REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4.9.26

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to school, and a very warm welcome to all our new families! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer, with plenty of time to rest, relax and enjoy some special family time. It really has been a super first week back at school, and it has been wonderful to see the children in their classrooms, happily settling into their new routines and enjoying their exciting new curriculum topics.

Our new Reception children have had a fantastic start to school. We are all so impressed with how well they have settled into their classes and how confidently they are adapting to their new school routines. Well done, Reception!

Please have a look at the class pages on the school website https://www.redland.wilts.sch.uk/ where you can find a range of information detailing what the children will be learning in class. Letters are also being sent home outlining routines and expectations for individual classes.

We will be continuing our focus on good attendance in school, and it has been great to see some fantastic attendance rates in our first week of the term.

We are all looking forward to another great year at Redland!

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Joy

Track Resurfacing

Over the summer holidays, a team from MJ Church spent four days working hard to resurface the track on the school field.

As you can see, the track looks brilliant and is a much-improved surface for the children to use. The children were really excited to see how the track had changed and they have enjoyed walking around it this week.

Have a look at the photos at the end of the newsletter.

A huge thank you to MJ Church for doing this for our school, and to Mrs Matthews from the FORS for arranging this.

Book Bags

We have a new stock of book bags in school. These are priced at **£8 each** and can be purchased from the school office.

A reminder that children bring book bags into school from Year R to Year 5. When children are in Year 6, they can bring a backpack in to help manage their folders and SATs revision books. Thank you.

Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder that **Saturday 5th September** is the final day to finish the Summer Reading Challenge at Chippenham Library.

We look forward to hearing how the children have got on!

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.

Free School Meals and Financial Support

Please remember, if you have recently become eligible for Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. Please contact the office for more information.

Each year, we receive some funding from Chippenham Borough Lands Charity which is intended to support families who are experiencing financial hardship. These funds are available to all who may need it – please contact us in the office if you would like to discuss this further.

Year 3 School Meals

A reminder that when children move into Year 3, they are no longer entitled to the Universal Free School Meal government scheme. Lunches cost £2.50 per day and can be ordered through the school money website. Children entitled to free school meals through Universal Credit eligibility can still receive free lunches. If you have any questions about this, please give the office staff a call. Thank you.

FORS (FRIENDS OF REDLAND SCHOOL) NEWS

AGM - Our annual general meeting will be held on the 9th September 2026 at 7pm. We welcome you to attend and we will need at least eight people present in order to re-elect the committee. This will be an in-person meeting and it will be held at the school.

Committee – We're looking for new members! After several successful years, it's time for our current committee to hand over the reins to a new team. We've had the privilege of funding some fantastic projects for the children, as well as organising fun events both in and out of school. It's been an incredibly rewarding experience, and we'd love to see it continue with some fresh faces and new ideas.

We're currently looking to fill the following roles:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Vice Treasurer

If you enjoy organising events, working as part of a friendly team, or would like to help support the school and its children, we'd love to hear from you. No previous experience is necessary, and members of the current committee will be on hand to offer guidance and support during the handover. We'll also continue to help at events and with planning where needed.

If you'd like to find out more or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. If you're interested in taking on one of these roles, we'd love to see you at the AGM. Thank you for considering getting involved – every helping hand makes a real difference to our school community.

Future Dates

September

w/c 7th – Teacher led clubs start
Tues 8th – Lee Abbey meeting for Yr 6 parents at 3.10pm.
Weds 9th – FORS AGM at 7.00pm
Mon 28th – Year 6 Residential to Lee Abbey departs
Tues 29th – Year 4 swimming starts (group 1) – more info to follow

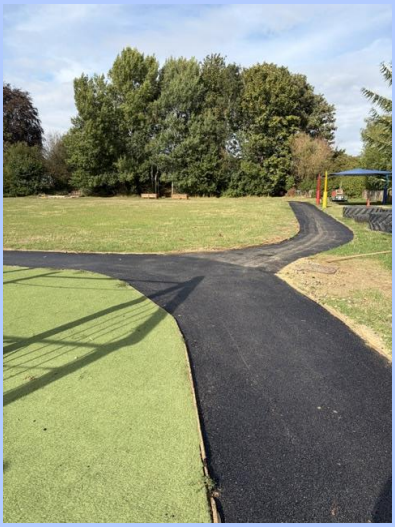
October

Fri 2nd - Year 6 Residential to Lee Abbey returns
Mon 12th – NSPCC Assembly – more info to follow
Tues 13th – School photos – individual and sibling photos
Weds 21st – Last day of term

TD Days 2026-2027

Monday 22nd February 2027
Monday 7th June 2027
Thursday 22nd July 2027
Friday 23rd July 2027

Resurfaced Track



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