

Red Oaks Primary School
14th March 2025
Newsletter



Message from Mrs Painter

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We have had an exciting and eventful few weeks at school.

Our World Book Day celebrations were a huge success! It was wonderful to see the children come dressed as their favourite book characters, with many celebrating our school houses of Rauf and Donaldson and it was wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm. We had a special assembly where the children completed a costume parade and then participated in fun activities in class. Thank you to all the parents for helping with the costumes and for coming in in the afternoon to encourage a love of reading.

It was a real privilege to join the Year 6s on their trip to London. It was a truly unforgettable trip, visiting the Natural History Museum and watching the musical Wicked. They were fascinated by the exhibits at the museum and thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Wicked. The children were brilliantly behaved throughout the trip, showing great respect and curiosity and were a real credit to the school. A big thank you to everyone who helped to fundraise for this wonderful trip and for the staff who made this trip possible.

Over the past two weeks, our children have been diligently working on their internal assessments. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. The children have shown great focus and resilience, and their efforts are truly commendable. Well done to all the children! Information on how they have attained and the progress they have made this year will be a part of the next parents evening taking place on Thursday 24th April. Signing up information will be shared in the next week.

We recently hosted public health workshops on clean air, where the children learned about the importance of maintaining clean air and how they can contribute to a healthier environment. The workshops were interactive and informative, and the children were engaged and eager to learn. We hope they will continue to apply what they have learned in their daily lives.

We are looking forward to our family event this Saturday. It will be a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and enjoy various activities and games. We hope to see you all there and make it a memorable day for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. We look forward to sharing more exciting news with you in the future.

School Grounds

You will have recently noticed that new plants have been placed in front of the school hall. It is with a great deal of sadness that we must report that a large number of children are being allowed to run through this area by their parents at the end of the school day, despite a cone being placed there as a statement to avoid the area. Many staff have witnessed this from the offices which are present in that area of the building.

Please can I urge you to stop your children from running through this area as the plants are already being destroyed and they will not be replaced when they have been deliberately damaged. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

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

Red Nose Day



On Friday 21st March we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise money. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform or in anything red. Donations for this can be made via ParentPay.

Car Park Reminders

Please can we remind all parents that the car park speed limit is 4mph and that there are plenty of parent car parking spaces. There have been instances where parents have double parked in the staff side causing staff to be late to collect their own children. We ask that parents be mindful of this and park within the bays provided even if your child is in Reception/Nursery.

A reminder that all children should be secured in car seats and/or secured in the car using the seatbelts - this is the law:

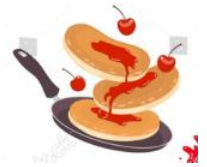
Children

You must make sure that any children in the vehicle you're driving are:

- in the [correct car seat](#) for their height or weight until they reach 135 centimetres tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first
- wearing a seat belt if they're 12 or 13 years old, or younger and over 135cm tall

Pancake Day.

Last Tuesday's assembly was a pancake toss house competition. Congratulations to all the children who were brave enough to take part and earn house points for their house! 😊



Year 4

Briony from Swindon Borough Council joined us last week for a session on air pollution. The children came up with some really interesting and relevant ideas for changes we could all make (and some for the world leaders).

Small changes:

- Leaving cars at home and walk, bike or scoot to school
- Park and stride - park near school and the walk a little
- Switch off engines in traffic
- Avoid log burners
- Grow plants

She also discussed what careers you could go into if you were passionate about making a difference.

Attendance

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks	Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
Orange am	96.5%	Maple	98.7%
Orange pm	92.9%	Palm	96.8%
Apple	97.4%	Oak	98.3%
Cherry	94.2%	Pear	97.3%
Ash	94.8%	Beech	94.0%
Pine	97.4%	Hazel	100.0%
Birch	97.0%	Chestnut	97.2%
Willow	97.9%	Lime	99.4%

Term 3 Attendance Award results:

Simmonds 96.4% 100 points
Attenborough 95.7% 75 points
Raúf 95.4% 50 points
Donaldson 93.2% 25 points

Every day at school counts! Every house point counts too.
They will be added to the termly total.

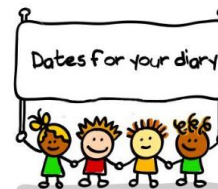
Term 4 Pancake Flipping Challenge:

Attenborough 125
Donaldson 200
Raúf 135
Simmonds 100

Red Oaks held its own pancake flipping Houses challenge this week. It was loads of fun and here are the results. The extra points will be added to each House's total this week.

Upcoming Dates

18th March - Parent Book Look 8.45am
21st March - Red Nose Day
24th March - Class Photos
26th March - Friends of Red Oaks Popcorn Film Night
4th April - End of Term 1.30pm Finish
22nd April - Return to School at 8.30am
24th April -
8th May - VE Celebrations - more info to follow



SHOCK

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL
10:00-16:45
BRADON FOREST SCHOOL
SN5 4AT

10:00-11:30
UNDER 12'S NBL

11:45-13:15
UNDER 14'S NBL

13:30-15:00
UNDER 16'S NBL

15:15-16:45
UNDER 18'S NBL & YBL

CLICK OR SCAN TO REGISTER!

CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS FREE
NON MEMBERS £5.00

SWINDON SHOCK YOUTH BASKETBALL TRIALS

ICAP
Quality Assurance Centre

LET'S CREATE
ART CLUB

Easter half term
ART CAMP!

M 7th - F 11th
M 8th - Th 17th
April 2025

Don't miss out!

BOOK NOW...
Letscreateartclub.co.uk

9-3pm
Early & late available
Age 6-12

Tregoze Primary School, SN5 6JU

CPA
Rising Star
Finalist 2025

ICAP
Institute of Children's Art Practice

BRANCHES SUPPORT GROUP
EVERYONE WELCOME

Tel: 07486 873405
Email: swindonsendfamiliesvoice@outlook.com

BRANCHES

BRANCHES is a support group open to all parents and carers of children and young people with any Special Educational Need or Disability, aged 0-25 years

When?
Tuesday 18th March

Where?
Coleview Community Centre, Toucester Road, Swindon, SN3 4AS

Time?
10am - 11.30am

Working Together Strengthening Support Reaching Out

Guest Speakers:
-Andy Moffat: GP supporting families of children with feeding differences including AFRFA
-Bobby Cox: Inclusive Cycling
-Hannah Prescott and Teresia Jones from Social Care Pathways for the Disabled Children's team

Swindon SEND Families Voice

BRANCHES is a free support group, however voluntary donations for refreshments are welcomed

Bristol Autism Support

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

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!

Monday 24th March 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.

Autism Central

COMMUNITY FUND

EASTER 2025

TECH & STEM CAMP

NEW TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!

Water Tornado

Motor Fan

Levitating Ball

Robotics & Coding

Circuitry & Electronics

Tech Fun

7TH - 25TH APRIL : LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!

MULTI DAY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE, FROM JUST £35 PER DAY!
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

www.nextthing.education

Children's Milestones
WE ALSO ACCEPT
TAX-FREE
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EASTER CAMPS 2025

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

Example Camp Schedule. Please check online for specific camp schedule.

Day 1 (NOT RUNNING ON DAY APRIL)	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5 (NOT RUNNING ON DAY APRIL)
9 am drop off				
ROBOT LAB	Engineering	ELECTRIC CREATIONS	3D CREATIONS	VR VIRTUAL REALITY
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	MINECRAFT MAZE
Take Home Inventions				
Electric	Motorised	Light	Hydraulics	Solar
4 pm pick up				

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

<p>★★★★★</p> <p>"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"</p>	<p>★★★★★</p> <p>"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"</p>	<p>★★★★★</p> <p>"Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"</p>
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LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!

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Movement

Photo Competition

During the Easter holidays, we are inviting children to take a photograph of something with the theme of 'Movement'. It could be something in nature, a person, a vehicle or something thought provoking/ imaginative.

We hope to be able to display all the photographs in school.

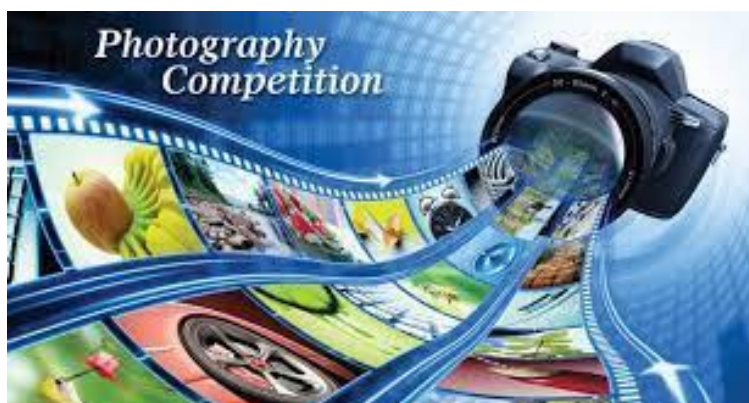
Please pay £1 per entry on parent pay and send your photograph to: office@redoaks.org.uk

Please include your child's full name, year group and teacher's name.

1 entry per person.

The competition will be open from **Friday 21st March – Friday 25th April 2025**

Winners will be announced shortly after this and there will be prizes for the best entries. Entries will be judged by photography students from Abbey Park. Please note that this is a TPAT Primary competition so the winners may be from another school.



Top Tips for taking a great photograph:

- * Pause to focus and hold the camera still to avoid blurring
- * Experiment with angles
- * Don't take a shot directly into the light as this will make objects or people look dark.
- * Don't be afraid to zoom and take close up shots
- * Take lots of pictures – you can always delete the ones you don't want
- * Use appropriate creative effects to enhance your photograph.
- * Place the object of interest at the centre of the shot.
- * **Stock images are generally easy to identify and will not be judged**