Lost Property

Lost property will be on display in the small playground on Monday and Tuesday next week, weather permitting.
If your child has lost something, please come along to take a look. Thank you.

Parent Safeguarding Board

Last week, the parent safeguarding board met. The focus during this meeting was online safety and we were joined by our online safety lead, Mrs Coughlin. We discussed the different apps children in school are using, the importance of looking at the age restrictions and also some research around device addiction. We discussed the risks surrounding social media, online gaming, live streaming and image sharing as well as the impact of screen time on mental health. We watched the video below which is particularly powerful and opened up conversation further.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5eGc6DidrD8

We discussed ways in which we can also communicate findings and news with parents/carers and children.
If you are interested in joining the parent safeguarding group, please contact Mrs Elise Davies.

Reception 2025/2026 Applications

Recently, Thomas Telford Primary Free School, based in Priorslee, was added as a choice to the school admissions portal for 2025/2026. If you have already submitted your application but would like to add the new school as one of your choices, please be aware that you are able to amend your application up until the closing date.
The new school will initially be offering 30 places in reception.
More information about the new school is available on the Telford and Wrekin admissions website and additionally on the following link:

https://newsroom.telford.gov.uk/news/doors-to-new-primary-school-opening-in-2025

For reception places in September 2025, applications are available via the
Telford & Wrekin website.
All parents need to apply via the Telford and Wrekin Parent Portal.
Please note:
Parents will need to make an application to the Local Authority of where they are living; this is where they pay Council Tax to, even if they want to apply for a school in another LA area.
If a child is attending a school-based nursery, they still need to apply for a school place.
Parents can include up to 4 preferences on their application and we recommend that they do this, and include their catchment/nearest school.
The deadline is as follows:
Reception: 15th January 2025
More information around school allocations and oversubscription criteria is available on the Telford & Wrekin website.
The school admissions website page also contains lots of additional information around school admissions.

Nuts in Lunchboxes

Due to nut allergies, we would request that children do not bring nuts/peanut butter in their lunchboxes.
Thank you for your support.

Young Carers

A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly looks after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, has a mental health problem or an addiction.

Children may engage in ...

Shopping, cooking, cleaning
Managing medicines or money
Providing personal care
Helping get people out of the house
Keeping an eye on someone
Providing emotional support

Redhill Primary Academy can support young carers. If you, or a family member, needs support please contact Miss Price or Miss Williams through the school office. All contact will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Young Carers: Who are They and Why do They Need Support? - Action for Children

A young carer is someone 18 years old or under who helps look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem. This could be a parent or a sibling. Some children begin giving care from a very young age, and others become carers overnight. Caring for someone can be very isolating, worrying, and stressful. For young carers, this can negatively impact their experience in education. Over a quarter of young carers aged 11-15 regularly miss school. This can have a lasting effect on their life chances. Action for Children have written an excellent article on this vital issue. If interested, please click on the link below:

https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/blog/young-carers-who-are-they-and-how-are-they-impacted/

Backwards Poem - Well Done Lottie!

A little while ago, as part of Year 6's history learning, they were shown a famous poem called 'Refugees' by Brian Bilston. The poem is cleverly written as it is designed to first be read forwards and then backwards. Lottie, from Mrs Coughlan's class, had a go at writing her own 'backwards poem' about World War II at home - her fantastic work is below for you to enjoy. Don't forget to read it forwards first, and then backwards afterwards! Well done, Lottie.

WWII was not impactful
So don't tell me
Millions of lives were taken
Because the truth is
There have been worse wars.

It is stupid to say
The deaths were disgraceful
Is simply untrue
This war had no negative impact.

Telford and Wrekin RE Debate 2024

On Friday 22nd November, a group of Year 6 children attended the Telford and Wrekin RE Debate.

A huge well done to Isabel, Asees, Kacey, Lottie and Simrit who all took to the stage for a speech and also to Leo, Harley and Emily who contributed some wonderful ideas when the debates were opened up to the audience.

Talkie AI App

This app is rated as 17+ by the App store and 12+ by Google Play.

Talkie is an AI chatbot app. Users can use the app to create and interact with AI characters.

You should also be aware that this app includes in app purchases ranging from £4.99 - £49.99.

Talkie does offer a Teenager Mode; however, the content still may not be appropriate for your child. Bark reviews this app here, and recommend that your child **should not be using this app:**

https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/talkie-app-review

Tips to help you talk about cyberbullying

Internet Matters have collated their tips to help you talk about cyberbullying with your child based on different age categories. The information is divided into four sections:

1. Before you start the conversation
2. Things to talk to them about such as how to deal with cyberbullying
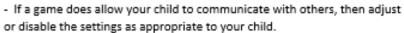3. What to do next
4. Where to get further help

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide

New Technology

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games.
- *Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.*
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

Xbox: https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub
PS5: https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/
Nintendo Switch: https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html

Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:
iPhones/iPad: https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121
Android Device: https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738

Why is it important?

Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

Further information

You can find out more about parental controls here:
https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/

Roblox

You may have seen the recent investigation about Roblox by Hindenburg, which highlights very worrying concerns about the content that can be seen on Roblox, even when users have listed their age as under 13. You can read the full report here: https://hindenburgresearch.com/roblox/

What is Roblox?
Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

What should I be aware of?
Game content – as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.
Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.
Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories.

Age Categories
This article discusses the difference in accounts based on age (under age 13 and aged 13 – 17):
https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428367965460-What-happens-as-I-get-older-on-Roblox

Roblox accounts with Parental privileges - NEW
Roblox have just launched a new system to manage your child's experience on Roblox through 'Roblox accounts with parent privileges.' The new format allows you to view and update parental controls from your own device. Controls include setting content restrictions, managing screen time and setting a spending limit. You can find out more here:
https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ

Content Labels - NEW
Roblox have begun labeling experiences based on the type of content rather than by age. You can set limits on which content labels are accessible in parental controls. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted. You can find descriptions of each here:
https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview

How do I report abuse and block users?
This article outlines the different reporting facilities:
https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203312410-How-to-Report-Rule-Violations

What else can I do?
Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Positively online

The NSPCC have published six tips to help you improve your family's online wellbeing. They also provide you with a guide on how to talk to your child about what they are doing online as well as a quiz that you can play together. You can find our more here:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/positively-online/

The 'Add Everyone' Explicit WhatsApp Group

The INEQE Safeguarding group have issued an alert regarding a WhatsApp group known as 'Add Everyone.' Find out more here:

https://ineqe.com/2024/10/31/safeguarding-alert-add-everyone-whatsapp-group/

The Friends of Redhill

Upcoming Events

Thank you for all your fabulous donations to our Rainbow Raffle!

The PTA will now be working hard to make up the hamper prizes.

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https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/

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@Redhill Primary Academy, TF2 9GZ

Welcome drink (mulled wine or alternative), mince pies and tools/materials for your own wreath included

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https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofredhillprimaryacademy/