

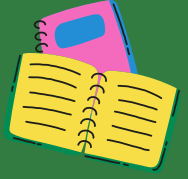


28th November 2025

# Redhill Primary Academy Mail on Friday



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The Scholastic HALF PRICE Book Fair will be returning to Redhill on **Thursday 4th December and collected on the 11<sup>th</sup> December (available on school days only)**. The Scholastic Book Fair is a pop-up celebration of reading that puts the very best books directly into our pupils' hands, while raising rewards to spend on free books and essential resources for our school. Children will have the opportunity to view the books during the school day and for those parents who are unable to make it into school to purchase books, an order can be placed online. Please visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk> to find out more details. Please be aware if you are visiting the Book Fair, it is cashless so orders will be placed through your mobile.

## **A Friendly Reminder About Gifts**

We are so grateful for the 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.

## **RE Debates**

After being chosen to represent Redhill at the RE debates, the children displayed commendable dedication in being prepared and doing a good job. For a couple of weeks before the event, they spent much of their own time with Mrs Bell-Ward discussing and practicing what they would be presenting at the debate. All the children spoke with assertiveness and confidence on the day. They followed our value of respect and congratulated the other school after the debate. It was also great to see how the whole team celebrated each other after each child had spoken. Congratulations to Willow Smith, Dylan Rowlinson, Mya Griffiths, Harrison Hughes, Esme Ward and Harrison Hadley.

### **Christmas Performances**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances in December.

**Booking via ParentPay:** If you have not yet booked your place, please do so immediately via ParentPay.

Places are limited to two per family in total, and bookings are essential for entry.

**Crèche places:** The deadline for booking crèche places was Friday 21st November at 12pm. These should now have been reserved.

**Pushchairs/Prams:** Please note that pushchairs/prams are not permitted inside the school building during performances, due to space and safety restrictions.

**Photographs/filming:** You are welcome to take photographs or film for your own personal use. However, these must not be shared on social media platforms, in order to protect all children.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us manage numbers safely and fairly, and we look forward to celebrating the children's hard work with you.

### **Reception**

Tuesday 2nd December at 9.30am

#### **Year 1 and Year 2**

Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am or Wednesday 10th December at 2pm

#### **Year 3 and Year 4**

Monday 15th December at 2pm or Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am

#### **Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Singing**

Wednesday 17th December at 9.15am or 2pm

### **Parent Drop-ins**

Just a quick reminder that parent drop-ins will end for the year on 4th December due to other commitments at school.

We hope you have found them useful, as we have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you into the classrooms. They will resume in the new year.

### **Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be holding our school Christmas dinner for the children on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

Children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day (or a normal jumper; please do not go out and buy one) replacing their school sweatshirt or cardigan.

They should wear their school uniform (unless it is their Christmas party day - please look out for these dates on next week's Mail).

Please find attached the menu. On this day, we will not be able to serve any other meals, so if your child would not like the Christmas meal, please can you provide them with a packed lunch.

So that the kitchen can prepare, please can you pre order your child's meal on the link below by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon.

### **Christmas School Dinner - Wednesday 17th December – Fill out form**

The Christmas lunch service is a fun time where children will sing songs, make hats and enjoy the festive cheer!



### **No Pens Day - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

#### **Year 3**

Year 3 had a wonderful 'No Pens Day.' In literacy, we used our knowledge of barn owls to plan and deliver our own presentations to the class. In maths, we played games to consolidate our learning of number facts and improve our mental agility. During the afternoon, we took part in a computing scavenger hunt. We found different components that formed part of our school network such as the wireless access point, connections, printers and computers. Finally, we used role play to explore different scenarios in PSHCE as part of our Celebrating Differences block. A packed, fun day.

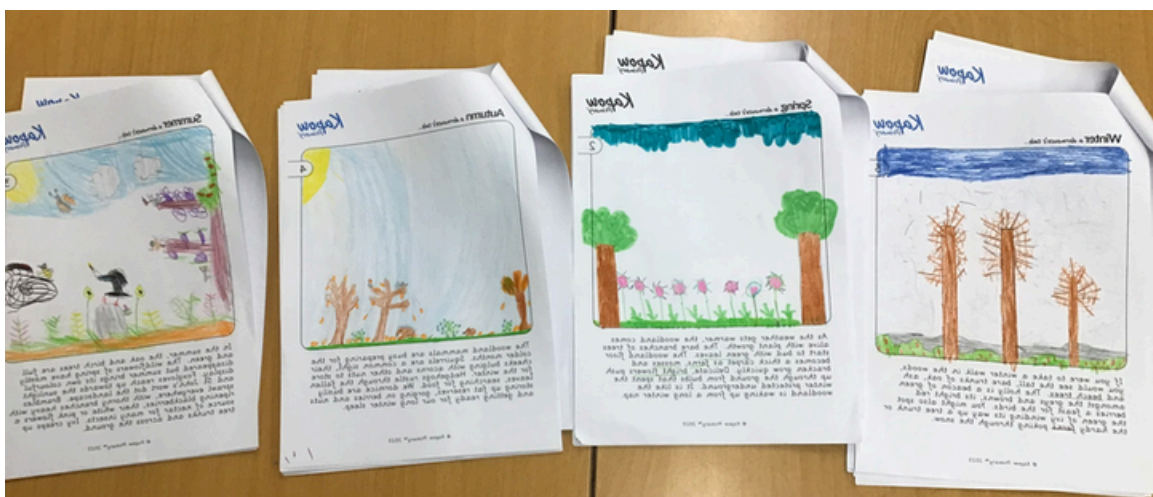
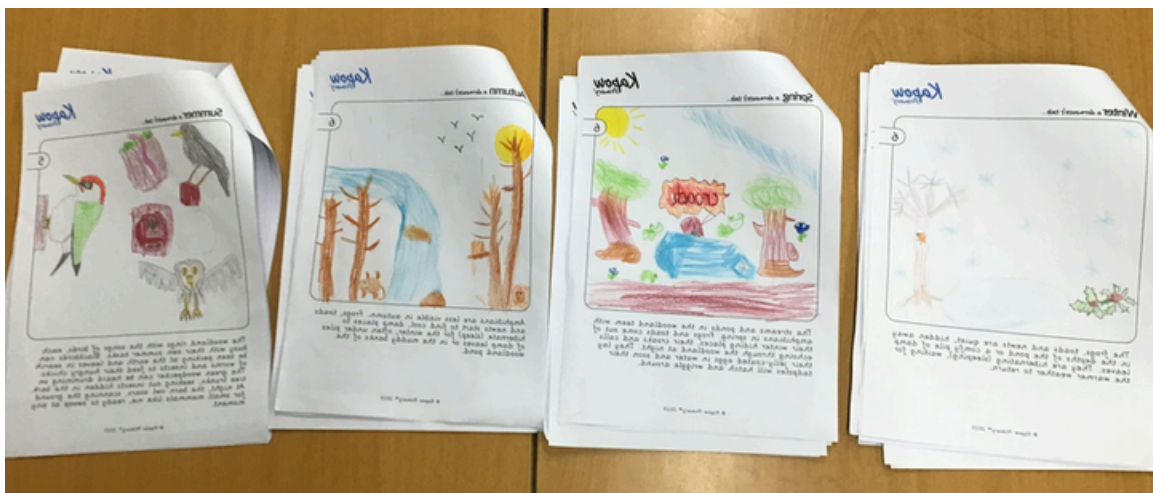
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### **Year 4**

Yesterday in science, we began by playing the game 'guess who' but with a variety of animals. Both partners pick an animal and then they take it in turns to ask classification questions: does it have eight legs or does it have fur?

We then watched a video which explained information about how habitats can change. In the video, there were a few animals which were purposefully misplaced so the children had to spot and explain why they weren't suited to that environment.

Finally, the class worked together to make a book which explained how a woodland habitat changes over the four seasons from the perspective of a dormouse. The children were given a page and they had to draw a suitable picture which matched the words in the story. We then read the entire story and talked about how the animals, plants and weather changes over the four seasons.



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### Year 5

Year 5 had a fun No Pens Day.

EMA challenge – sturdy paper structures. Be creative!



Maths – cube numbers. Everyone was allowed to ‘cheat’ and use a calculator to work out cube numbers. Then we built some cube numbers out of small card cubes we made and finally had table to table competition to race to build cube numbers!



## Telford Minster Visit to Reception



Today we had a visit from the Telford Minster. We talked about the story of Christmas and had fun unveiling the different characters to create our own nativity scene.



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## Christmas Smile Appeal

As in previous years, Redhill is proud to be supporting the Christmas Smile Appeal this year - a wonderful initiative bringing festive cheer to children and families who may otherwise go without. Each year, the project distributes over 10,000 gifts to more than 2,000 members of the Telford community.

One of our core school values is empathy, and supporting this appeal gives our children a chance to demonstrate that value in a real and impactful way.

We invite families to contribute by bringing any donations into school between Monday 1st and Thursday 4th December. These will be delivered to Christmas Smile on Friday 5th December, ready to be wrapped and shared with those in need.

A list of suggested gifts, taken from the Christmas Smile website, can be found below.

A festive poster for the Christmas Smile Appeal. It features a central white box with the 'Christmas smile' logo, which consists of the words 'Christmas smile' in a red, sans-serif font and a red icon of a smiling face with a star on its forehead, held by two hands. The poster is decorated with various Christmas-themed illustrations: a red gift box with a white bow, a blue and yellow striped ornament, a red bell, a gingerbread man, a red mug with a white snowflake, a nutcracker, and several colorful stars and snowflakes. The background is a light beige color with a subtle pattern of small white dots.

At Christmas Smile, we aim to provide gifts to put a smile on the faces of children and the elderly living in difficult circumstances within our local area.

If you are able to provide a **NEW** gift, please take it **UNWRAPPED** to your collection point by 5th December. A team will collect, process, wrap and distribute the gifts in time for Santa's arrival.

**Gift suggestions**

**Children 0-2 years of age**  
Sensory and soft toys, balls, rattles, stacking cups, bath toys, bubbles, clothing, bibs

**Children 3-5 years of age**  
Cars, dolls, arts and crafts, creative play, Duplo, large boxed gifts

**Children 6-8 and 9-12**  
Footballs, Frisbees, jewellery, arts and craft kits, kinetic sand, Lego, toiletries

**Teenagers**  
LED light strips, light up signs, toiletries, jewellery, make-up, journals, colouring books, bags, snoodies, fleece throws

**Adults and senior citizens**  
Fleece throws, aftershave, handwarmers, bed socks, jigsaws, puzzle books

**General gifts and food for everyone**  
Selection boxes, chocolate coins, boxes of chocolates and biscuits, hats, scarves, gloves, books, puzzles, family board games

FOR FULL DETAILS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[www.christmassmile.org.uk](http://www.christmassmile.org.uk)



Parents and local businesses!

We're on a mission to make our Christmas Raffle extra magical this year – but we need YOUR help!

So far some very generous companies have donated the following but we would love to add some more prizes to make it extra special:

Big shout out to West Midlands Safari Park, Weston Park, Exotic Zoo, ToddlerAndMe, Candice Hosker, Flip Out Trampoline Arena, Finlays Imaging, Fun Science Shropshire who have kindly donated prizes so far!

Do you (or your amazing business) have a prize or experience you could add to this list? Maybe a pamper session, a tasty treat, a voucher, or something totally unique?

In return we will advertise your business and spread the word about your kindness

If you can sprinkle a little festive cheer our way, please get in touch – we'd be so grateful!

Let's make this raffle one to remember!

🎄 ✨ Christmas Rainbaw Raffle Prizes (so far!) ✨ 🎄

- 🎫 4 Tickets – West Midland Safari Park
- 👨‍👩‍👧 1 Family Day Ticket – Weston Park
- 🦋 1 Family Day Ticket – The Exotic Zoo
- 👶 3 Sessions – Toddler & Me
- 🛁 Tropics Skincare Hamper by Candice Hosker
- 🛏 Flip out £10 voucher
- 📷 Finley's Imaging Family Photoshoot voucher
- 🎉 Fun Science Shropshire - Kids party £99 voucher

Could you help add to this list of prizes?

**Enter raffle by December 14th**

**REDHILL'S CHRISTMAS RAINBOW RAFFLE 2025**

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

**Enter to win**

**Donation/Muft Day: Friday 8th December**

- Children can wear muft in exchange for their donation!
- Note: Alcohol must be handed to a teacher by a parent or dropped off at the office.
- Got spare hamper baskets? We'd love those too!
- Raffle goes live on PTA Events and will be drawn on Monday 10th December!
- Tickets available on PTA Events



#### County Lines Awareness Webinar for Parents/Carers



#### Who are Catch22

Catch22 is a national organisation with over 10 years of experience delivering specialist support for young people affected by county lines, child criminal exploitation and child sexual exploitation. We currently deliver the National County Lines Support and Rescue service- providing 1-2-1 support and a rescue service for young people and their families who are criminally exploited through county lines.

Eventbrite details for a free webinar for parent/carers(including foster carers/grandparents) to gain an understanding on the important issues surrounding county lines. Please feel free to share on.

#### Session overview

This session is aimed at parent/carers(including foster carers/grandparents) to gain an understanding on the important issues surrounding county lines, as well as the impact that it can have on young people and their families, and the support that is available to young people who are impacted/suffering from County Lines and Criminal Exploitation.

#### Topics will include:

- County Lines, child criminal exploitation (CCE) and financial exploitation,
- Stages of recruitment,
- Push and pull factors,
- The National Referral Mechanism,
- The Psychological impact
- Social media, Debt bondage, plus more

#### Dates/times with links

**Wednesday 10th December 2025 (10am – 11.30am)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/county-lines-webinar-session-parentscarers-only-tickets-1974964772800?aff=oddtcreator>

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (5.30pm-7pm)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/copy-of-county-lines-webinar-session-parentscarers-only-tickets-1974965111814?aff=oddtcreator>