



## REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11.9.26

### Open Mornings for Reception Intake 2027

We will be having two Open Mornings on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** for families with children who will be starting school in September 2027. Please call the office on 01249 651623 to book a space.

Applications:

You can apply for primary and secondary school places online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-applying>

The deadline for secondary school places is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026.

The deadline for primary school applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027.

### Attendance – Every Day Counts

Regular attendance is an important part of helping our children make the most of their learning, friendships and school experiences. We are aiming for 97% attendance across the school, in line with the Wiltshire target. Every day in school really does make a difference, so we are working together to help our children attend regularly, arrive on time and make the most of every learning opportunity.



### 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.

### A message from the Headteacher

We are at the end of week 2, and it certainly feels busy and productive in school, with a wide range of activities taking place.

The children in Reception have done really well with school lunches this week. All of the staff have been very impressed with how confidently the children have adapted to the new lunchtime routines. It has been lovely to see them becoming more familiar with the school routines as the week has gone on. Well done, Reception!

Puffins and Nightingales have started their dance sessions with Mr Mitchell this term. The children have really enjoyed working on different dance moves using a variety of musical styles.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Joy

### School Uniform

Here are a few reminders about school uniform expectations:

- Black shoes are to be worn with the school uniform. Trainers can be worn as part of the PE kit or for outdoor learning sessions only.
- Earrings are permitted but must only be studs. All other jewellery items are not permitted in school.
- Nail varnish is not permitted in school.
- We ask that children with long hair have their hair tied up for school.

We appreciate your support with this.

### Mobile Phones

Children in Year 6 may bring a mobile phone to school only with parental permission, typically where children walk to and from school independently. Upon arrival at school, all phones must be switched off and handed in to a staff member in the classroom. Phones will remain away for the duration of the school day. They can then be collected at the end of the day and must remain switched off until the children leave the premises.

### 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.

## FORS (FRIENDS OF REDLAND SCHOOL) NEWS

### Welcome Back Everyone!

The FORS have been busy over the summer. We hope you all have seen the **new track!** We hope this will mean the children can still get out on the field and not come home with muddy wet shoes! You may have seen the big white bags on the playground. Maintenance Mark has been laying down the rubber bark to form a drier base for the OPAL **mud kitchen**. The outside space is one of our priorities and we are really pleased with how it is starting to come together!

Last week we presented each class with a **stationery box**. The classes were really pleased and we hope this will support the children's learning experience. We have also ordered **white board pencils**. This will be a great investment. Dry wipe pens are expensive and notoriously hard to wash out of school jumpers... we hope this will be a sustainable, cost effective jumper saving alternative!

We had our **AGM** on Wednesday and it was brilliant to see some new faces there. We absolutely love new ideas and new energy. We are always open to new volunteers and helpers so if you can add value to the team we would love to work with you!

We are looking forward to our first events in October!

-5<sup>th</sup> October **Rags to Riches** collection

-10<sup>th</sup> October -**Reception welcome party!** 2-3pm - please save the date more information to follow.

-20<sup>th</sup> October **School uniform sale** 2.40pm in the hall

**Fizzy disco** (date tbc) more information to follow.

### Future Dates

#### September

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Residential to Lee Abbey departs

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 swimming starts (group 1) – more info to follow

#### October

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 6 Residential to Lee Abbey returns

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Rags2Riches Collection

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> - Open Morning for parents with children starting Reception in 2027

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> – FORS Reception Party

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – NSPCC Assembly – more info to follow

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – School photos – individual and sibling photos

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> - Open Morning for parents with children starting Reception in 2027

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> – Uniform Sale in hall at 2.40

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> – Last day of term

### TD Days 2026-2027

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027

### Dance with Mr Mitchell

