REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: 12th June 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

Class of the week: Seaside class

Seaside Class have had a busy and engaging few weeks, creating lots of opportunities to learn both in and out of the classroom. A real highlight has been practising road safety skills during walks to the park, where pupils have been learning how to stay safe near roads and in the community. In Project, the class have been exploring air transport, developing their understanding through discussions and activities linked to different ways we travel through the air.
In Food Technology and our food programme, pupils have been developing their awareness of food and beginning to express their thoughts and feelings about different tastes, textures and experiences. Alongside this, Thrive sessions have provided opportunities for hands-on, sensory-based learning, particularly using air tubes as part of the "doing" strand, supporting engagement and curiosity. In addition, the children have also enjoyed using the IndiBots, building key early programming and problem-solving skills in a fun and interactive way. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence, independence and enthusiasm across all areas of learning.

Other information:

Local Offer Live – the big SEND activity event.

Wednesday 17th June – 2-7pm at Mountbatten Centre, Alex Way, Hilsea, PO2 9QA

A free fun family event for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND) in Portsmouth.

If your child/children are aged between 0 – 25, have SEND and you live in Portsmouth (PO1 – PO6), come along to Local Offer Live – the big SEND activity event.

Visit https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/events/local-offer-live/ for more information and to book.

Forthcoming events:

- Wednesday 24th June- Year 11 Prom
- Friday 26th June- Year 11 Leavers Assembly
- Wednesday 8th July – Sports Day
- Thursday 16th July- Redfest
- Tuesday 21st July- Last day of term, 1pm finish

Subject of the week: Music – We Compose Project

Huge congratulations to our group of KS3 pupils that have taken part in the year long 'We Compose' project. They have taken part in workshops both at the Guildhall and at school with a professional composer and string quartet.
Pupils have written a piece of music all about an Adventure Forest. Percussion instruments, piano, GarageBand on the iPad were used with recorded sounds that were then manipulated using music technology software.
They had to think about how their music told the story and how the instruments of the string quartet would convey the meaning and the mood. We went to the Guildhall on Tuesday for the Culmination Day where our finished piece of music was performed by a string quartet.
We had to check everything was as we wanted it during the rehearsal workshop – checking the written music, having the chance to be a conductor, and practising on the mixing desk.

Parents and Southsea class came to watch the concert, and all said how amazing it was!

Signs of the week

Over

Balloon

Value of the Week: Ambition

We are ambitious; we do our best to be our best.

Cascades: Dexter for applying himself exceptionally well on work experience at the International Port.

Castle: Aiden for pushing himself to do his best, even when it is hard and manage the pressure of his assessments.

Clarence: Eli for showing a genuine interest and being really engaged on the farm trip.

D-Day: Pixie for always doing her best in DT and for showing great ambition across all subjects and has made brilliant progress in several skills from cycling to kayaking or making papyrus paper in art.

Dockyard: Bradley for showing ambition with his independence in his exams.

Eastney: Peter for challenging himself to complete the higher assessment paper in his maths exams.

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Fratton Park: Theo for aiming high in all his maths work and achieving above and beyond present targets.

Guildhall: Bruno for being ambitious in his maths lessons by working hard to complete his learning and listening to adults to help him improve.

Gunwharf: Osman for showing great ambition when trying new foods. He was able to choose a different lunch than usual when visiting the farm.

Mountbatten: Eoin for mastering his division questions and challenging himself with long division.

Museum: Nasir for encouraging others to be respectful of the chicks and challenging himself to improve his learning in class.

Nelson: TJ for always helping and supporting his friends to achieve their best.

Seaside: Rory for being ambitious in his Food Technology lesson and making great Rice Krispie cakes.

Southsea: Jacob for great participation in all activities that are set and always having a go at work in lessons.

Spinnaker: Alfie for showing great ambition in his Food Technology lesson by asking some valuable questions relating to his cooking.

Spinnaker: Alex P for showing great motivation and determination towards all work that has been given to him.

Warrior: Jack for being inquisitive and asking lots of questions at the farm.

Wedgewood: Patryk for demonstrating hard work at work experience.

The next value will be **Kindness.**