REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: 10th July 2026

Redwood Park Academy's Vision

Our vision is that all pupils at Redwood Park Academy will be confident communicators, who are growing to be more independent, so that they are happy and healthy young adults who make positive contributions to their community.

Kindness | Communication | Ambition

Subject of the week: Life Skills

At Redwood, learning goes far beyond the classroom. Life skills are an essential part of our curriculum in Key Stage 4 helping pupils develop the practical skills to become as independent as possible.

Throughout the year, our pupils have been working hard on a wide range of life skills activities. From preparing simple meals and making healthy food choices, to practising personal hygiene and managing daily routines. Every achievement is a step towards greater independence.

Other information:

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 16th July- Redfest

Tuesday 21st July- Last day of term, 1pm finish

Thursday 3rd September - Year 7 classes start school

Friday 4th September - Back to school for all pupils

Class of the week: Mountbatten

It has been a busy and exciting term in Mountbatten Class!

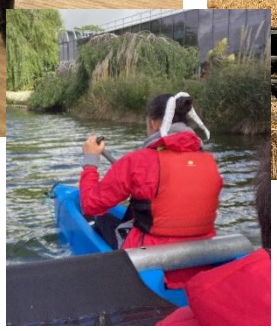
In English, we have all worked incredibly hard on our writing and produced some fantastic travel brochures. The pupils have showed great creativity and enthusiasm, carefully considering how to persuade their readers and present information effectively.

As part of our topic, 'Up, Up and Away', we have explored different places around the world and particularly enjoyed learning about Antarctica and Japan. The pupils loved creating Antarctic scenes using fake snow and glitter and trying Japanese snacks. We also practised writing in Japanese.

We also enjoyed a trip to the farm, where we met a variety of animals and learned more about life on a working farm. The newborn calves were a particular favourite and were adored by everyone.

In STEM, we had a fantastic time using Sphero Bots and taking part in an exciting Robot Wars challenge, which encouraged teamwork, problem-solving and creativity.

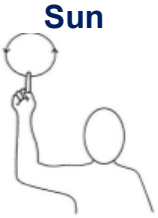
PE has been another highlight of the term, with the children thoroughly enjoying kayaking on the lake and developing their confidence and skills on the water.



Signs of the week

Hot

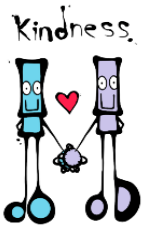
Sun



Running

Jump

Value of the Week: Kindness



We are kind, helpful and considerate.

Cascades: Benyamin for being kind to himself and accepting support to stay hydrated during the hot weather.

Clarence: Theo for always offering to help adults with collecting resources and preparing the class for learning.

D-Day: Martha for showing kindness towards many members of her class, inviting them to join her in a game of football or lending them her fidget toys.

Fratton Park: Emily for creating a book to share with her friends.

Guildhall: Lani for listening to her class team and demonstrating kindness in the way she communicates with people.

Gunwharf: Joel for continually showing kindness towards adults, always saying good morning and hello. He is thoughtful and considerate of others.

Mountbatten: Coby for communicating well with Tara and asking to spend time cooking together.

Mountbatten: Leo W for being so kind to the new starters during transition day this week and drawing pictures to give to his peers.

Nelson: Ayaan for showing care and kindness for peers who are upset or hurt.

Seaside: Riley for being kind to himself and joining in with PE. He did so well and did the best jumps

Southsea: Tyler for being really supportive of another pupil whilst on work experience at the hotel.

Southsea: Anneliese for showing kindness to fellow pupils during Performing Arts, giving encouragement and support.

Spinnaker: Angelina for showing kindness towards another pupil in the class who dropped something on the floor. Without hesitation, she picked it up and put it back on the table for them.

Warrior: Jack for always helping the people in his class and wider Redwood community.

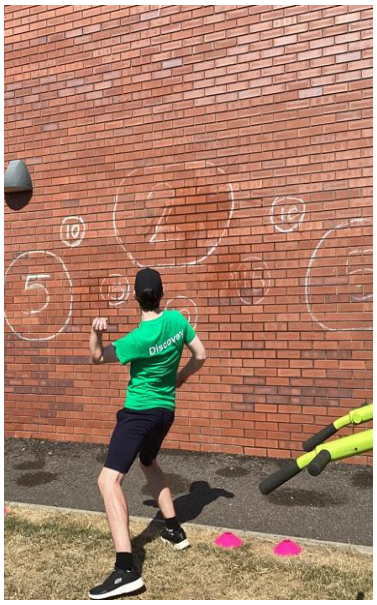
Wedgewood: Riley-Jay for supporting his peers in class by showing kindness to them in many ways.

Provision Team: Sydney S for supporting and encouraging her peers during sports day.

The next value will be **Ambition**

Sports Day

Sports Day was a huge success despite the high temperatures. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed all the activities, with the parachute games and water balloons proving to be highlights, which brought lots of laughter and excitement. Throughout the morning, pupils demonstrated great enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience, making the event enjoyable for everyone involved. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and taking part with such positive attitudes.



Arbor Communications

We want to make sure you never miss out on important school updates, which is why we use Arbor as our primary communication platform. If you have not yet signed up to the Arbor app, please see the below help sheet or please give the school office a call for help and guidance. Thank you for your continued support.

Arbor

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The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready – you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
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5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
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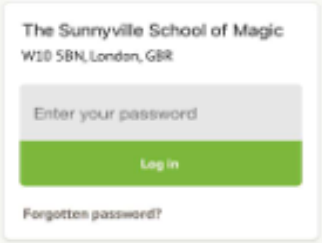
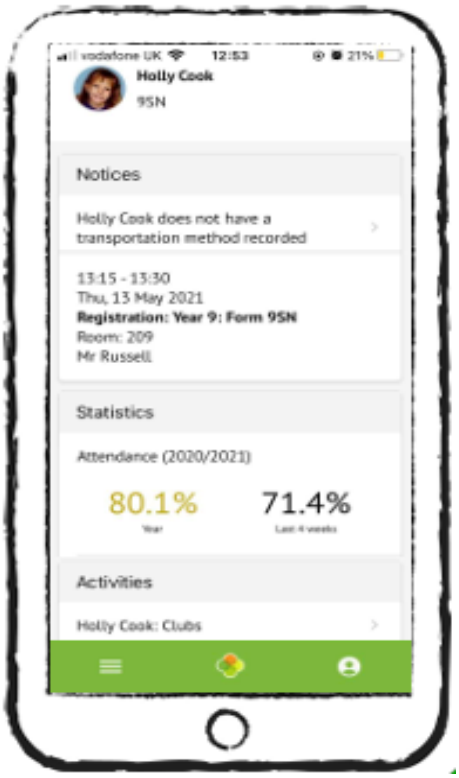


Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice – e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
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