REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 27th February 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: Cascades class

Cascades class has been diving into hands-on STEM learning using two exciting tools: **AirToobz** and **IndiBots**. These resources have helped pupils develop problem-solving skills, creativity, and confidence as young engineers. AirToobz has quickly become a class favourite. Pupils experimented with tubes, connectors, and airflow to design pathways that could move lightweight objects from one point to another. Through this playful exploration, they developed: **Engineering and design thinking** – testing ideas, spotting what didn't work, and improving their designs. **Understanding of forces and motion** – predicting how air pressure and direction would affect movement. **Teamwork and communication** – collaborating to build larger, more complex structures.

The classroom buzzed with excitement as groups refined their designs, celebrated successful runs, and learned from the occasional "air-powered surprise".

OFFICIAL ATTEMPT

In Our Words 2026 | Portsmouth Creates

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day which will include the following:

Reading session with your child at the following times:

- **9.30am – 10.40am:** Years 10 & 11
- **11.20am – 12.20pm:** Years 8 & 9
- **2.00pm – 3.15pm:** Year 7

The Scholastic Book Fair- offering a wide range of books for children of all ages.
There will also be a small café available during the day offering drinks and cakes for purchase.

Wednesday 18th March – Friday 20th March Year 8 & 9 Residential to PGL Marchants Hill

Date to be confirmed: Parent meeting regarding PGL Marchants Hill

Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026 Easter Holidays

Subject of the week: Work Related Learning

It has been a busy term for Work Related Learning (WRL) with pupils experiencing different aspects of work through work experience and activities based in school.

We currently have 3 providers for work experience; the New Place Hotel in Wickham, Portsmouth International Port and St. Phillip's church. We complete different activities at these locations including housekeeping - cleaning the windows, floors, stripping beds and moving all laundry to the relevant departments at the hotel. We also vacuum at the hotel work within the restaurant to lay tables, clear during service, help set up the buffet breakfast and polish cutlery. St. Phillip's church is a new venture that starts on Monday. Cascades class in Year 10 will be the first pupils to go here. The jobs include stacking shelves in the foodbank, serving customers in both the foodbank and café, and doing some great community work by restoring the gardens at the church to their former beauty.

Here are some photographs of pupils at the different locations.

At present work experience is only open to Year 10 and Year 11, but hopefully, in the future, we will expand this provision to help the lower years with their introduction to work.

Signs of the week

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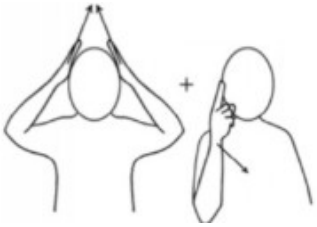

Value of the Week: Communication

We communicate to express our needs and connect with others.

Cascades: Alfie T for clearly and confidently describing the properties of 2D shapes in Maths.

Castle: Ronnie for improved verbal communication in the classroom with adults and peers around learning and in social times.

Clarence: Harry for becoming more vocal and sharing his thoughts and questions a great deal more now.

D-Day: Pixie for using her amazing communication skills to deliver her class assembly to the whole school with great confidence.

Dockyard: Lloyd for openly voicing his opinion during his English lessons.

Eastney: Raian for following and communicating instructions effectively when in the community.

Fratton Park: Albie B for showing wonderful growth in his communication skills, confidently sharing ideas and engaging more positively with others at school.

Guildhall: Luna for using excellent communication to discuss herself with her mum and teachers.

Gunwharf: Nikki for improving her communication with adults, using short phrases and clear words.

Mountbatten: Indi for engaging well with Lauren during their sessions together.

Museum: Nasir for continuing to grow in confidence with his communication.

Nelson: Daniel B for communication with unfamiliar staff and peers in different classes with more confidence.

Seaside: Riley for sharing his love of the weather with new people who visit Seaside class. He is able to tell them about the weather in different places and answers questions.

Southsea: Anneliese for using great communication skills and ensuring that she is allowing her staff to know when she is needing support.

Spinnaker: Oscar for communicating his views amazingly well during his pupil PowerPoint for his annual review.

Warrior: Harry for expressing his favourite game and characters, sharing this information with both adults and pupils.

Wedgewood: Emily for communicating well with her adults when problems occur.

The next value will be ambition.

Parent/carer communications:

Can we please remind all our parent and carers that all communication is through the Arbor app.
If you need help with accessing Arbor or a password reset, please inform the admin team who will be happy to assist.