REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 16th January 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 lovely start to the new term and have settled back into school well after Christmas. We've been enjoying some brilliant stories together, including *The 100 Decker Bus* and *Where the Wild Things Are*, which have inspired lots of talk, imagination and creativity.

The pupils have been learning about where they live and exploring Portsmouth, helping them make connections between school, home and the world around them. There has also been plenty of hands on fun from squashing different foods and exploring textures, to creating colourful food art (yes, it got messy, but they loved it!).

One of our favourite activities so far has been creating our own monsters for our Monster Hunt. The pupils have worked hard practising their clay skills with rolling and pinching before they design and make their monsters. We are proud of how they have started their creations.

In maths, we've been learning about how numbers can be split into parts and have started to explore subtraction through practical activities and games.

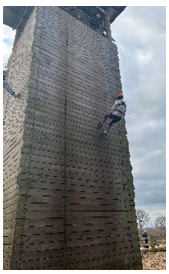
It's been a busy, fun and exciting start to the term, and we're so proud of how well the pupils are getting on.

PGL Marchant's Hill Residential

Thank you for all those pupils who have shown an interest in the up and coming Year 8 / Year 9 PGL Marchant's Hill Residential.

If you have registered your interest, please could we ask that all deposit's (£100) are paid by Friday 30th January 2026. We would then need the last 2 installments paid before the residential (2 x £75).

2025 PGL Marchant's Hill Residential



Forthcoming events

Thursday 22nd January- Coffee Morning Year 11 College application

Monday 26th January- Dance Live Competition

Monday 16th February until Friday 20th February- Half Term

Thank You

This email is to say a massive thank you for your kind donation to our Christmas Care Home Appeals. This year was our most ambitious yet, with 165 residents on the Christmas card list and 103 for gifts. We also gave the care homes the option to ask for specific gifts for residents this year, which was the first time we tried this. We hoped to be able to give every resident presents that they particularly liked or needed and, thanks to your incredible support, we were able to achieve this.

All 165 people received a lovely bundle of cards each. We had such a great response to the card appeal - several of you even wrote a card for every single name on the list! Many cards were beautifully home made, and many also contained friendly updates about your year, jokes and heartfelt messages. Every single card was so gratefully received. The residents really look forward to receiving them now we have been doing this for a few years, they go up on display and many are strung up across rooms. Some feedback we received from one home was that receiving a selection of cards 'makes the residents feel loved and that they are not forgotten'.

The amazing response to our gift appeal meant that we were able to give all of the 103 residents 3 or 4 presents each. We were able to give every single person who had requested something in particular the gift they were hoping for. We handed out some of the gifts to the recipients ourselves and their smiles lit up the room when they saw their presents. Your incredible generosity really did bring a lot of joy and the comfort of knowing that a friendly volunteer was thinking of them.

Thank you for taking the time to buy the cards and gifts, to collect them from friends, and to drop them all in to us. It is a busy time of year and we are so grateful for your time and kindness. You were able to spread the best type of Christmas magic across the city. A photo from one of the care homes is attached with a thank you message from some of the residents. We hope that you enjoyed Christmas and wish you all the very best for 2026.

Kindest Regards,

The Portsmouth Volunteer

Centre Team

Signs of the week

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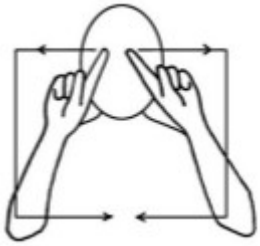

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Value of the Week: Communication

We communicate to express our needs and connect with others.

Cascades: Woody for communicating his predictions for our new story we have started this week!

Castle: Presley for communicating calmly and articulating his feelings to adults and class peers.

Clarence: Anna for using her communication visuals to express her wants and needs.

D-Day: Martha for taking part in class conversations about the holidays and has told her class in detail about her football matches and Christmas fun.

Dockyard: Bradley for communicating openly with the adults in Dockyard.

Eastney: Samuel for asking for help throughout his lessons.

Fratton Park: Max for expressing to staff which emotion he was feeling. He also did very well at communicating when he needed his ear defenders.

Guildhall: Oscar for working hard to communicate in a mature way when addressing a difficult topic.

Gunwharf: Sophie for doing a great job at telling adults what she needs, and she is working well with her friends in Gunwharf and around school! Well done, Sophie.

Mountbatten: Eva for interacting positively with peers and expressing her needs to adults well.

Museum: Nasir for being much chattier with his peers and class team.

Nelson: Ayaan for using his communication board well when communicating with the whole class.

Seaside: Harley-Joel for communicating his feelings clearly and working with adults so that they can support him.

Southsea: Tyler Ba for communicating how he is feeling and letting peers and staff know when something is upsetting him.

Spinnaker: Dudley for communicating well with all adults that have been supporting in Spinnaker.

Warrior: Robert for being great at finding an adult and explaining his needs and how he is feeling. Well done, Robert!

Wedgewood: Emily for communicating her feelings independently.

Other information:

Reminder regarding this month's coffee morning which will be held on Thursday 22nd January at 09:30-11:00 for all our Year 11 parents/carers.