



6th March 2026

Redhill Primary Academy Mail on Friday



Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

What fun we had on World Book Day!

It was wonderful to see the children dressed up once again and celebrating their love of books. Their costumes, enthusiasm, and excitement helped make the day truly special.

A big thank you to Matilda Maythorne's family, who kindly donated books for every child to take home via a company scheme. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and continued support.



Online Safety Reminders

As part of our ongoing commitment to online safety, we would like to remind all families to monitor their child's online activity, particularly on social media platforms like TikTok. It's important to ensure that if your child is using social media, they are following safe accounts and engaging with appropriate content. We encourage open conversations about online experiences, so children feel comfortable reporting any concerns. Additionally, setting clear boundaries around screen time and content can help maintain a healthy balance.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need guidance or support in fostering safe online habits.

Assistant Headteacher

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Assistant Headteacher, who will be working across both of our primary schools, Thomas Telford Primary and Redhill Primary Academy from April 2026. Miss Farmer has been a valued member of staff at Redhill for over 20 years, serving as a Reception teacher and EYFS Lead. She brings with her a wealth of experience, dedication, and expertise, and we are very much looking forward to the positive impact she will continue to make in her new role.

RAF Cosford 2nd March 2026

Following on from our history block on the innovations of warfare from 1914-1945, children visited the RAF Cosford museum. Here, they were able to see much of the weaponry developed during these conflicts. We saw the bi-planes that were used in World War One such as the Sopwith Pup. We then learned about the advent of planes with jet engines, which were able to fly at much greater speeds and over greater distances (such as the famous Spitfire). Finally, we were able to stand under the huge bombing doors of Avro bombers, which allowed these monsters of the air to drop their huge arsenal on the towns and cities of Europe in World War II, turning the tide of the conflict into the favour of the Allies. Linked to our block, we were also able to see the V1 'doodlebug' bombs - known as Hitler's vengeance weapons- in real life and the fearsome V2. The children of Redhill did the school proud with their impeccable behaviour and keen questioning of the volunteers at the site, and were rewarded with the opportunity to dress in some of the clothing from both wars, sit in the cockpit of a Hawker Hunter jet and take part in a rocket workshop.

We would especially like to thank our parent volunteers for supporting us, allowing this event to take place!



Redhill Primary Academy is taking part in The Big Plastic Count!

This March, thousands of people from across the country are joining the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste – Redhill Primary Academy included! We'd love for your household to take part.

By counting every piece of plastic packaging you throw away in a week, you'll help pressure the government and companies to reduce plastic waste and create a better future for young people. Plastic is essential for many people to live safely and independently. But walk into any supermarket and you'll see the scale of the problem right there on the shelves: almost all of our food and household products are wrapped in plastic. How can we recycle our way out of the problem when too much plastic is being produced in the first place?

In previous years, The Big Plastic Count has revealed that most of our plastic isn't even recycled. Most of it is burned in the UK and the rest is sent overseas or to landfill, all of which harms people and planet. Since the last count, the UK has elected a new government; one that says it's serious about tackling plastic waste. This is our chance to put their promise to the test.

How to take part:

Stick your Count Sheet somewhere noticeable – like the fridge.

Tell everyone at home that you're counting plastic packaging and make sure they do, too.

Between 9-15 March, count every piece of plastic packaging before you throw it away, whether you're at home, at school or on-the-go.

Your Count Sheet includes categories for different types of plastic. This means The Big Plastic Count team can figure out what happens to your plastic after you bin it. For help with categorising, and to see the things you don't need to count, head to: thebigplasticcount.com/plastic-id

Once your household has completed the investigation, your child can record your results at home via our unique class link:

EYFS

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/reception-miss-gilbody>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/reception-mrs-parker>

KS1

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-1-miss-price>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-1-mrs-kirkpatrick>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-2-miss-evans>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-2-miss-openshaw>

KS2

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-3-miss-knowles>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-3-mrs-richards>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-4-mrs-fance>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-4-mr-payne>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-5-miss-williams>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-5-mrs-bell-ward>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-6-mr-baldwin>

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/submit/11579/year-6-mrs-hassall>

With your help, we'll create a fairer future that's free from the impacts of the plastics crisis.

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

9-15 MARCH

LET'S COUNT!

EVERYDAY PLASTIC



COUNT SHEET

Print this off and stick it somewhere you'll see it, then count the types of plastic packaging you throw away each day.

Tick off the days as you count your plastic:

○ M ○ T ○ W ○ T ○ F ○ S ○ S

FOOD & DRINK

	Small bottles (up to 500ml) (water, soft drinks, sauces etc.)	Total
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Large bottles (over 500ml) (water, squash, cooking oil, milk etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hard plastic caps and lids (from bottles, cartons, jars etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Peelable film lids (from soft fruits, fish, falafels, dips etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fruit and veg trays, pots and their hard lids (berries, grapes, stir fry, tomatoes etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fruit, veg and salad bags, wrappers and nets (salad, bananas, cucumber, lemons etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Black pots, tubs and trays (ready meals, chilled foods, cooked meats etc.)	Total
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pots, tubs and trays (yoghurt, dips, butter, pastries, meat etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Snack bags, packets and wrappers (crisps, biscuits, cereal bars, chocolate etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other hard food and drink packaging (coffee pods, plastic corks, polystyrene cups etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other soft food and drink packaging (rice, bread bags, frozen peas, cling film, cheese etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CLEANING & TOILETRIES

	Small bottles (up to 500ml) (hand wash, shampoo, washing up liquid etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Large bottles (over 500ml) (toilet cleaner, bleach, surface cleaner etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pots, tubs and tubes (moisturiser, suncream, laundry tablets etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Squezy tubes (toothpaste, make-up, skincare cream etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other hard cleaning and toiletries packaging (toothbrush packs, razor packs, mascara etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other soft cleaning and toiletries packaging (toilet roll wrap, dishwasher tabs, wet wipes packs etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EVERYTHING ELSE

	Other hard plastic packaging (plastic packaging for toys, tech, stationery, DIY etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Other soft plastic packaging (pet food pouches, carrier bags, bubble wrap etc.)	
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUBMIT YOUR RESULTS

Submit your findings at:
thebigplasticcount.com/submit
or scan the QR code to the right.



NOT SURE WHERE TO PUT AN ITEM?

Check out our Plastic ID tool:
thebigplasticcount.com/help
or scan the QR code to the right.

