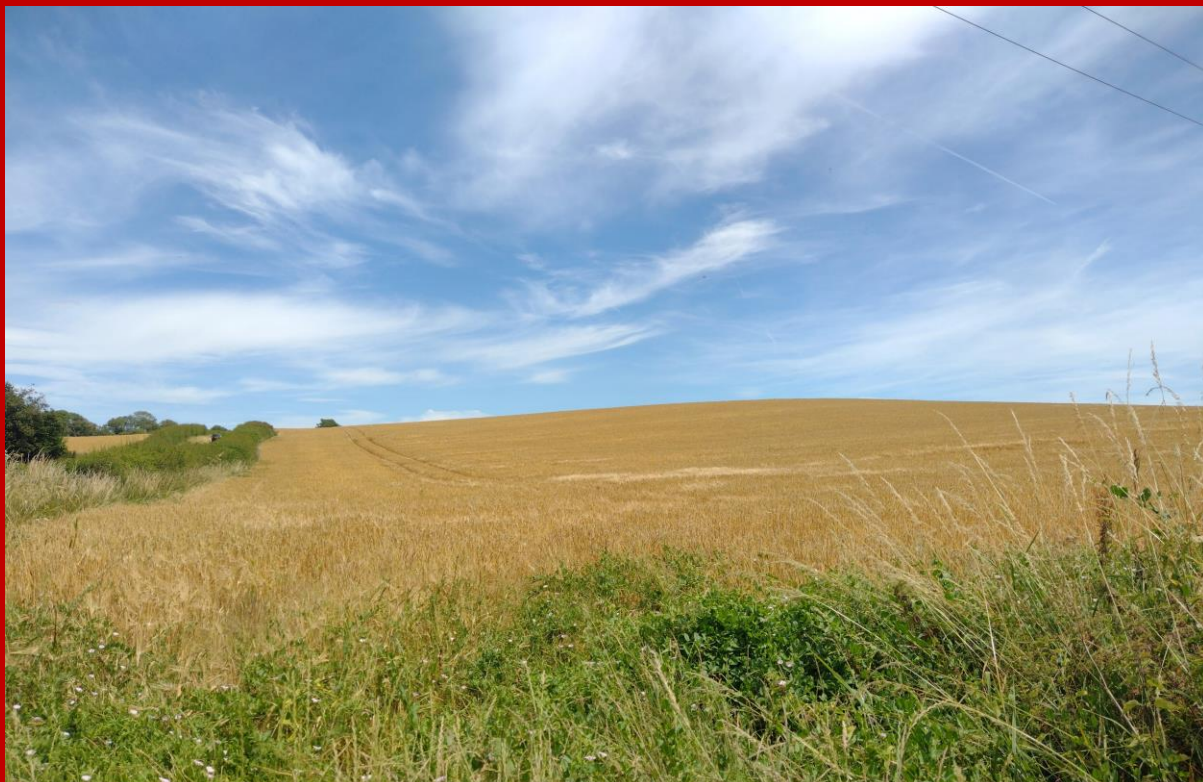




Redbrook C of E Primary Newsletter

No 107 July 16th 2026

Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families

Another school year has whizzed by and suddenly we are at the end of it in what feels like a blink of an eye. So much happens in school over the course of a year, but it was wonderful to pause and lead the leavers service this week. This group leaving this year mark a turning point for many of us in the school – the last class I taught, the first class for Miss Taylor and Miss Marfell, the first children Anna has seen right through the school. It has been a privilege to see this group of children through Redbrook, watch them develop and learn and become the fabulous young people they have grown into. What a wonderful way to end the term!

Of course, none of this could be achieved without the hard work of our incredible staff team. They give so much to our school, each and every one of them, and we couldn't do it without them. I thank them from the bottom of my heart for all they do and know they are ready for the summer break. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them a restful summer holiday.

We are also blessed to have a wonderful FORS who raise a huge amount of money for our school to support many different projects over the course of the year. We are excited to have lots of new resources for our outdoor area and can't wait to get it all ready for when the children return in September. A huge thank you to everyone involved in FORS – you are amazing!

As we break up for the summer holidays, we are sadly saying good bye to an enormous part of our federation – Mike Haines - our chair of governors, who is retiring. He has given so much to our federation over the past few years and I am going to miss him greatly as he has been a wisdom, guidance and listening ear for me and a wonderful steer for our governing board. I cannot thank him enough for all he has done.

As we look ahead to September, we are excited to welcome both familiar and new faces and to continue building on all that has been achieved this year. For now, though, it is time to pause, rest and enjoy time with family and friends.

To our Year 6 children, we wish you every success and happiness as you begin the next stage of your journey. You will always be part of the Redbrook family, and we are incredibly proud of all you have achieved.

Thank you to all our parents, carers, governors, volunteers and wider community for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we make our school a very special place.

Have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

With love

Natalie Frey

Executive Headteacher

Robin Class

Wow, what a busy half term! I can't believe we have completed another school year. The children have been fantastic and lots of super learning has taken place, as well as lots of fun!

Reception began the half term with a trip to the Wild Place in Bristol. They had a great time exploring and meeting many animals - especially a close encounter with a gorilla!!

Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at Barry Island recently. They had fun digging in the sand, paddling in the sea and having ice lollies! Thankfully the weather was kind to us, and it wasn't too hot.

Back in school, the children have enjoyed reading our class books 'Flotsam' and 'Small in the City'. They wrote captions, used expanded noun phrases to describe and conjunctions to link their ideas. Year 3 have been using fronted adverbials at the beginning of their sentences, as well as beginning to use paragraphs to their stories. Reception enjoyed writing about their Zoo trip and reading 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Zoo'. More recently, they have followed the journey of 'The Magic Flute', bringing Mozart's opera music to life through the interactive elements of the book!

The outdoor area is looking fantastic and the children have enjoyed the shade this area provides, during the hot weather. A huge thank you to Bobby (Leo's Dad) and his team for building our new gravel pit - the children have loved using the diggers in this area! Another big thank you to Alex, Mo and Louise for giving your time to de-weed and jet wash the area earlier this half term. We are looking forward to getting lots of use out of this space again, come September.

Year 2 have enjoyed practicing their keyboard skills through 'Dance Mat Typing' this half term, whilst Year 1 have been working on their mouse and trackpad skills. In Music, we have learnt about dynamics and tempo, and how this adds character and emotion to music. In History, we have enjoyed learning about toys of the past and how they have changed over time.

We hope you have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Best wishes,

Miss Marfell and Miss Taylor

The Wild Place, Bristol







Barry Island





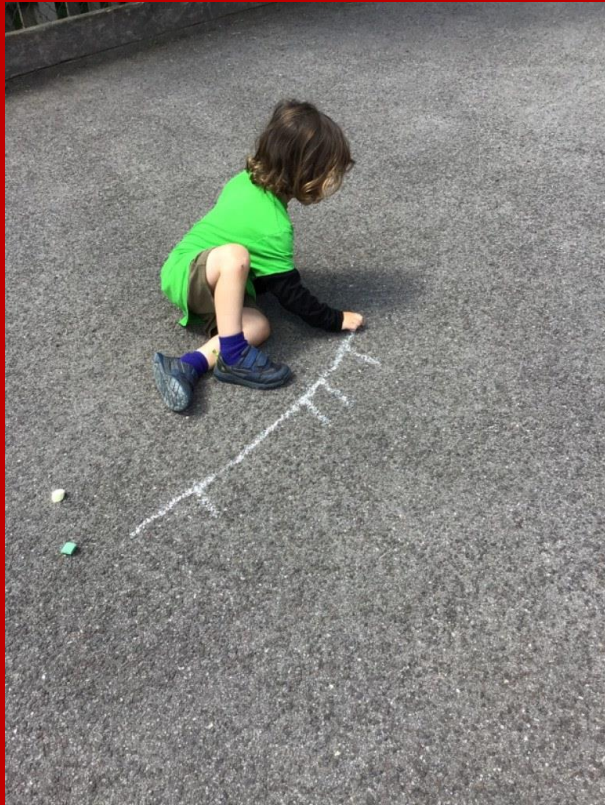




Fun in Robins!









Kingfisher Class

What a busy and enjoyable final 7 weeks we have had in Kingfisher Class! We have been incredibly lucky with the beautiful weather, making the most of opportunities to learn and spend time outdoors. The sunshine has certainly helped us finish the year on a high.

One of our favourite topics this term has been poetry. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring *Night Mail* and *Junk Mail*, practising their performance and reading skills whilst analysing the different styles and techniques used by the poets. They then used these ideas as inspiration to create their own poems based on emails. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine through, and they should all be very proud of the imaginative and thoughtful pieces they produced. Another highlight was our DT topic. We have been looking at playground structures and finished the unit by making our own prototypes.

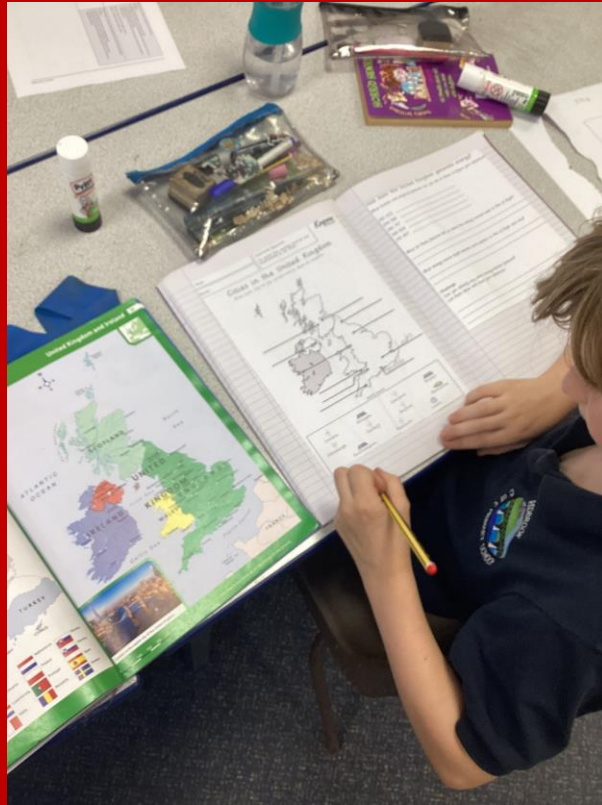
I have also been incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils as they have taken part in their secondary school transition days. They represented both themselves and Redbrook brilliantly, approaching this exciting next step with confidence, maturity and enthusiasm. It has been lovely hearing about their experiences and seeing them grow in confidence as they prepare for the move to secondary school.

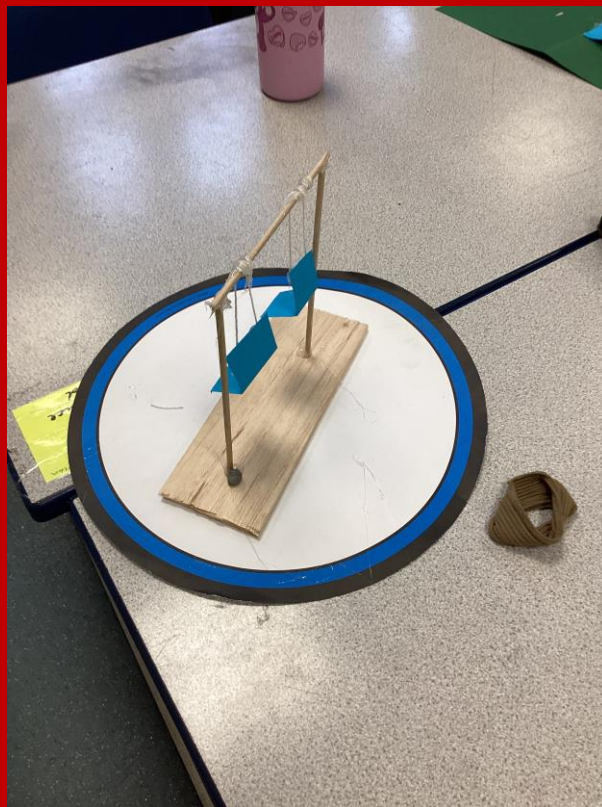
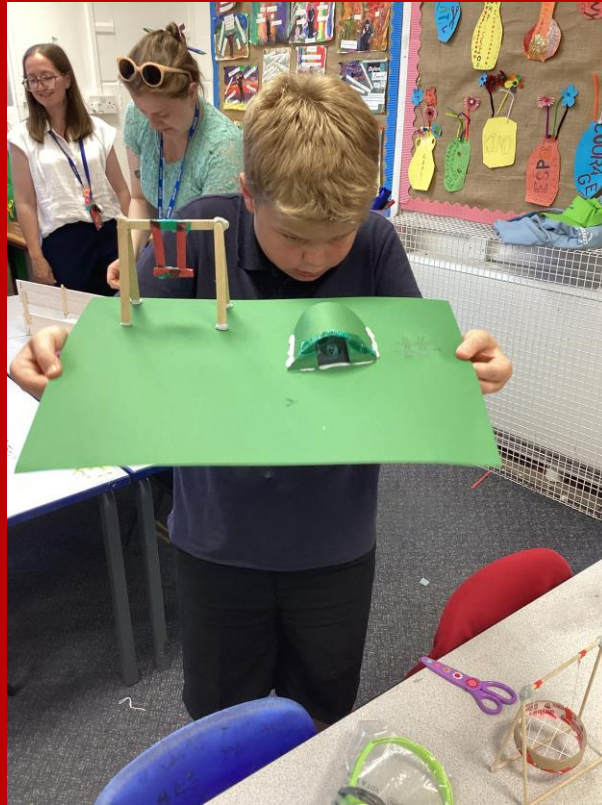
A real highlight of the term was our Year 5/6 residential to London. The children had an unforgettable time exploring the capital and making memories with their friends. One of the standout moments was our visit to the London Eye, where we enjoyed spectacular views across the city. The residential was a fantastic experience, allowing the children to develop their independence, teamwork and resilience whilst having lots of fun along the way.

As we reach the end of another successful year, I would like to thank all of the children for their hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitude, and all of you for your continued support. I wish our Year 6 pupils every success as they move on to their next adventure and look forward to seeing what the future holds for them.

All the best,

Mrs Coombs







Thank you, Charlie!

We are sadly saying 'goodbye' to Charlie from ProStars at the end of this term. The children have thrived in PE and have been inspired to learn new sports and games, alongside having lots of fun along the way! We want to thank Charlie for all he has done for the children of Redbrook and are sure you will join us in wishing him all the best in the future!

PE from September

From September we will be having different PE days. PE will now take place on Mondays and Thursdays for both classes, so please send children into school in their PE kit on those days.

The first day of term in September falls on a Thursday - we will NOT be doing PE that day so normal school uniform for the first day back please.

There will be no after school PE club going forwards.

FORS update

Friends of Redbrook school are delighted to share with you all that the annual school fete raised a whopping £1,140!!

This couldn't have happened without everyone's support, donations and time given up by so many school families.

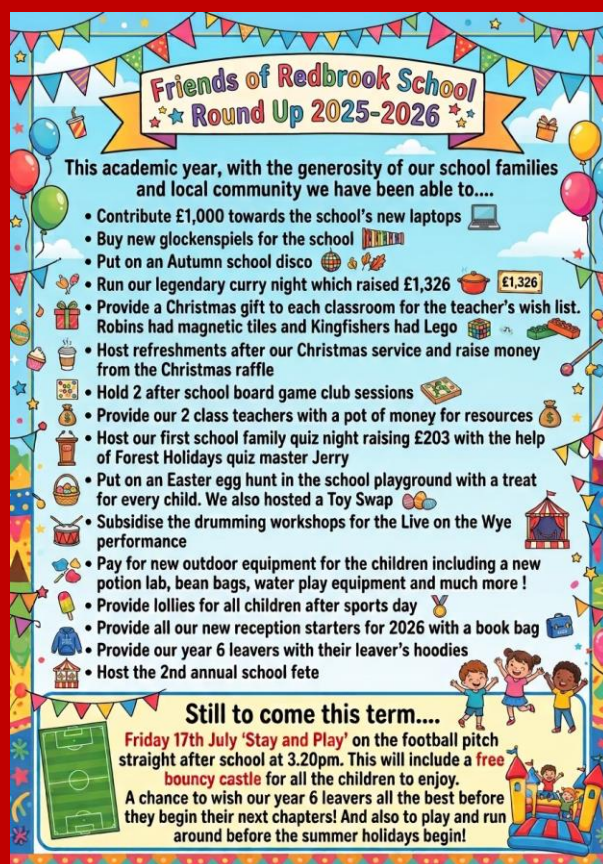
Lovely to see our school community come together as well as the wider village community, so many of whom came to support the school.

Looking forward to Friday's Stay and Play. Our annual free event with ice lollies, drinks and a bouncy castle for all the children in school and preschool. Siblings are welcome of course too!

The next community event will be the annual curry night on Saturday 17th October. Tickets will be on sale in September.

Kind regards

FORS



FREE Online Parent Programmes

Families across Gloucestershire can access a range of FREE online programmes from Togetherness, an NHS-rooted emotional health and wellbeing programme designed to help parents, carers, children, and young people thrive.

Togetherness provides practical, evidence-based support to help families better understand emotions, behaviour, relationships, and child development from pregnancy through to the teenage years.

The online pathways cover a range of topics, including:

- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby

- Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your relationships
- Understanding your own trauma

Why do families find them helpful?

The programmes are designed to help you:

- Better understand your child's behaviour and emotional development
- Build stronger family relationships
- Support your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Develop practical strategies for everyday challenges
- Grow your confidence as a parent or carer

The programmes are flexible, easy to use, and can be completed at your own pace, whenever and wherever suits you.

FREE for Gloucestershire Families

Families with a Gloucestershire postcode can access all pathways free of charge.

Visit: <https://togetherness.co.uk/gloucestershire>

Password: POTTER

You'll need to create an account using an email address. If you experience any problems, please contact: support@togetherness.co.uk

Whether you're expecting a baby, parenting a toddler, supporting a child with additional needs, or navigating the teenage years, Togetherness offers trusted support to help your family grow, connect, and thrive.

Dates For Your Diaries

Please check emails home for more details about events. Please note dates may change.

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 17 July

Mon 20 July - INSET - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tues 1 – Wed 2 September INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Thurs 3 Sept 2026

Tues 8th Sept - Kingfisher welcome meeting

Thurs 10th Sept - Robins welcome meeting

Thurs 24th Sept - Open mornings for Sept 27 entry, contact office to book

Fri 25 Sept - Whole School trip to Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre

Thurs 1 Oct - Harvest Festival

Tues 6 Oct- parent meetings

Thurs 7 Oct - parent meetings

Sat 17 Oct - Curry night, village hall

Thurs 22nd Oct - Open mornings for Sept 27 entry, contact office to book

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 23 Oct

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 2 Nov

Thurs 26th Nov - Open mornings for Sept 27 entry, contact office to book

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

Term Dates 2026/2027

Please note these are for the academic year starting in September 2026 .

Term dates can be found on our website here:

https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/363933

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2026/27



SEPTEMBER

Mon		7	14	21	28
Tues	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thur	3	10	17	24	
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OCTOBER

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DECEMBER

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