REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: 19th 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: Guildhall class

Guildhall class have had an absolutely brilliant time lately, diving head-first into *Who Let the Gods Out* by Maz Evans with energy and imagination. They've been getting to know the characters and discussing what life is like for Elliot, our main character. Some pupils have written fantastic sentences all about him, while others have begun experimenting with short diary-style writing. Their excitement for what's coming next in the story is infectious, and it's been wonderful to see them so engaged.

In science, Guildhall have been just as impressive. Their curiosity about the planets has sparked thoughtful questions, lively discussions and a real passion for understanding our solar system. They've learned loads of space-based facts and are growing in confidence when discussing every planet in our solar system. One thing is certain: this class is proudly on Team Pluto. They were outraged — and very vocal — about its dismissal as a planet. Poor Pluto indeed. Their inquisitiveness has made every lesson a joy, and we can't wait to see where their learning takes them next.

Other information: *On Shining Waters Big Screen Premiere* ✨

As part of the Portsmouth 100 celebrations, there will be an opportunity to watch the premier of "On Shining Waters" which our KS3 choir have taken part in.
This is a fantastic opportunity for your pupils to see and hear themselves as part of a large-scale, city-wide collaboration. It's a moment to celebrate their hard work, creativity, and the power of music bringing people together.

Premiere information;

📍 Guildhall Square
📅 Tuesday 1 July
⏰ 18:00 (We recommend arriving at 17:55 as not to miss it)

If you are unable to make the premier there will be other opportunities to watch the film. More information on this to follow.

PORTSMOUTH 1926–2026

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: Design Technology

KS3 pupils have been developing their understanding of mechanisms and structures through our Up, Up and Away topic, with a particular focus on push and pull vehicles. As part of this, they have been challenged to design and build their own versions of the Mars Rover. Pupils have explored how structure and stability influence performance, carefully selecting materials and construction techniques to create a strong and functional vehicle base.
Many groups have demonstrated excellent creativity in their designs, and some classes have extended their learning further by incorporating electrical motors, allowing their vehicles to move in more advanced and innovative ways.

In KS4, pupils have been working on a design brief centred around creating an inclusive playground for a new academy. They have explored the importance of accessibility, safety and enjoyment, considering how their designs can meet the needs of all pupils. Through this project, pupils have applied a wide range of practical skills, including measuring, cutting and joining materials with increasing accuracy and confidence. The outcomes have included impressive models of playground equipment such as swings, slides, bridges and climbing structures, showcasing both creativity and technical ability.

One KS3 pupil reflected on the project, saying:
“I liked building the Mars Rover because we had to solve problems when it didn’t work properly at first. Adding the motor made it even better because we could see it move like a real rover.”

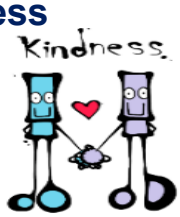
Signs of the week

Play

Kite

Value of the Week: Kindness

We are kind, helpful and considerate.



Cascades: Savanna for being a good role model in a range of social situations recently.

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Castle: Charlie for always being a supportive member of the Castle team and bringing the humour when it is needed most.

Clarence: Anna for showing kindness to her peers when they were upset.

D-Day: Alex for always looking out for others and checking how those around him are feeling and will always cheer them up with a dance, a song or a smile.

D-Day: Jude for being a supportive friend during an Option Taster session.

Dockyard: Peyton for thinking of others when the class were sitting their exams.

Eastney: Alicia for always showing kindness by helping her peers and adults throughout the school day.

Fratton Park: Albie for taking the time to make bracelets for his peers.

Guildhall: Carter for listening to instructions and recognising with kindness when his routine has needed to change.

Gunwharf: Oscar-James for showing kindness towards others in school and towards his younger sister at home.

Mountbatten: Indi for helping adults to collect equipment and making sure the room is tidy.

Museum: Teresa for attentive listening to others and showing a genuine interest in them; including sharing things that are important to her.

Nelson: Freddie for showing consistent kindness to all pupils in his class, helping his friends and teachers and checking in on others' emotions.

Seaside: Arfa for always being so welcoming to new staff and children who come to Seaside. She is thoughtful to others and is a kind friend.

Southsea: Tyler Bur for understanding what kindness is and explaining to his friend that he was not behaving kindly.

Spinnaker: Ocean for showing great acts of kindness towards different members of the class and helping the people around her succeed in their learning.

Warrior: Robert for helping with errands, making people feel better and keeping the classroom tidy.

Wedgewood: Finley for encouraging his peers and always being kind.

The next value will be **Communication.**