

Redbrook C of E Primary Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, our worship theme has been "Back Together Again", focusing on what it means to flourish as a school community. Through a range of Bible stories and verses children have explored our school Christian values of courage, compassion, respect and resilience, considering how these qualities help us to support one another, overcome challenges and grow together.

It has been wonderful to have children engaging in our discussions and reflecting thoughtfully on how they can demonstrate these values both in school and beyond.

In our wider worship, we have welcomed our Open the Book team back this term. I know how much the children enjoy these worships. They do such a wonderful job of making Bible stories come alive through involving a group of children in the acting each week. I thank them for their dedication to this, we are extremely grateful for their presence in school.

We also enjoyed celebrating our Harvest Festival together with you. Thank you to all families for your incredibly kind donations. Your contributions will make a real difference to members of our local community and are a wonderful example of your compassion in action.

As we continue our journey together this term, I hope that our school community will continue to be a place where everyone can flourish, supported by one another with courage, compassion, respect and resilience. Thank you for your continued support of our school and for the many ways you help make our community such a special place. We look forward to all that the next half term will bring.

***"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* (1 Thessalonians 5:11)**

With love

Natalie Frey

Executive Headteacher

Robin Class

What a busy first half term! It has been lovely to see our new reception children settle into school and years one and two into their new year groups.

We started our learning this half term with our whole school text, 'How to be a Lion'. The children loved this story and it reminded us of the powerful message that it is always important to be yourself.

Years one and two have really enjoyed our two key texts, 'Billy and the Beast' and 'Wolves'. We have done a slow reveal for each book, which has kept the children hooked! They have done some brilliant writing, including their own short story and an information leaflet about wolves.

Reception have enjoyed Elmer, Croc and Bird and more recently, Gruffalo Granny! They have had lots of time in provision, both indoors and out.

All the children have enjoyed creating artwork using natural objects, including leaves, pine cones and conkers. In music they have used the xylophones to keep the pulse, as well as learnt many echo and call and response songs.

All the children enjoyed a trip to Viney Hill. They took a trip through the woods to make dens and spot animal footprints; made their way through underground tunnels and went around an obstacle course blindfolded!

The potion making station arrived which has been a huge hit this week! The children have loved exploring the new resources.

We hope you have a lovely half term.

Best wishes,

Miss Marfell and Miss Taylor





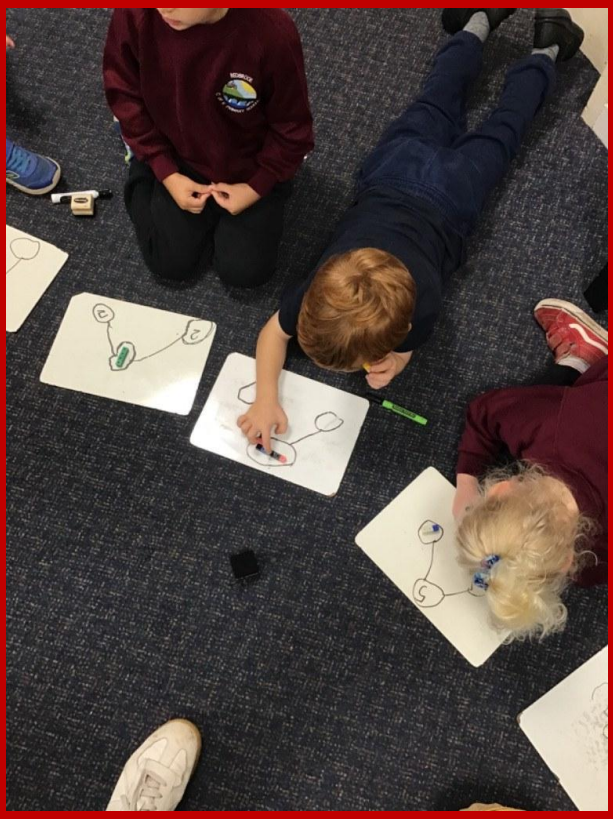


























Kingfisher Class

What a busy first half term of the school year! The children have returned to school and settled incredibly well. I am so proud of how quickly they have adapted to new routines and embraced all of the learning opportunities this term.

We started the year with a whole-school visit to Viney Hill. The children had a brilliant time taking part in archery, low ropes and bush craft activities. It was wonderful to see them working together, supporting one another and demonstrating excellent teamwork throughout the day. I was also incredibly proud of the children for their participation in our Harvest Festival. They did a brilliant job of learning and delivering their lines, showing their confidence when performing in front of an audience.

In Guided Reading, we have enjoyed studying *Earth-Shattering Events* and *The Fossil Hunter*. In *The Fossil Hunter*, the children learnt about the remarkable life of Mary Anning and her important fossil discoveries. Through *Earth Shattering Events,* the children have investigated earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanos, learning about these disasters and their impact on communities around the world. In English, we have explored *Here We Are* and *The Ever-Changing Earth*. Inspired by *Here We Are*, the children wrote letters of advice and created acrostic poems. Through our work on *The Ever-Changing Earth*, they have produced informal letters and informative explanation pieces.

In Computing, the children have worked incredibly hard learning to program using Scratch. In Art, we have had a fantastic time transforming our2D drawings into 3D pieces of artwork.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting term of learning.

Best wishes,

Mrs Coombs

































FORS update - Curry Night Success!

We are happy to announce that we raised £1,194 at the school curry night held in the village hall on Saturday.

Thank you to the families and staff who bought raffle tickets and came on the night to support this event.

FORS

Thank You!

Lots of 'thank yous' this newsletter!

Thank you to FORS for all the activities they have been organising:

- **Curry Night - it was a really enjoyable evening as always, thank you to Mal, Helen and Ruth for gorgeous food, and FORs and villagers for organising / helping / attending, the £1194 raised will be used to fund our sensory room**
- **Pumpkin Carving**
- **School Disco**
- **Board Games nights**

Thank you to the Morrisons for the beautiful flower display in our flowerpots, and Denise for the sunflowers which have done really well. Its cheered our playground up no end!







Dates For Your Diaries

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

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 23 Oct

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 2 Nov

Thurs Nov 5, 12, 19, 26th Years 4/5/6 swimming

Thurs 5 Nov - FORS Board Games 3.20-4.45pm

Mon 9 Nov - Open morning for children starting reception in Sept 27, contact office to book

Fri 20 Nov - School Photos

Mon 23 Nov - Open morning for children starting reception in Sept 27, contact office to book

INSET DAY - Fri 27 Nov

Thurs 3 Dec Years 4/5/6 swimming

Fri 4 Dec - KS2 Panto details to follow

Mon 7 Dec - Bishop Rachel visiting school

Weds 9 Dec - Christmas Dinner and festive jumper day - lunch in village hall

Thurs 10 Dec - KS1 Panto trip - details to follow

Thurs 17th Dec - Christingle Service, Redbrook Church

LAST DAY OF TERM - Fri 18 Dec

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Mon 4 Jan

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

Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

Mon	1	8	15	22	
Tues	2	9	16	23	
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thur	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
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MARCH

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APRIL

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MAY

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JUNE

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JULY

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AUGUST

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		Inset Days	