



Redbrook C of E Primary Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the summer term, it is a time to say many thank yous.

I recently reflected on the phrase, 'it takes a village to raise a child' but I know it also takes a village to run a school. We are so blessed to have so many people who support us on our journey, many giving their time for nothing.

Our governors, FORs, our volunteers who come into school to help us, the parents who support us on trips, the 'experts' who do jobs we can't or advise us, our Malvern and Open the Book teams, you all make a significant difference for the children and we couldn't do what we do for the children without you. Thank you one and all.

You as parents, who support your children with good attendance; make sure they are ready for the day; help them with their learning at home; cheer them on at school events and talk to us when you have concerns. Thank you. Your support means everything to us.

Our children, who come to school to learn, to make good friends and to grow; you make our days unique and special. Thank you. We will see most of you again in September and can't wait to see you ready for the next stage in your journey through our school.

Finally, our staff team: loyal, hardworking, compassionate and giving beyond all expectation. You are amazing, each and every one of you and we are extremely lucky to have you. Go and rest well, enjoy your holidays, they are very deserved!

If I have missed anyone, please accept my apologies and know that I thank you too.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break. Keep safe and enjoy any time you have together.

With love

Natalie Frey

Executive Headteacher

Robin Class

What a busy half term it's been in Robins! I am so proud of all the children, their love of learning and smiles each day are what makes teaching such the special role it is.

We have had lots of fun learning about Shanghai in Geography this half term, comparing life there to here. The children were amazed that over 24 million people live there! Our music & art topic has been a big hit & the children loved doing step-by-step pictures, as well as drawing to tracks from Bluey, played by an Australian Orchestra! We discussed how we can represent the sounds of the instruments by the marks we make.

We have spent lots of time in our outdoor area. Making potions has been a firm favourite with many of the children, as well as clouds, following on from our English text 'Lizzy and the Cloud'. The children planned and wrote some fantastic guidebooks for 'How to Care for a Cloud' - I'm sure they'll be excited to share these with you when their books come home on Thursday!

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a trip to St Fagans last week, with children from St Briavels. The children represented the school wonderfully. We explored how houses changed through time, as well as a Victorian workshop. The children were surprised that boys and girls were to sit and play separately. We also discovered many children there went home for lunch, as there were no cooked dinners provided on-site! Reception visited the Wildplace in Bristol, and enjoyed seeing all of the animals, especially the giraffes!

We are so excited to welcome a full cohort of 7 Reception children into Robins Class in September, as well as children in years 1 and 2. We hope you have a restful Summer, and look forward to seeing you all in September!

Best wishes

Miss Marfell





Kingfisher Class

I say this every year, but where has the time gone! The last term seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye and just like that, we're at the finish line – and what a year it has been!

We have had a truly wonderful year. Looking back through the years' worth of work is one of the children's favourite things to do. It really highlights the progress they've made. We also love looking through the photos – changes in hair styles, days out, smiles and laughs at a few of our most enjoyed classroom highlights (or the groans for things they didn't!). Sometimes we can

forget what we've achieved, how much they've grown, new things they've experienced and taken part in, over the course of the year. There will be a collection of completed books sent home - an impressive feat to show how hard they've worked this year.

One of the key highlights from the last half term has been Kingfishers' first Residential trip at Viney Hill. They were a credit to the school and one of the instructors commented what a delight they were to work with. Residential is always a wonderful opportunity for me as a teacher to see the children in a different environment; from battling bedding to scaling 80 foot walls to abseil. It shows characteristics we perhaps haven't seen in school. Such a fabulous experience for everyone!

It was lovely to see so many families at the Redbrook School Fete last weekend. Kingfishers were extremely dedicated, passionate and enthusiastic about the items they made (bookmarks, worry buddies, badges and bracelets). Thank you to FORS for hosting such a lovely event and for the Kingfishers that manned our stall – well done.

We've ended the term with another successful trip. We visited Poor's and Park Nature Reserve courtesy of Gloucestershire wildlife trust. It is such a valuable experience to enjoy and interact with nature and we're so lucky as to where we live and the opportunities we have to explore such a wide range!

A big thank you for all you do – families, friends, carers and colleagues – we are very lucky to have such an amazing and supportive community. Have an amazing summer break. I can't wait to see you all rested and refuelled ready to kick-start back to school in September!

All the best,

Miss Chambers



















Park and Poor's Allotment Trip



We had a wonderful whole school trip at the The Park and Poor's Allotment - many thanks to Gloucestershire Wildlife!

Governors Message

Note from Mike Haines, Chair of Governing Body:

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As we near the end of the summer term, it's good to look back at the achievements of the two schools in our Federation. It has been an incredibly busy and successful year with great opportunities provided for children to learn and succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

Highlights have included our Christmas concerts and services, participating in the Malvern School gardens competition and a host of other trips and a residential, our sports club and participating in the nature quiz, that help to bring the curriculum to life and broaden pupils' experience through living and working together.

As governors, we are immensely grateful to the Headteacher, staff and all the helpers in our communities for their hard work in organising these activities. Members of the Governing Board have met monthly throughout the year to: support the schools and ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and adults; identify priorities and agree future strategy; monitor standards and evaluate progress in implementing our improvement plans. Governors are also responsible for making sure we get best value for how we spend our budget on staffing and resources to support children's learning and to improve the school buildings. Individual governors also seek to contribute to the work of the Federation in practical ways, for example by supporting and helping to organise school events and listening to children read.

Finally, on behalf of all the governors, I wish pupils, parents and staff a very happy summer break (not too hot!) and we look forward to the start of another successful and action-packed new school year when we return in September.

Mike Haines

Friends of Redbrook School round up 2024-2025

Firstly we would like to thank everyone's support for our school fete this past Saturday. I'm sure you will all agree what a success it was. So lovely to see all of our school families and local community come together.

A big thank you to all those who have donated tombola prizes, raffle prizes, took time to help make our beautiful signs, donated prizes for the games, donated sweeties, and helped set up and pack down the event. We are very grateful also to Hancocks of Monmouth and SuperFish who donated all of the meat for the BBQ.

We are very proud to say that we made a profit of £975 !!!! Thank you, what a wonderful amount of money raised.

This academic year, with the generosity of our school families and local community we have been able to....

- Fund books for our class reading raffle
- Autumn school disco
- Festive film night after school
- Provide a Christmas gift to each child (chocolate Santas or tube of sweeties)
- Host refreshments after our Christmas and Easter services
- Hold 2 after school board game club sessions
- Provide our 2 class teachers with a pot of money for extra resources
- Subsidise our Kingfishers class trip to Caerleon
- Have an Easter egg hunt in the school playground with an egg for every child (kindly sponsored by SuperFish)
- Hold a Toy swap event to encourage our children to reuse and recycle
- Provide lollies for all children after sports day
- Fund a 'Mini First Aid' course for all children during their school day
- Provide all our new reception starters for 2025 with a book bag
- Host the return of the school fete

Still to come this term

- This coming Friday 18th July we have the return of 'Stay and Play' on the football pitch straight after school at 3.20pm-5pm. This will include a free bouncy castle for all the children to enjoy, as well as an ice lolly and drinks. A chance for the children to all play and run around together before the summer holidays begin !! Just a reminder that all children must be supervised by an adult. Siblings are welcome too !

Next Term

- The school curry night is returning this Autumn on Saturday 18th October . Tickets will be available for purchase from the beginning of next term. We would love for as many school parents/ family members to come as possible, with priority being given to school first. This event raised £1,138 last year. We had a mums table last year which was lovely ! Keep an eye out for more info to follow of how to purchase tickets.

Have a lovely summer holiday

FORS

POP-UP CURRY NIGHT

Raising vital funds for Redbrook C of E
Primary School

OCT
18



Redbrook Village Hall
7pm for 7:30pm

Exclusive ticket sales for parents / carers until 19
September, when tickets go on general release. Buy now!

£19 per person for a 3 course meal (vegetarian option
available). Bar, raffle and quiz games.

Limited tickets, so be quick!

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS, EMAIL LOUISE
louisewilliams42@googlemail.com

Thank you FORS!

Thank you to FORS for all the activities they organised through the year, the children have really enjoyed them all. Well done for raising so much money at the school fete and providing everyone with a very enjoyable afternoon. The children all say a big 'thank you!'



Message from the office

Thank you for all your help and support through the year, it's been great getting to know you all, I hope you enjoy your summer holidays. We are all looking forward to September - we will have 12 more children than we had last September!

If you find your children have outgrown their school uniform please do bring it in - it is always useful for other families with fast growing children. It also helps us raise money for FORS.

Have a great summer, and see you on 3rd September.

Anna Oliver

Admin Assistant

Monmouthshire Show

The Monmouthshire Show is taking place this year on Sunday 17th August. You can get involved by entering the junior competitions with a range of more than 60 different subjects including home baking and produce to handicraft and floral displays.

To find out more click on this link:

[2025 Homes and Gardens Schedule](#)

All competitions are free to enter before Saturday 9th August online at the link above.

Dates For Your Diaries

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

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 18 July

INSET - Mon 1 Sept

INSET - Tue 2 Sept

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Wed 3 Sept

Tues 9 Sept - Robins meet the teacher - 3.30pm

Fri 12 Sept - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Thurs 11 Sept - Kingfisher meet the teacher - 3.30pm

Fri 19 Sept - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Fri 26 Sept - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Tues 30 Sept - SEN parent meetings

Fri 28 November INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs 2 Oct - Harvest Festival – further info to follow

Tues 7 Oct and Thurs 9 Oct - Parent Meetings - times tbc

Thurs 9 Oct morning - Flu Immunisations

Fri 3 Oct - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Fri 10 Oct - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Thurs 16 Oct - Open Day for prospective reception children – tours at 9.30am, 11am and 1.30pm

Fri 17 Oct - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Sat 18 October - Curry Night, Redbrook Village Hall, in aid of Redbrook School

Fri 24 Oct - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 24 Oct

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 3 Nov

Fri 7 Nov - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Fri 14 Nov - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Tues 18 Nov - Phonics Morning

Tues 18 Nov - Individual & Sibling Group Photographs - afternoon

Fri 21 Nov - Yr 4/5/6 swimming

Fri 28 Nov - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Fri 5 December KS2 Christmas Pantomime Trip – Hereford, further details to follow

Thurs 11 Dec - Carol Concert

Fri 12 Dec - Robins trip to Perrygrove

Thurs 18 Dec - Christingle

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri Dec 19

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon Jan 5 2026

Tues 20 Jan - SEN Parent Meetings

Tues 27 Jan and Thurs 29 Jan - Parent Meetings

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

Term Dates 2025/26

Please note these are for the academic year starting in September 2025 .

Term dates can be found on our website here:

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

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