER								
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27
Tues		5	12	19	26	Tues		3	10	17	24	31	Tues		7	14	21	28
Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thur		7	14	21	28	Thur		5	12	19	26		Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	3	10	17	24		Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun	5	12	19	26	

DECEMBER						JANUARY						FEBRUARY					
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26
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Sun	3	10	17	24	31	Sun	7	14	21	28	Sun	4	11	18	25		

MARCH						APRIL						MAY					
Mon		4	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon		6	13	20	27
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JUNE						JULY						AUGUST					
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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	