



Messages from Redfield's Senior Leadership Team

5th October 2026 – Newsletter 3

Term 1 – Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enriching couple of week at Redfield, with children learning well beyond the classroom through cycling, Forest School, drama, creative workshops and opportunities to take on leadership roles across the school. Alongside this, today we came together as a whole school to mark the beginning of Black History Month, starting our learning by looking at an important part of Bristol's own history.

These opportunities are an important part of the education we want every child at Redfield to experience. Alongside developing knowledge and skills, we want our children to become confident, curious and responsible young people who understand their community, know their rights and recognise the contribution they can make to the world around them.

Black History Month – The Bristol Bus Boycott

Today, we came together for a special whole-school assembly to mark the beginning of Black History Month. This year, we started by looking close to home and exploring an important part of Bristol's own Black history – the Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963.

The children discovered how members of Bristol's Black community, alongside supporters from across the city, stood together to challenge discrimination when Black and Asian people were unfairly prevented from working as bus crews. We talked about the courage of people including Roy Hackett, Owen Henry, Audley Evans, Prince Brown, Guy Bailey and Paul Stephenson, and how ordinary people working together helped to bring about positive change in our city.



As a Rights Respecting School, we linked this important piece of Bristol history to Article 2 – the right to protection from discrimination and to our own expectations of Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Ready. We asked the children to consider an important question: "What do we do when we see something that isn't fair?"

Our message was that every one of us can make a difference by noticing unfairness, questioning it, speaking up and standing together.

It was a wonderful way to begin our Black History Month learning and to remind our children that Black history is not something distant from us – it is part of Bristol's history, our community and our shared story. We have shared a copy of the slides used during today's assembly so that families can look through them together and continue these important conversations at home.



Bikeability – Developing Skills for Life

Our Years 3, 4 and 5 children have been busy developing their cycling skills this week with Bikeability.

Depending on their level of experience, children have been developing their confidence and bike-handling skills on the playground before progressing to riding safely on local roads.

Learning to cycle confidently and safely provides children with much more than a sporting skill. It develops independence, confidence, road awareness and an understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe. It also gives children the skills to choose active and sustainable ways of travelling as they get older. We have been really impressed by the perseverance shown by the children, particularly those who have challenged themselves to develop new skills or grow in confidence on their bikes.



Year 1 Forest School

Our Year 1 children have been thoroughly enjoying their Forest School sessions and have recently taken their learning beyond the school grounds with visits to Netham Park.

Over the past few weeks, children have been developing a fantastic range of practical outdoor skills. They have learnt how to whittle to create their own musical instruments and worked collaboratively to design and build dens.

Forest School gives children opportunities to explore, take appropriate risks, solve problems and work together in a very different learning environment. Taking these skills into Netham Park has allowed children to explore the natural environment within their own community and put their learning into practice on a larger scale. These experiences link particularly well to children's right to play and participate in recreational and cultural activities (Article 31), while developing resilience, independence and teamwork.



Year 4 – Shooting Fish

Our Year 4 children have also begun an exciting programme of drama and lantern-making workshops with Shooting Fish. Across the workshops, children will have opportunities to develop their creativity, confidence and performance skills while working collaboratively towards a final piece of work.



Even more excitingly, the children's final work will be shared as part of the Rose Green Bonfire Evening. Shooting Fish will provide tickets to the event for all of the children taking part, giving them the opportunity to see and celebrate their work within the wider community. Creative opportunities such as these are an important part of children's right to participate in cultural and artistic life (Article 31) and provide another fantastic opportunity for our pupils to contribute to and feel part of their local community.

Book Fair – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who visited and supported our Book Fair. It was fantastic to see it so well attended and, most importantly, to see so many children excited about choosing and talking about books.

The support from our families will also generate valuable additional funds to purchase new books for our school library, helping us continue to develop our reading offer and provide children with an even wider range of high-quality texts to discover and enjoy.

Developing a love of reading is such an important part of children's education, and events like this help us build a culture where books, stories and reading for pleasure are valued and celebrated across our whole school community.

Pupil Leadership – Having a Voice at Redfield

Children have also been busy applying for a range of pupil leadership roles across the school. We have been delighted by the number of children who have put themselves forward and shown enthusiasm for taking greater responsibility within our school community.

This year, our pupil leadership opportunities include Sports Leaders, Pupil Council representatives, Rights Respecting Ambassadors and Digital Leads. These roles provide children with meaningful opportunities to develop confidence, responsibility and leadership skills while having a genuine influence on different aspects of school life. This is particularly important to us as a Rights Respecting School and links directly to Article 12 – children's right to have their views heard and taken seriously.

Our new pupil leaders will be announced during Celebration Assembly this Friday, and we are looking forward to celebrating them and seeing the contribution they make to Redfield throughout the year.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Weeks like this demonstrate just how much happens beyond individual lessons at Redfield. Whether children are learning to cycle safely, exploring the outdoors, creating and performing, developing a love of reading, learning about the history of their city or stepping forward to become pupil leaders, we want them to have experiences that help them grow as confident, knowledgeable, responsible and respectful young people.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm with which our children continue to embrace these opportunities and of the way they demonstrate our Redfield Way of being Ready, Kind and Safe each day.



Term 1	
Date	Event
7/10/26	Year 3 - Harvest Festival @2:45pm – main hall
16/10/26	FORET Clothes swap 3:10-4:00pm – main hall
19/10/26 and 21/10/26	Parent/Carer evening 3:30-5:30pm
End of term 26 th October	



Today we want to share some of the FORET events coming up this school year. Sharing them now means you can get them in your calendar and will hopefully be able to join us!

Our events can only go ahead with the help of our wonderful volunteers. If you think you might be able to help out with a particular event, we'd love to hear from you.

Volunteering is usually fun and very straightforward: helping on the doors, pouring drinks, serving or selling snacks, setting up games or helping us tidy up afterwards. You don't need any special skills or experience, and even an hour of your time can make a real difference.



First up will be our **Halloween clothes and costume swap.**

👕🎃 Kids Halloween costume and winter clothes swop 👕🎃

👻 Friday 16th October 3:10, in the hall 🧛‍♀️

- Please drop clothes donations by the sofa near the office beforehand or bring with you after school
- Come pick up some Halloween or winter clothes, doesn't matter if you've donated any, all welcome
- Refreshments available to buy
- To donate to FORET please use this link:



https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q34NHS2C?utm_source=qr&utm_medium=digital&utm_campaign=image

Other events this year:

4 December: Winter Fayre

19 and 21 January: School Discos

26 February: 26 February: World Book Day Costume Swap.

3 March: Book sale

23 June: Summer Fayre

If you want to know more about any of these events, or you might be able to volunteer, or you simply want to find out who we are: feel free to email us at foret.pta@gmail.com.

Also, don't forget to check out our notice board in the school playground, on the school wall on the right as you enter through the green gates.