



REDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6.9.24

Open Mornings for Reception Intake 2025

We will be having two Open Mornings on **Monday 7th October and Wednesday 9th October** for families with children who will be starting school in September 2025. 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 31st October 2024.

The deadline for primary school applications is 15th January 2025.

Book Bags

We have a new stock of book bags in school. These are now priced at **£8 each**. The increase in price is due to rising manufacturing costs. Book bags 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 7th 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.

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to Redland, and welcome to our new families. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer, with time to rest and relax. We have had a really fantastic first week back in school, and the children are already immersed in and enjoying their new curriculum topics. Our new children in Reception have really impressed us with how well they have settled into their classes and how they are adapting to new school routines. We look forward to school lunches next week! 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.

As you may be aware, school attendance has been discussed a lot in the news recently, and by the government. We will be sending some more information about attendance over the coming weeks. We have had brilliant school attendance this week, as you can see in the table at the end of the newsletter.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Joy

Free School Meals and Financial Support

Please remember, if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, your child/children may be eligible for income based free school meals:

Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Universal Credit. There is a short form which would need to be completed which is available from the school office.

Please come and see us 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 income based free school meals (see box above) 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

Welcome back from the FORS! We have lots planned for the year ahead and we will be finalising plans at our AGM on Tuesday 17th September at 7.30pm at the Rivo Lounge.

We welcome new team members and are looking for helpers to organise events throughout the year! If you are coming along, please email us to confirm (and be contacted should there be a need) at forsevents@outlook.com

TD Days 2024-2025
Monday 6th January 2025
Monday 9th June 2025
Wednesday 23rd July 2025
Thursday 24th July 2025

Future Dates

September

w/c 9th – Teacher led clubs start
Mon 16th –Phonics and Maths meeting for Reception parents at 2.15pm in hall – more information to follow
Mon 16th – Lee Abbey meeting for Yr 6 parents at 3.15pm in hall.
Tues 17th – FORS AGM at 7.30pm
Mon 30th – Year 6 Residential to Lee Abbey departs

October

Fri 4th - Year 6 Residential to Lee Abbey returns
Mon 7th – Open Morning for parents with children starting Reception in 2025
Weds 9th - Open Morning for parents with children starting Reception in 2025
Weds 9th – Harvest Festival
Thurs 10th – Yr 6 Bikeability Group 1- more information to follow
Fri 11th - Yr 6 Bikeability Group 1
Thurs 17th – Fizzy Discos
Tues 22nd – School uniform sale at 2.40pm in hall
Weds 23rd – Last day of term

Class Attendance

Class	Attendance in Week 1
Wrens	100%
Owls	93.8%
Starlings	99.1%
Robins	100%
Puffins	100%
Nightingales	100%
Hawks	98.8%
Buzzards	97.4%
Falcons	99.6%
Kingfishers	96.7%

Our school target is 96% and above