27th November 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:

- Archie E
- Kori DG
- Tommy FA

Well done!

Christmas Parties

We will be holding our class Christmas parties during w/c 14th December. Please can children arrive at school wearing their party clothes and then they can remain in them all day. If your child's party is being held on the pantomime day, please can they wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan over their party clothes. Children can bring one item of party food to eat for themselves, but please do not bring sweets or nuts.



Nursery - 17th December
Reception - 18th December
Year 1 - 18th December
Year 2 - 16th December
Year 3 - 15th December
Year 4 - 17th December
Year 5 - 18th December
Year 6 - 16th December



Parking Reminder

Please be considerate when parking around the school and avoid blocking school entrances, driveways, and pedestrian access points. These restrictions are in place to help keep all children, families, and members of our community safe.

We appreciate that mornings can be busy and everyone is often in a hurry, however parking responsibly helps ensure that parents with pushchairs, wheelchair users, and other pedestrians can access the school safely.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4) - Correction

Following our Mail on Friday last week, we would like to apologise for an inadvertent error. We can confirm that it is Year 4 children only who will be required to take the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) during the summer term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Shropshire Youth Awareness Day

On Thursday, our school turned blue as children and staff took part in Wear It Blue Day in support of Shropshire Youth Awareness Day.

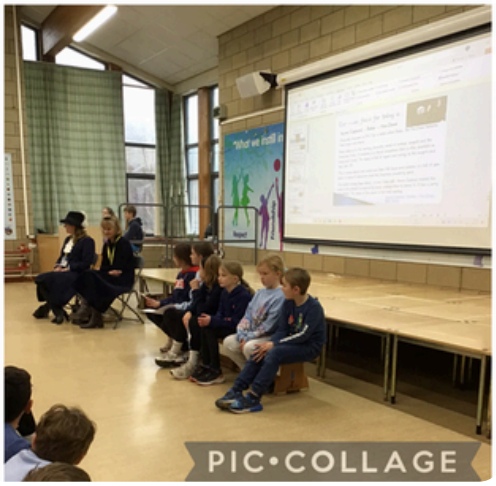
The children looked fantastic in their blue clothing and accessories, helping to raise awareness of the importance of supporting young people in our community.

We were delighted to welcome very special visitors, the High Sheriff of Shropshire, Katy Tanner, and Jane Trowbridge who joined us for this important occasion.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to show their support, celebrate our community and learn more about the importance of raising awareness of issues affecting young people.







Important Update: Attendance Policy and Penalty Notices

We would like to make parents and carers aware of an important update to the school's attendance policy, following changes to government guidance.

As outlined on page 15 of Redhill Primary Academy's Attendance Policy, penalty notices (fines) may be considered where a child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period. Absences do not need to be consecutive. However, under the Telford and Wrekin Code of Conduct, the Local Authority may also exercise discretion to issue a penalty notice before this threshold is reached, including in cases where there have been as few as 8 sessions of unauthorised absence or where absence has been deliberately arranged for example, around a PD day or bank holiday.

Please remember absences during term time will not normally be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. All leave requests must be submitted in advance and will be considered individually by the Head of School.

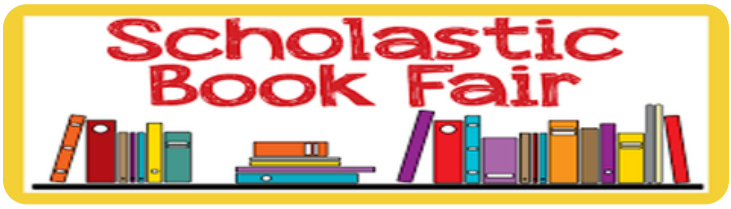
We understand families may sometimes face challenges with attendance, and we remain committed to working together to offer support where needed.

https://redhill.ttsonline.net/Uploads/documents/School%20Policies/Attendance%20Policy%20RPA.pdf

A Friendly Reminder About Gifts

We are so grateful for any kind gestures from our families, but gifts are never expected. Your support means the world and no one should feel any pressure to give. While we appreciate the thought, staff are unable to accept cash or high-value gift cards, and there is no expectation to contribute to any group collections.

Thank you.



A reminder that the Scholastic HALF PRICE Book Fair will be returning to Redhill on Thursday 3rd December and collected on the Wednesday 9th December (school days only). Children will have the opportunity to view the books during school time and for those who are unable to make it an order can be placed online via:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents

Please by aware if you are visiting the Book Fair on these day it is cashless so orders will be placed through your mobile or card machine.



ECO-WARRIORS
CHRISTMAS JUMPER RE-USE EVENT!

Give your Christmas jumper a second life!

DONATE A JUMPER

Has your child outgrown their festive jumper?
Please send clean, good-quality Christmas jumpers into school by

Wednesday 2nd December

FIND A FESTIVE BARGAIN!

3rd–9th December

At the Book Fair

Browse our pre-loved Christmas jumpers and take one home for a small donation to the

Telford Baby and Toddler Bank

helping support local families this Christmas.

Reduce waste • Reuse clothing • Support local families

Thank you for helping our Eco-Warriors make Christmas a little greener!

Children in Need Fundraising Update

After revealing the results of our Penny Battle on Children in Need Day, there was still one very important job left for Mrs Fance... counting the pennies!

Having finally made it to the counting machine last night, Mrs Fance spent an hour and a half pouring coins into the machine before discovering our grand total. Across all denominations, we collected a remarkable 28,838 coins, raising an amazing £1,051.83 for Children in Need!

We have been absolutely blown away by this total and by the generosity shown by our Redhill families. Every penny really has made a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.
Even better, the money was paid directly to Children in Need through the counting machine service, meaning that every penny of the £1,051.83 has gone straight to the charity with no deductions.

As for the coins that didn't quite make the cut, Mrs Fance now has a bucket containing approximately 200 rejected items! These include everything from a guitar pick and several euros to old halfpennies and even coins from Blists Hill. Trying to work out where all the rejected coins were from certainly made the counting time pass quicker.

Thank you once again for helping us support such a worthwhile cause. What a fantastic achievement by our school community!





Christmas Kindness Drive:
Fill Our Christmas Kindness Sleigh



This December, the No Outsiders group are inviting our school community to come together and support local families through our Christmas Kindness Drive in aid of Telford Baby and Toddler Bank.

From 1st to 15th December, we will be collecting donations of essential items for babies and young children. Donations could include nappies, baby wipes, dummies, baby toiletries, bibs, muslin cloths and small toys. We know lots of people are feeling the pinch more than ever this Christmas time, but please remember that every donation, no matter how small, will help make a difference to local families who need a little extra support this Christmas.

To collect our donations, we will have a special Christmas Kindness Sleigh in the school entrance from 1st December. Families are welcome to place donations in the sleigh throughout the appeal and some of our No Outsider children will be acting as 'Christmas elves' at the beginning of every Christmas performance to collect in donations.

To help us track our progress, we will also be displaying a donation tracker in the entrance area and sharing regular updates on our Facebook page. Our No Outsiders group will launch the appeal in assembly, helping children understand how acts of kindness can have a positive impact on others in our local community.

Thank you for your support. Together, let's see if we can fill our Christmas Kindness Sleigh and spread a little Christmas kindness to families across Telford.

NO OUT SIDERS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME IN OUR SCHOOL.

No one is the same, but everyone is equal.

THE REDHILL CHRISTMAS RAINBOW RAFFLE IS BACK

The Friends of Redhill need your help to make this year's Rainbow Christmas hampers!

Donation **Mufti Day is on Monday 14th December**

Children are invited to bring an item in their class colour as detailed below.

