REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: 22nd May 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: Gunwharf

We have enjoyed off-site trips to the local park, where we practised road safety skills, and a woodland walk at Foxes Forest.

Our topic, "Up, Up and Away," has inspired lots of learning. We made our own hot air balloons, sequenced the stages of a balloon journey, and compared balloons and aeroplanes by ordering them from oldest to newest. We even watched our own creations "take flight"!

In English, we have enjoyed reading the story "Blown Away" by Rob Biddulph, with pupils working hard to build and write their own sentences. In Art, we explored Peter Thorpe's space artwork, experimenting with charcoal, chalk, and oil pastels to create bold, space-inspired pieces.

During Thrive sessions, we focused on "Thinking," developing teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills using IndiBots.

We are especially proud of the life skills we have been practising, including making beds, hanging clothes, and laying the table. A big well done also for our weekly food programme, where everyone has shown great enthusiasm in trying new foods.

Well done Gunwharf Class for all your hard work this term—we are so proud of you!

Signs of the week

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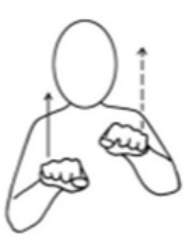

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Subject of the week: Project

Our Project topic, Up, Up and Away has been a great hit around the school this term. It got off to a 'Stunning Start' when our pupils turned into global explorers, travelling to different "countries" across the school.
They experienced the vibrant sights and sounds of the world through traditional music, dance, art, and even some delicious food tasting—all while collecting stamps in their very own passports!
Since that fantastic launch, our learning has taken us on a sensory journey across the continents. In our recent lessons, the children have been exploring Asia, Australia, and Europe through hands-on, sensory activities—from Arctic ice trays to the Great Barrier Reef. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, and we can't wait to see where our travels take us next!

Forthcoming events:

- Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Summer Half Term
- Monday 1st June – Whole School Inset Day
- Tuesday 2nd June – Return to School
- Monday 8th June – Year 9 Options Evening from 16:00-17:00 - More information to follow shortly

Value of the Week: Ambition

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

Cascades: Woody M for explaining the steps on how he will achieve his dream job; being a bar tender.

Castle: Ruby H for putting in the extra effort with preparation for DofE and pushing herself out of her comfort zone during the trip.

Clarence: Harry A for showing ambition to try different things during independent time.

D-Day: Tania H for improving her ability to row a kayak by following instructions and giving 100% of her energy and attention.

Dockyard: William N for applying for jobs at home and being determined to be working during the summer holidays before he starts college.

Eastney: Brandon Con for working well towards his assessments.

Fratton Park: MJ B for pushing himself and taking on challenges in his Maths lesson, particularly when completing division number problems.

Guildhall: Oscar B for working hard to achieve his goals by listening to adults and following his football ambitions.

Gunwharf: Freya S for showing great effort in her artwork. She used oil pastels to blend and layer colours and tried 'sgraffito' to create a space design inspired by the artist Peter Thorpe.

Mountbatten: Indi H for trying so hard with her reading, particularly when challenging herself to read trickier vocabulary independently.

Museum: Nasir A for showing amazing maturity when looking after our new chicks, showing his ambitious leadership when caring for someone else.

Nelson: Lily B for asking great questions regarding next year's food lessons. Lily was showing great interest in how to cook certain recipes.

Seaside: Giorgia-Rose P for attending her Annual Review. This is the first time she has been to one and did really well.

Southsea: Blake S for working really hard in all his lessons and engaging in his work.

Spinnaker: Ocean-Lea M for having and expressing clear ideas about which options she would like to study and the reasons why.

Spinnaker: Dudley B for showing ambition for completing some incredible pieces of artwork.

Warrior: Robert C for putting in great effort and joining in for swimming.

Wedgewood: Zuri F for working extremely hard during his first session at work experience.

The next value will be **Communication**