REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 30th 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: Spinnaker class

In Spinnaker class we have been enjoying looking at our topic Big, Wild, Hairy and Scary. In project we have had fun making monsters out of clay to take part in a monster hunt, we found so many monsters around the school. In art, we have designed an animal or monster mask, we have then made our mask out of plaster bandage and this week we have started decorating them.

This term we have enjoyed PE. We are now swimming on Tuesdays and going to the Fort on Wednesdays – so far we have taken part in laser tag, rock climbing and orienteering.

We are excited for the residential and our upcoming trips after the half term!

Subject of the week: Life Skills

As part of the Key Stage 4 Life Skills curriculum, pupils are developing important independent skills through a range of practical, hands-on activities. In our school flat, pupils practise everyday tasks such as making simple snacks, hoovering, and making the bed.

Pupils also have opportunities to extend these skills beyond school by visiting the local community and learning how to use public transport safely and confidently. These experiences help prepare our pupils for greater independence in everyday life.

Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 6th February - Prospective Pupil Tour

Monday 16th February-Friday 20th February – Half term

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day (more details on how you can be involved to follow)

Dance Live:

Pupils from Redwood Park Academy joined forces with Mary Rose Academy to perform together as part of the Dance Live competition at the Guildhall on Monday night.

We were incredibly proud to watch the results of their hard work. Redwood Park Academy pupils brought joy and enthusiasm to the stage, inspiring everyone around them to clap and cheer.

Together with Mary Rose Academy we were awarded:

- **Best soundtrack**
- **Third place**
- **People's choice award**

Well done to everyone who took part. A huge thank you to staff and families for their support leading up to the performance and their noise encouragement on the night.

Value of the Week: Kindness

We are kind, helpful and considerate.

Cascades: Savanna for always looking out for others in class and helping anyone that needs it.

Castle: Riley for supporting pupils in KS3 and showing them how to play football.

Clarence: Beverly for always thinking of others and helping in any way that she can.

D-Day: Tania for always speaking kindly and politely to all those she meets. Tania greets everyone with a warm shining smile.

Dockyard: Peyton for holding the door open for a year 7 pupil who was struggling to get through at lunch time.

Eastney: Alicia for being helpful and kind to a peer in her class when out on a school trip.

Fratton Park: M-J for being kind to his friends and sharing.

Guildhall: Joey for being selfless. He is always thinking of others before himself in every situation.

Gunwharf: Nikki for showing kindness towards others. She is always greeting people and holding the door open with a smile!

Mountbatten: Lucas for showing exceptional kindness to a classmate and making sure he is included in the football game.

Museum: Luca for always being polite to everybody and saying 'please' and 'thank you'.

Nelson: Imogen for showing kindness in her own class and around school. She has been helping her friends who have been upset, well done!

Seaside: Ava for always being kind to pupils and staff. Ava is very helpful and is a good friend to others.

Southsea: Esmee for being a great and supportive friend.

Spinnaker: Amjet for using excellent manners in the hall when getting his lunch.

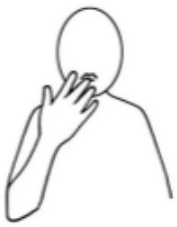
Warrior: Leo M for helping out with the Year 7 pupils.

Wedgewood: Ruhul for always being kind and polite to his peers.

Signs of the week

Scary

Mistake



ROYAL NAVY & ROYAL MARINES CHARITY

HOME START Portsmouth

NURTURING PROGRAMME

10-weeks of free sessions available to all Hampshire Navy and Marine Parents. Do you want to gain more understanding of your child's behaviours? **Connect** with others in the **military community** while creating a **parenting toolkit** that works and **empowers parents** to build **positive relationships** - even when life is unpredictable.

Upcoming Courses

January 2026

Starting **Friday 9th,** 12.30-2.30pm
The Haven, 17 Lake Road, PO1 4HA

Free creche for under 5s

April 2026

Starting **Friday 17th,** 12.30-2.30pm
The Haven, 17 Lake Road, PO1 4HA

Swipe to see the course overview

Special Needs Programme

A Practical, Evidence-Based Course for Parents of Adolescents with Additional Needs

The **Parents Plus Special Needs Programme** has been developed in partnership with parents of adolescents with additional needs and professionals working with families. This is the first programme of its kind developed in Ireland.

The focus of the programme is to support parents in managing issues that are common for families raising a teenager with a learning disability or other additional needs.

Some of the topics included in this course are:

For parents

- Understanding the journey of parenting a child with additional needs
- Managing stress and looking after yourself as a parent
- Supporting siblings and family relationships
- Establishing good family routines
- Behaviour that may be challenging

For adolescents

- Supporting good friendships and social opportunities
- Building self-esteem, confidence and independence
- Supporting teenagers' education and development
- Dealing with puberty, sexuality and relationships
- Preparing for future transitions and adulthood

Parents can self-refer or ask a professional to refer on their behalf by e-mailing ParentingService@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Portsmouth Family Hubs

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

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Advice and guidance

To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)