

# 89 Redbrook Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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## Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

It only seems like yesterday that I was welcoming children back to school in September and now we're at the end of the academic year. This time of year is always full with goodbyes and welcomes and this year has been no different.

Goodbyes

As I write, the Year 6 children are preparing for their leavers service. Most of this group were in my class when I arrived in Robins 6 years ago. I remember them as little 5 year olds learning to read and write and calculate and I can't quite believe they are now leaving us able to do all of those things and so much more. The girls in Year 6 are growing into incredible young women and each of them is going to set the world on fire in their own way. I am going to miss them all but know it is time for them to move on from our little family into new schools where they will all shine.

We say goodbye to Mrs Woods at the end of this term. I'd like to say thank you to her for all she has done for us at Redbrook and the federation as a whole. I Just know she is going to love her new job teaching adults in the community maths.

In September, Mrs Evans, will also be leaving us at the start of term, she has decided to train as a paediatric nurse and will be returning to university to do so. She will be amazing at this! You will all see her in our first week back, so we can say a proper goodbye to her then.

Welcomes

And then we say hello to Miss Chambers full time from September. I know the children in Kingfisher's are very much looking forward to having her and that she has lots of plans for them in the coming year - it's an exciting time.

We have 6 new children joining us in reception next term as well as children joining us in Year 1 and Year 2. Miss Marfell will be very busy! I know that you will join with us in welcoming our new families to the Redbrook when they arrive in September. We will also be running our pre-school group again from after October half term. If you know of any children who will be coming into school in September 2024, please do mention us to them so that our numbers keep growing.

Finally, we have an advert out for a new teaching assistant, if you know anyone who may be interested in this job, please point towards the Gloucestershire schools vacancies website for further detail.

That then just leaves me to say a huge thank you to you, our families for all of your support this year and the generous gifts and cards you have sent in over the past few days. We never expect anything but it is always lovely to receive your thanks.

I want to thank the whole staff team here at Redbrook too. They are incredible and the school wouldn't be what it is without them. They give so much for the children and I am deeply grateful to every one of them.

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th September ready for a new school year.

With kindest regards

Natalie Frey

## Robin Class



**This has been a busy half term for Robins, with lots going on!**

**Reception began the half term with a trip to the Wildplace in Bristol. They had lots of fun exploring Bear Woods, spotting giraffes and walking the barefoot trail. Not to mention their favourite part... playing on a life size tractor! The children were so well behaved and a credit to our school. Year one enjoyed a trip to Beechenhurst & Goodrich Castle on Tuesday. They had great fun making dens, finding sculptures and Zog in the forest! Over at Goodrich, the children were complimented by castle staff on their enthusiasm and behaviour. They climbed the steps to the top of the castle and explored the different rooms, even the dungeon! It was a fantastic day out.**

**In English this half term, year one have been showing off the skills they have learnt across the year in English, writing at length and in detail. They are using a range of adjectives and conjunctions in their writing, linked to our texts of Rabbit and Bear and Flat Stanley.**

**Reception are also becoming more independent in their writing, which is lovely to see. They have such great ideas. We have enjoyed looking at traditional tales, as well as a modern twist on Little Red Riding Hood and the 3 Billy Goats Gruff! The children have enjoyed comparing different versions of the stories.**

**The children have enjoyed practising for sports day and had a fantastic morning last Thursday, taking part in a variety of activities and the relay races. We are very proud of them all!**

**We are very excited to welcome 8 new children into Robins in September, taking us up to 16! We have built up some lovely friendships already with the pre-school children and are excited to welcome new children into years one and two as well.**

**I hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September!**

Miss Marfell

Wildplace Trip 2023















Beechenhurst & Goodrich Castle















## Kingfisher Class



Kingfishers have had a busy half term! There are so many achievements and events to celebrate, they should all be very proud of themselves.

In English, the children have been learning about and celebrating women in science and wrote some wonderful biographies - they were all very interested in how these women have had such a lasting impact on science today and made some crucial scientific discoveries, theories and research. We have finished our maths for the half term with some financial education. The children have had the opportunity to explore money including wants and needs, reading payslips, bills and bank statements, learning about different types of bank accounts, budgeting and exchange rates and different currencies from around the world: it has been a busy week but they have learnt some valuable life skills! We have also been very lucky to have Mari volunteer to help us in designing packaging and our own recipes for krispie cakes. The children were very creative in their ingredient choices and their packaging looked very professional.

Alongside this, years 3 and 4 have had their amazing residential trip, which was a great success and year 6 also had their trip to West Midlands Safari Park - I hear many of them conquered fears of roller coasters as well as enjoying seeing all the animals, albeit in very rainy conditions!

We have all had a wonderful final term to the academic year and the children should all be very proud of what they have achieved this year. I wish them all the very best in their future ventures and wish a huge good luck to our year 6s who are off on a very exciting new path next year!

Mrs Woods





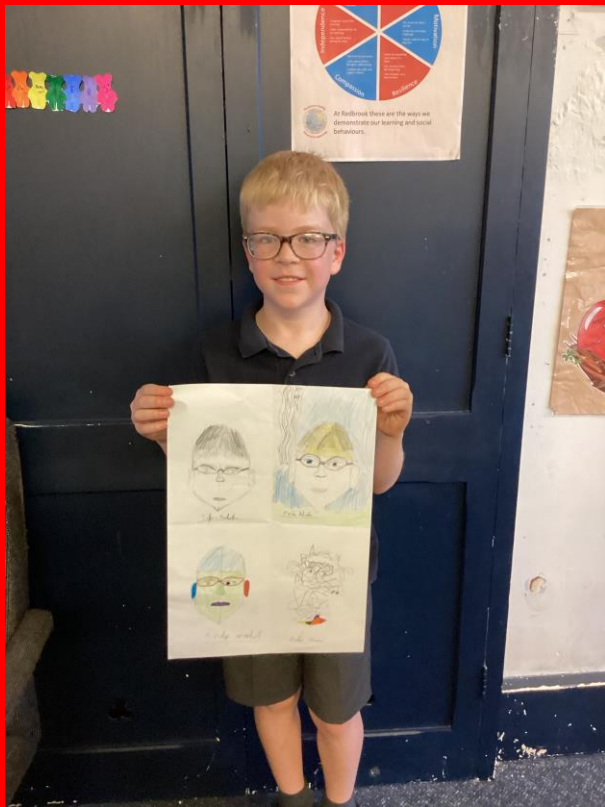


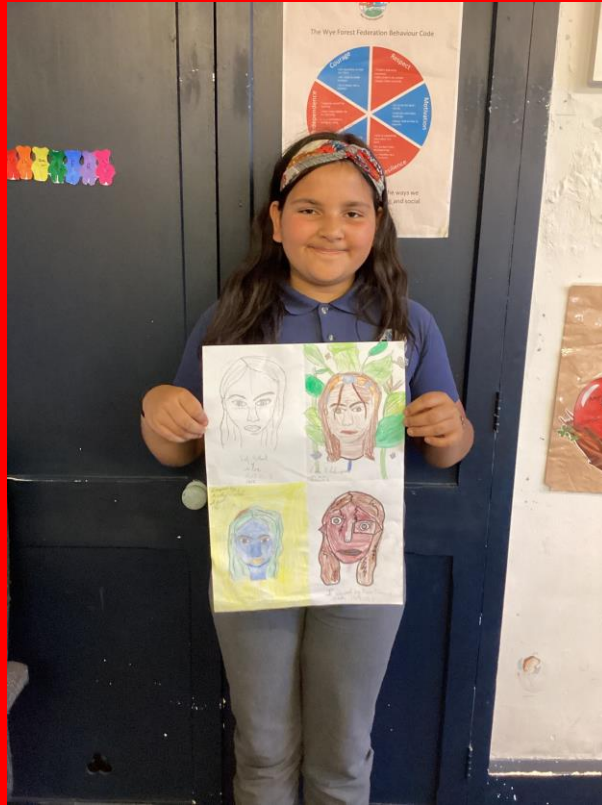












## Goodbye and Hello!

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Mrs Woods and wish her the best of luck in her new job. We would also like to welcome Miss Chambers who will be Kingfisher teacher in September. We will have 8 new children starting in Robins in September, many of whom have been coming to our pre-school sessions, we are looking forward to them joining us. Last but not least, a huge GOOD LUCK to our year 6's who are leaving us: we have loved getting to know you, and Monmouth Comp and Five Acres will be lucky to have you in their school. All the best with your future!

## Dates for your diaries

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

- Friday July 21st - last day of term
- Monday Sept 4th INSET
- Tuesday Sept 5th INSET
- Wednesday Sept 6th - 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						
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MARCH							APRIL							MAY						
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<b>Term Time</b>		<b>Holidays</b>	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>		<b>INSET days</b>	