



Redbrook C of E Primary Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

As we head into half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the great start we've had to the school year. Our children have settled back into their routines wonderfully, and it has been super to see their enthusiasm for learning.

As ever, our teachers have been hard at work implementing a curriculum designed to engage and inspire our children. In English, we have continued to foster a love for reading and storytelling through the use of our new scheme Literacy Tree. In mathematics, we've focused on building strong foundational skills that will support our students in future learning. Science lessons this term have been especially exciting, with hands-on experiments planned for all year groups. We encourage you to engage in discussions at home about what they are learning—curiosity is a powerful tool!

During the second week back, we have our autumn term parents' evenings, these are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and we look forward to welcoming you all into school. Please do contact the office if you still need to make an appointment.

Your involvement in our school community has been as strong as ever this term. We have welcomed parents and community volunteers into school to support us with reading and our Open the Book worships. We are also thrilled that FORS continues to be a rich source of fundraising and events and they have much planned for after the holidays to look forward to. Thank you to all who give their time to support us in school, we are hugely grateful of your time and help.

The autumn term also brings about many new policies and I wrote to you in conjunction with the local authority a few weeks ago about our attendance policy. Attendance is much improved compared to this time last year and we thank you for your support in this.

There are also a number of other new policies available for you to read on our website including our safeguarding and behaviour policies. If you would prefer paper copies of any of these documents, please do not hesitate to contact the office who will be happy to print these off for you.

Finally, I want to wish you all a wonderful autumn break and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November.

With love

Natalie Frey

Robin Class





What a fun & busy half term we've had in Robins! The children were so excited to explore our new English texts - 'Billy and the Beast' by Nadia Shireen and 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett. The year 1s were so excited to write their first 'proper' story, and just this week have been busy writing information leaflets about Wolves, to share with the Kingfishers! All the children have had great fun finding out facts and rumours about wolves. Some even chose to make up their own rumour, such as 'wolves drink coca cola', which of course, they found hilarious!

In maths, year 2s have been adding and subtracting numbers within 100, while year 1 have enjoyed exploring numbers within 20 and writing 'fact families'. They have liked using part whole models to represent numbers, as well as using a number line to explore fewer than and greater than. Reception

have been busy representing patterns and counting up to 5 with 1-1 correspondence. The children love Numbots and TTRS, which is building on those important number patterns, as well as mastering number sessions with Miss Taylor.

In our wider curriculum, the children have enjoyed learning about holidays in the past, as part of our learning of history. They listened intently to the other children share their own holiday experiences, complete with photos or special things from their trip. In music, we have been busy finding the 'pulse' to pieces of music, composing our own melodies using the Glockenspiels and performing our songs to staff and the Kingfishers! Taekwondo has been a great hit with the children who join us on a Monday, a fantastic enrichment session for them to learn new skills.

Our pre-school sessions will be restarting after half term, for children due to start school with us next September. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please do let them know about us & get in touch with the school office for more information or to book a place.

We hope you have a lovely half term break, and look forward to another fun & busy half term, leading up to Christmas!

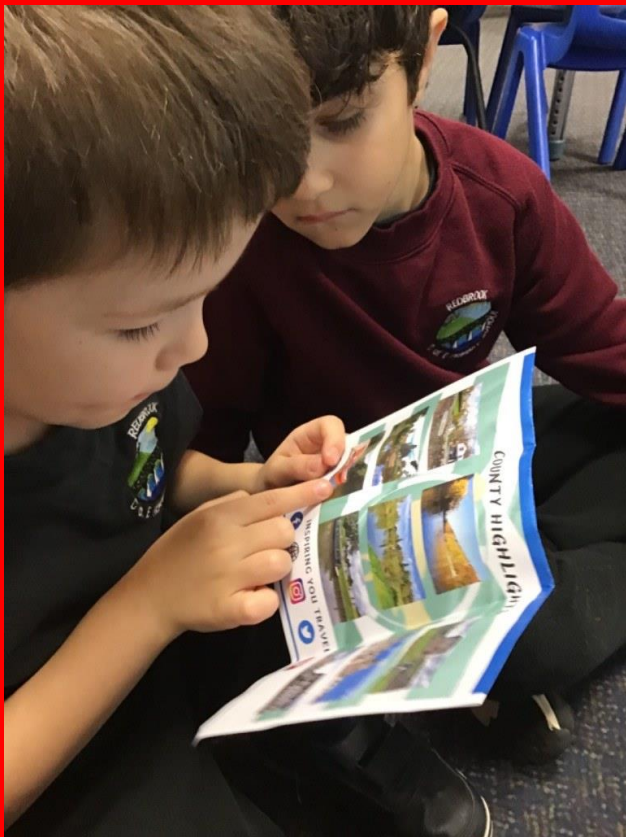
Miss Marfell













Kingfisher Class



The children have had a wonderful return to school and such a positive start to the new academic year. A particularly warm welcome to our new Year 3 students who have done a wonderful job adjusting to the Kingfisher classroom.

We have hit the ground running across the curriculum and had a very busy half term of learning! The children have loved our guided reading and English texts. Thank you so much to those of you for providing them. It's wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic with their reading and writing. 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' was a huge success and we're currently finishing off 'Viking Voyagers' and 'Odd and the Frost Giants'. Keep an eye on Seesaw for next half term's books.

Our reading raffle is continuing this year. A BIG thank you to FORS for providing the amazing book prizes. Don't forget to sign and send in your child's reading record each week – three signatures equals a raffle ticket in the draw! Let's build a love of books together!

In maths, we've introduced a new scheme; White Rose Maths. With this, we've also introduced weekly arithmetic practice to keep on top of those essential arithmetic skills; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We continue to use TTRS to help with times tables practice.

The children's progress and passion has been seen throughout the curriculum. Highlights include beautiful art work in RE to represent the Trinity, learning about prehistoric times including the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, developing their confidence with speaking in French and a new found love for bingo!

Homework projects for the half term holidays up until Christmas, have been posted on Seesaw. There are a range of activities to extend, explore and further engage with our topics. Homework projects will be posted before every holiday.

I wish you all a fabulous half term break ready for the countdown to Christmas and another busy half term of learning! Keep an eye out for details about the pantomime and Christingle service and don't forget to grab a slot for parents evening.

All the best,

Miss Chambers









Reading News



Reading Raffle

At Redbrook, we love books and reading! To encourage reading at home, we hold a termly Reading Raffle at the end of each term. This year we are super excited about our Reading Raffles as we have the most wonderful mix of books for the winners to choose from. A huge thank you to our FORS who have kindly funded our raffle books, as well as to the wonderful staff at the Chepstow Books and Gifts who helped put together the selection.

And just as a reminder -every child has an opportunity to earn a raffle ticket every week of the term which will then enter the raffle at the end of the term. But, the children need your help! The reading has to be done at home with an adult who writes a short log into the child's reading record. Three logs a week earns a raffle ticket. The reading records are checked every Thursday.

Curry Night Saturday November 9th

Please do come to the Curry Night taking place at the village hall on Saturday November 9th, 7pm for 7.30pm. Curry Nights are great fun, the food is delicious and there are games and a raffle with some splendid prizes.


To book please email LOUISE WILLIAMS at:

louisewilliams42@googlemail.com

**POP-UP
CURRY NIGHT**

Raising vital funds for Redbrook C of E
Primary School

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**Redbrook Village Hall
7pm for 7:30pm**

In support of Redbrook C of E Primary School.
£17.50 per person for a 3 course meal (vegetarian
option available)
Bar, raffle and quiz games.

Limited tickets, so be quick!

EMAIL LOUISE WILLIAMS TO BOOK
louisewilliams42@googlemail.com

Malvern Spring Festival Garden Competition



The theme for Malvern this year is 'Around the World - Using a City or a Country as Inspiration' and the Federation have voted for Hawaii. We will begin to take ideas from the children and they have been invited to submit designs which will inform the final plan.

Keep an eye out for more updates throughout the year.

Thank you!

Thank you very much to our two parent volunteers who are doing sterling work reading with our children. Thank you Sarah Lynch and Katalin Debulay-Gavand!

Forest Foodbank Harvest Thank you!



We had a splendid Harvest Celebration and had a table positively groaning with donations for the Forest Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who attended the service and / or donated.





Office Staffing

For those of you who need to speak to anyone in the office about anything 'admin' - the office is staffed:

Monday 8.30am-1.30pm Anna Oliver

Tuesday 8.30am-1.30pm Anna Oliver

Wednesday 8.30am-1.30pm Anna Oliver

Thursday 8.30am-1.30pm Anna Oliver

Friday 8.30pm-3.20pm Julia Price

We also usually have a member of senior leadership team in each day.

Dates For Your Diaries

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

Thurs 24 October - Open Afternoon 2pm-3pm - For children due to start school in Sept 2025 / other prospective parents – book in advance

Thurs 24 October - 4.30-6pm - Autumn Disco - Redbrook Village Hall

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 25 October

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 4 November

Wed 6 November - Reception and Year 6 health screening

Sat 9 November - 7pm for 7.30pm - Curry Night - Redbrook Village Hall - Tickets bookable through louisewilliams42@gmail.com, pay on the night

Thurs 14 November 9.45am/ 11am - Open Morning - for children due to start school in Sept 2025 / other prospective parents – book in advance

Thurs 14 November - Morning - Flu Immunisation - please complete form, link sent by email

Fri 22 November - Morning - Robins Panto Trip - please consent and pay via Parentpay

Thurs 28 November - School Photos – individual and siblings

Fri 29 November - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs 5 December - festive film night at school, details to follow

Thurs 12 December - Christmas Dinner - Please make sure you have let us know your choice (meat or veg) and ordered on Parentpay

Fri 13 December - Kingfisher Panto Trip - please consent and pay via Parentpay

Thurs 19 December- 2.30pm - Christingle and Christmas Play

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 20 December

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 6 January

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

Term Dates 2024/25

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

DECEMBER							JANUARY							FEBRUARY						
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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	