25th September 2026

Redhill Primary Academy Mail on Friday





Email us at: parentcontact@redhillprimary.co.uk

Book of Kindness

In this week's Book of Kindness, we are celebrating:

- Laila-Rose
- Kai

Well done!

Year 4 Trip To Carding Mill Valley

Our Year 4 children recently enjoyed a trip to Carding Mill Valley, where they spent the day exploring the beautiful countryside and taking part in a range of outdoor learning activities. The children demonstrated excellent behaviour and enthusiasm as they discovered local wildlife, investigated natural habitats, and learned more about the surrounding environment.

A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers who supported the visit and helped make it such a memorable experience.





Online Safety – Find the Fake

How good are you and your children at spotting misinformation?
Internet Matters' free Find the Fake activity is designed for families to try together. It's a simple way to start conversations about whether something online can be trusted and what children can do before believing or sharing it.

Why not try it together and see who gets the highest score?

Link: Find the Fake – Internet Matters

Pupil Voice Groups Update

We are very sorry, but due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to announce the Pupil Voice Groups. We will update children early next week and details of the outcomes will be shared in next week's Mail on Friday.

Free School Meals - Check If You Are Eligible

Changes to benefit entitlements mean that some families who may not previously have qualified for Free School Meals could now be eligible.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to check their eligibility, even if you have applied before and were unsuccessful. Registering for Free School Meals can provide valuable support for your family and also helps secure additional funding for our school.

To check whether you are eligible and to apply, please visit:

Telford & Wrekin Council | Free School Meals

Uniform Reminder

We would kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that every item of their child's school uniform, PE kit, coat, water bottle and lunchbox is clearly labelled with their name.

When items are clearly labelled they can be returned to children much more quickly. Please take a few moments to check that labels are still in place and remain legible.

Thank you for helping us to reunite lost items.

The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner wants to hear from as many children as possible about their lives, experiences and hopes for the future through The Big Future national survey.

A number of children from Redhill Primary Academy have already taken part, and we would love to help increase this number. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and gives children the opportunity to have their voices heard and help shape decisions made by Government.

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

Thank you for supporting this important opportunity for our children to share what matters most to them.

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MAIL ON FRIDAY FRIENDS

THE FRIENDS OF REDHILL PRIMARY ACADEMY (PTA)

PRELOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Quality uniform at affordable prices.
Buying preloved helps families save money while supporting our school.

AVAILABLE ITEMS:

- Cardigans
- Jumpers
- Hoodies
- Polo Shirts
- PE T-Shirts
- Summer Dresses
- School Bags



Available to purchase at PTA events throughout the year.

SCAN TO SHOP

PTA AGM

Monday 12th October
6:00pm
Redhill Primary Academy

Come along to our Annual General Meeting and find out how the PTA supports our children and school community.

AT THE AGM YOU CAN:

- Hear about PTA achievements and finances
- Learn about upcoming events and fundraising plans
- Share ideas for future activities
- Meet other parents and carers
- Discover ways to get involved, big or small

Everyone is welcome.

Your voice matters and every helping hand makes a difference.

easyfundraising

Raise FREE donations for Redhill Primary Academy every time you shop online.

When you shop online through Easyfundraising, participating retailers donate to our school completely free – at no extra cost to you!

WHY JOIN?

- Free to sign up
- Thousands of participating retailers
- No extra cost to you
- Helps fund resources and opportunities for our children

SCAN TO SIGN UP

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

Every purchase, donation and volunteer hour helps create exciting opportunities for the children of Redhill Primary Academy.

Together, we can achieve amazing things for our children.

FRIENDS OF REDHILL PRIMARY ACADEMY PTA ♥ SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY

Book Chat

Developing a Love of Reading



Book Chat encourages readers. Open questions, comments and prompts get the Book Chat going. Invite your child to make connections and share views. Join in with your thoughts too!

Book Chat develops language, comprehension and pleasure.



For more information visit:
bit.ly/RfPHome

The Open University

A Guide to **Book Chat**

Research indicates that parents who regularly read with their children at home lay solid foundations for language and literacy development. It's a precious time for you both to relax, share your thoughts and feelings, have fun and chat together. Whilst sharing books, your child has your undivided attention, and the conversation, connection and enjoyment they experience is invaluable.

To promote children's pleasure in reading and foster the habit, we need to read ***to*** children and ***with*** them and to ***talk*** to them about books. These conversations are crucial as they help children to engage and think deeply.

There are several ways to prompt book chat, these are our Top Tips.

Watch and listen carefully to follow their interests

Observe and respond: Pay attention to what captures your child's attention and build on their interests, for example, '*Oh, you've spotted the...!*'.

Leave pauses: So they can look closely and think, this will lead to comments on the pictures or questions. Respond to their lead and let the book chat flow.

Invite your child to get involved

Pose questions: Open questions encourage thinking and discussion, such as, '*How do you think the boy is feeling?*'. Try to avoid closed questions, such as '*What colour is that?*'; these have a single answer and don't keep the conversation going.

Draw attention to illustrations: Encourage your child to notice details in the pictures and think what they might mean, for example, '*Look! What's that hiding, what do you think it might be?*'.

Wonder and connect to your lives

Ponder and wonder: Encourage your child to think about what might happen, using phrases such as, '*I wonder if/ whether /who/ why/ what ...*'.

Make personal connections: Picture storybooks not only allow children to empathise with the experiences of fictional characters but enable them to make sense of events in their own lives. Talk about connections, for example, '*That reminds me of when...*'.

Share your emotional responses!

Comment on your feelings: By sharing your emotional response to a character or something that's happened you encourage your child to do the same, helping them engage and learn to express their emotions.

Keep it light and enjoyable!

Your combined pleasure counts: Bring the story to life with facial expression, actions and sounds, encouraging your child to join in! Do offer information to help with unfamiliar words, such as '*That's the hencoop, it's where the hens live*', but keep the focus on fun.



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Telford & Wrekin Co-operative Council

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Apply online NOW

Starting school?

Closingdatefor applications:

15 January 2027

Ifyour childhasanEducation,Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is **31 October 2026**.

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

- You **must** apply if your child was born between 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023.
- You **must** apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- You are advised to list four schools on your application form, including your catchment area/nearest school.
- Attending a nursery does **not** guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information **www.telford.gov.uk/admissions** or contact School Admissions at **admissions@telford.gov.uk**

