



Message from Mrs Painter

As we approach the end of a busy term, I am delighted to share with you some of the wonderful achievements and events that have taken place at Red Oaks Primary School. We have had a fantastic term with many highlights.

Our school successfully completed the Challenge Partners Review, receiving excellent feedback on our teaching and learning practices. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff and children.

Our Year 5 children have made great progress in their swimming lessons this term. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in the water.

Our choir and Year 4 children participated in the Young Voices concert in Birmingham, showcasing their talent and enthusiasm. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved singing with thousands of other children. Treasure Hunt and Bake Sale Fundraising

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Treasure Hunt and Bake Sale. These events were a huge success, raising significant funds for the Year 6 trip to London.

We held an informative Online Safety Workshop this term, which was well-attended by parents. Thank you to those who participated and helped make it a valuable session.

We were thrilled to welcome 28 visitors from South Korea who came to see how we use technology at Red Oaks. It was a great opportunity to share our innovative practices and learn from each other. They were all wowed by what they saw, from the way we use iPads to support teaching and learning to the use of virtual headsets to give children more experiences.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents for their support this term. Special thanks to those who attended the relative reading sessions and the Online Safety Workshop. Your involvement is greatly appreciated. We have many more workshops planned for after half-term. Please see the dates at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Finally, a huge thank you for the generous donations we have received this term, including a wonderful kitchen play set for Nursery, additional contributions to the Year 6 trip to London, and much-needed stationery. I hope that you all have a restful half-term holiday and look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday 24th February.

Lunch Boxes

A gentle reminder that sweets such as Haribo, Maom bars etc are not permitted to be in lunchboxes. Small chocolate bars are acceptable. Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.

Coach Layby

You will have noticed that this layby has been coned off for the last few weeks, please refrain from parking in this area. Many thanks

Maths Parent Workshop - Wednesday 26th March 8:50-9:30

Come and join us to find out all about maths calculations. The Parent workshop will begin in the hall at 8:50 then you will have the opportunity to visit your child/children in their class. Please sign up via ParentPay if you will be attending. Many thanks

PE Kit

Children must wear a **plain coloured** top (no football shirts) to match their house colour (please see examples below) and either shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms that are **navy blue or black**. Children can also wear a **dark blue hoodie** on PE days; this can be a plain hoodie or a Red Oaks branded hoodie from the uniform shop.



From £2

Light Blue Crew Neck School T-Shirt
2 Pack



From £2

Red Crew Neck School T-Shirt 2
Pack



From £2

Yellow Crew Neck School T-Shirt 2
Pack



From £2

Green Crew Neck School T-Shirt 2
Pack

Art Show

We are very excited to be taking part in The Young Artist Summer Show. This is an exciting competition giving pupils the chance to have their artwork celebrated! The competition is open to all year groups and any theme is welcome. It may include drawing, painting, printing, photography, sculpture, textile, fashion, animation, video, or surprise us!

The artwork must be completed at home and handed in to class teacher by the 3rd March to be entered. Your entry must include a title and a short description about the artwork. ✍️ Please return the permission slip with their artwork.

Full details can be found on their website - <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

KS2 Spelling Workshop 5th March 9.00-9:30am

9:00-9:15am in the Hall with Ms Duffin

9:15-9:30 in class with teachers for an example spelling session

Upcoming Dates

24th February 2025 - Back to school - Gates open at 8.30am

6th March 2025 - World Book Day

15th March 2025 - Family Event Day - more information to follow

18th March - Parent Book Look 8.45am





Weekly Football Sessions

FRIDAYS

FOCUS ON INVOLVEMENT, FUN AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL!

CRICKLADE LEISURE CENTRE
Stones Ln, Cricklade, Swindon SN6 6JW

4-5 yr olds	4:10-4:55
6-7 yr olds	4:55-5:40
7-8 yr olds	5:45-6:30
9-11 yr olds	6:30-7:20

More sessions in Malmesbury, Cirencester, Chippenham, Stroud and many more

TWO WEEK FREE TRIAL

Book your child's place at www.kick-a-bout.com
Call DAVID on 07876 112444 DAVID@kick-a-bout.com


OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 11th March 9am-11am

CATALYST STEM STREAM


Thursday 20th March 9am-10am

The Catalyst Stem Stream is Nova's specialist provision for ambitious scholars who have a strong interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.




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Book Bingo



Book Bingo is our reading reward challenge to inspire and develop our pupils' enjoyment of reading for pleasure.

How it works:


Just like bingo, the aim is to complete your child's year group bingo chart. Copies of books are all available in our playground gazebo on Wednesday lunch times supported by our 'Book Bingo Monitors', most can be borrowed from our libraries or classroom book corners or you could visit your local library to borrow a book.

Prizes:


- Every book completed = 10 house points.
- Every line (row or column) = extra playtime at the end of that term and a book mark.
- Complete the whole grid = receive a special treat at the end of the year.

The Book Bingo challenge is in addition to the reading books children bring home from the library to encourage our pupils to read and enjoy a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. You are encouraged to share and read the books together with your child; it is not something they are required to do independently. However, if your child wishes to read on their own, you can still support them by asking questions about what they have been reading.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask,
Kind regards,
Ms Duffin



**The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.**




World Book Day


THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

This World Book Day, we are going to celebrate the authors we have named two of our Houses after: Donaldson and Rauf. We are inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from one of their very famous books.

Donaldson - The Gruffalo, Stick Man, Snail and the Whale, The Smegs and the Smoos - there are many more!



Rauf - Boy at the back of the class



CHILDREN, CAN OF COURSE, COME AS THEIR FAVOURITE CHARACTER FROM ANY ANOTHER BOOK INSTEAD!

Bristol Autism Support

SWINDON COFFEE MORNING

Support for Parents and Carers of Autistic Children - No Diagnosis Required

Our drop in group for parents and carers of autistic children (no diagnosis required). Come along and meet our Peer Educators and others who are there to listen, support, share experiences and offer signposting if needed.

No need to book, just turn up!

Wednesday 26th February 10:30-12:30

Goddard Arms, Old Town Swindon, SN1 3EG

Located in the semi-private area to the right as you walk in the main front door.



