



Messages from Redfield's Senior Leadership Team

10th October – Newsletter 3

Term 1 – Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our value this term is Community, and over the past couple of weeks, it has been wonderful to see this shining through in so many aspects of school life.



The children have really enjoyed taking part in our singing assemblies with Preludes. Music has such a special way of bringing people together, and it's been lovely to hear everyone joining in with "I Can See Clearly Now" - the hall has been filled with smiles and song!

On Tuesday, Year 1 put their geography skills into practice on a local walk. The children plotted their route, followed a map, and searched for man-made and natural features along the way. A highlight was spotting the large mural by artist Zoe Power on Church Road - especially exciting as they've been studying her artwork this term. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who joined us and made the trip possible.

In Reception, children have been working hard and exploring the many ways we communicate, through spoken language, visuals, gestures and signs. This year, the class will be learning signs as part of their learning journey, supporting and celebrating all the ways children express themselves. Look out for their videos each week showing the signs they are learning!

Year 2 have begun exploring some of Bristol's most famous landmarks. The children played a game where they placed landmarks on a map, improving their understanding of Bristol's

geography. Their goal was to confidently locate four key landmarks but some groups managed even more!

Year 3 have been incredible this week, leading our Harvest Festival with confidence and joy. The children sang beautifully, demonstrated The Redfield Way throughout, and impressed us all with their growing confidence when speaking to an audience. They have also been learning to ride safely as part of their Bikeability lessons.

Year 4 have been busy becoming scientists, sorting and grouping plants using classification keys. Their curiosity and teamwork have really stood out.

Year 5 have also been taking part in Bikeability this week, showing great resilience as they built confidence and control on two wheels. They also welcomed 'Shooting Fish Theatre Company to school on Friday, who they will be taking part in an exciting project with over the next term – more information to come soon with this!

Year 6 enjoyed a fascinating trip to the M Shed, where they explored transport links within Bristol as part of their enquiry question: "How does Bristol operate as a community?" It has been brilliant to see their learning connect so closely with our whole-school value this term - Community.



This week, we carried out our Safe Inside Lockdown drill. We're pleased to share that everything ran very smoothly, and the children did a remarkable job following the steps calmly and sensibly. These drills are an important part of keeping everyone safe and ensuring that both staff and pupils know exactly what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency. Well done to all our pupils for their maturity and cooperation.

Finally, a reminder that on 20th and 22nd October, we will be holding our first Parents' Evenings of the year. These meetings are a great chance to celebrate your child's successes, discuss their progress and explore ways we can continue to support them together. When home and school work as a team, children feel

supported and confident to do their best.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and positivity. It's been an inspiring start to the term, and our community spirit continues to grow stronger each week.

Book Cover Competition

Well done to Nae Nae Y6, Isla Y4, Senan Y1 and Nico, Y1 .

All winners of our Book Fair Competition. Well done for your amazing book cover designs. All lucky winners have spent their voucher and collected a book from the book fair.

Also well done to Fonda Y6, Aliya Y4, Ruby Y1 and Betty in YR, our runners up!



Thank you for everyone who took part in the competition and for everyone who purchased books.

Fee Half-Term Club

Date: October 29th, 2025

Venue: The City Academy, Russell Town Ave, Redfield, Bristol BS5 9JH.

Time- 9am- 3pm. Arrival from **8:45am onwards**

What's covered in the camp: We will be going through batting, bowling, fielding using some really cool games. It will be an action-packed day full of fun and enjoyment for all! Signing up in the online portal also provides you with a **free**, customised Dynamos T-shirts!

Below in the email is the sign-up link along with the discount code. For this camp where a QR code isn't available, please follow the link and the prompted steps. If there are any issues, please feel free to contact me using the information in the portal.

Sign up

link: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/DynamosHolidayCamps/GCFACECityAcademySchool/Course/b57dc7b9-938a-4e25-ac1c-2e145a54200a>

Discount code: PHQD6

Attendance

Why Does It Matter?

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress. Being present allows children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills, and contribute to better mental health and overall well-being.

Did you know?

When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

We recognise the majority of our pupils are of an age where they cannot bring themselves to school independently and therefore understand that low attendance or poor punctuality is out of their control. As a result, we acknowledge that it is the efforts of our parents/ carers that will have a significant impact on improving both punctuality and attendance for our pupils and consequently include them within the recognition and rewards we share - achieving together, celebrating together.

Attendance at RET last week: 95.2%

Legend

- Severely absent (50% or more sessions missed)
- Persistently absent (10% or more sessions missed)
- At risk of persistent absence (5-10% sessions missed)
- Good attendance (95-99%)
- Excellent attendance (99%+)

REMINDER - How to apply for a new year 7 secondary school place.

If your child is in year 6 or was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you need to apply for a new year 7 secondary place. Apply online from **Friday 12 September 2025** for September 2026 admissions. You'll need to register for an account on the Bristol City Council Parent Portal admissions system if you've not made an online application for a school place or free school meals before. The final date and date and time for making limited changes to an existing application for the first round of allocations is midnight on **4 November 2025**. If you would like any support with completing the application form please speak with Imrana



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Educate Together

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 26/27

OPEN NOW

We warmly invite you to join our growing school community! You are welcome to visit us for a school tour and to meet our passionate team.

Monday 29th (9:00am-9:30am)
 Tuesday 21st October (14.00pm – 14.30pm)
 Tuesday 4th November (10.00am – 10.30am)
 Tuesday 4th November (17.00pm – 17.30pm)
 Thursday 20th November (12.00pm – 12.30pm)
 Wednesday 10th December (11.00am – 11.30am)
 Wednesday 7th January (16.00pm – 16.30pm)

BOOK TODAY

 01173790777
 info@redfieldet.org.uk



Parent Code of Conduct

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a respectful and supportive school community, we kindly remind all parents and carers to read and follow our Parent Code of Conduct.

This document outlines the expectations for behaviour when engaging with staff, pupils, and other members of our school community. By working together, we can ensure a safe and positive environment for everyone.

Our Parent Code of Conduct can be found on our website:

<https://www.redfieldet.org.uk/assets/RET-parent-code-of-conduct.pdf>

Term 1 key dates

There are still some physical copies of our calendar available at the office if you would like one

Events

Harvest Festival—Year 3 Leading (all parent/carers welcome) 8/10/25 @2:45pm

Parent/carers sessions:

SLT welcome meeting 18/9/25 @9:00-9:30am and 5:00-5:30pm

Parent/carers evening 20/10/25 and 22/10/25 from 3:30pm

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 3

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with sick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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