



## REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 30.1.26

### Football Coach Visit

On Monday, Scott from Swindon Town FC Community Foundation came into school to deliver football coaching sessions for some of our classes. These sessions focused on inspiring the children to enjoy football, alongside developing a range of football skills. Here are some comments from the children:

"Scott taught us some tricks and skills like rollovers and stepovers." **Adam W**

"I really liked the first task where we were passing a ball to a partner. I also liked the colour cone game." **Emily P**

"I enjoyed the activities, especially the stepovers!" **Daniel B**

"He told us about football clubs and camps." **Alba B**

"I liked kicking the ball through boxes to a partner, and then they passed it back." **Bethan TW**

"Scott was very good. He coaches at Swindon Town!" **Rory E**



### Guitar Lessons

We have some spaces in school for guitar and ukulele lessons. The lessons are provided by Phil Donovan and Jacob Parley. Both teachers have many years of experience and focus on making learning a musical instrument a fun and exciting journey.

**Prices:** 1:1 lessons are £12 per week and group lessons are £7.50 per student, per week. If you would like more information about the lessons, please contact Phil Donovan via email - [donovanx@sky.com](mailto:donovanx@sky.com)



### A message from the Headteacher

Our local authority School Improvement Adviser (SIA) visited us this week. She spent time in all the classrooms, and commented highly on the children's engagement with their learning, classroom environments, and how well the children were able to talk about all aspects of school life. Thank you to the children who spent some time with the SIA, talking about their learning journeys, and some of our more recent school developments including OPAL lunchtime provision.

Falcons and Kingfishers had their first dance sessions with Mr Mitchell this week. It was great to see such creativity on show, and it was clear to see how much the children enjoyed their lesson.

Have a good weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs Joy

### Wiltshire Council Term Dates – Consultation

Wiltshire Council have asked us to share information about their consultation on future school term and holiday dates for 2027-2028. The council would like to hear from parents, staff and other stakeholders. Every response matters, and helps to shape the future calendar in a way that reflects the needs of everyone. You can access the consultation here:

[School Term and Holiday Dates 2027/28 Consultation](#)

### Year 6 Cake Sale

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, children in Year 6 will be selling cakes to raise money towards their leavers' trip. Cakes will be sold for 50p each, and will be available at morning break instead of snack. Any remaining cakes will be sold at the end of the day.



### School Times

8.20am - Playground gates open

8.30am - Bell rings and children enter school

2.50pm - Playground gates open

3.00pm - End of school day

Anyone arriving late will need to go to the office entrance and sign in on the electronic system.

## FORS NEWS

Please remember to bring in your Rags To Riches donations on Thursday 5th February. You can donate any unwanted clothing, bags, accessories and soft furnishings that are clean and reusable. Please tie them in any bag you have at home and bring them to office entrance on Thursday morning.

Alternatively, we can take donations on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, directly into the FORS shed - meet Jo, Gemma Natalie or Marie in the playground with your donations. We are not sure we will be able to offer this every time, but we can this time due to space in the shed!

On Tuesday 10th February, we will be holding a school uniform sale in the hall after school. The gates will open from 2:40pm and you will be able to come into the hall and shop for pre-loved uniform at 50p per item - cash and card accepted.

Please see the attached flyer with details of our 2nd Fizzy Disco of the school year. We are excited that we will be able to have our glow disco on a darker winter's evening! We are looking for volunteers for the event - if you can help at any of the discos, please get in touch with us: [forsevents@outlook.com](mailto:forsevents@outlook.com)

On Thursday 12th February, we will be having a non-uniform day. On this day we ask for sweet packet donations that we can turn into our shop at the disco. **All donations are welcome, but please only donate if you can.**

## Future Dates

### February

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cricket Coach in school  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – Stay Safe Initiative in school – online safety focus  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Cake Sale  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> – Rags2Riches Collection  
w/c 9<sup>th</sup> – Children's Mental Health Week  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – FORS school uniform sale  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Puffins and Nightingales trip to the REME museum  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform day & Fizzy Discos  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Term 4 begins  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> – Chippenham Dance Festival  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> – Walk Safe activities for Years 1, 3, & 6

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