REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: 8th 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: Fratton Park Class

Fratton Park Class have had a brilliant couple of weeks, and it's only right to celebrate everything they've achieved. Arts Week was a real highlight — the children threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm and creativity. Their show-stopping project was an amazing replica of Fratton Park, complete with the class "playing" against Portsmouth FC. The teamwork, imagination and pride they poured into it made the whole project feel truly special.

Alongside all that creativity, the class have been working incredibly hard in their learning. In English, they've been exploring Australian poetry, diving into new rhythms, voices and styles while strengthening their reading skills. In maths, their progress in sharing and division has been fantastic — you can really see their confidence growing as they tackle new challenges.

A huge well done to Fratton Park Class for their effort, positivity and brilliant achievements. They should feel very proud of themselves.

Subject of the week: Food

The last term in food tech has been full of assessments and practising key skills.

Year 10 and 11 have been making their BTEC Level 1 & 2 assessment dishes. They had to find a recipe to meet a brief and make either a main course (Level 1) or a 2-course meal (Level 2) We had a range of dishes from burgers to chicken and chorizo pasta bake! The pupils have independently planned and cooked their dishes. After a little bit of paperwork, we are now cooking dishes the pupils have chosen.

Year 7, 8 and 9 have been practising their skills in the kitchen. They produce a range of dishes that help to gain confidence in cooking. If possible, it really helps us in food tech if you can get your children to help with cooking tasks at home. All pupils understand about washing up, drying up and putting equipment away. Most pupils could help at home with peeling and chopping vegetables. Using these skills at home helps to consolidate the learning at school. If you need any advice about supporting your child with cooking at home, please feel free to talk to the food tech team.

Other information:

The City of Portsmouth College heads to Southsea Bandstand for a free seaside celebration of the city's SEND community. There will be live music, performances, stalls, activities and festival food, as the city comes together to celebrate Portsmouth's SEND community.

Hosted by City of Portsmouth College in partnership with Portsmouth City Council, this free, in-person event is a fantastic opportunity to relax by the sea, enjoy live entertainment, and connect with the vibrant SEND community across Portsmouth. Take your family and friends and make the most of a sunny Saturday filled with great music, local talent and community spirit.

School Uniform

A polite reminder to parents and carers, to please ensure pupils attend school wearing the correct uniform, including the appropriate footwear and PE kit where required.

Forthcoming events:

- Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Summer Half Term
- Monday 1st June – Whole School Inset Day
- Tuesday 2nd June – Return to School

Signs of the week

Fast

Away

Value of the Week: Kindness

We are kind, helpful and considerate.

Cascades: Zakk B for demonstrating kindness when helping his friends who were completing their 'close up photography'.

Castle: Francis for showing kindness and support to others when they are struggling to manage themselves.

Clarence: Theo H for always being kind and polite to everyone. He is especially kind to those in his class.

D-Day: Leo C for always being first to help whatever the situation. Whether it's the classroom, lunch hall, garden, he is always there with a smile to offer a helping hand.

Dockyard: Ben F for being organised and reminding people about the Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

Eastney: Zach R for going out of his way to show kindness to the adults in his class, by helping to tidy up and taking care of those around him.

Fratton Park: Teddy S for showing understanding towards his friends and trying to be a good friend.

Guildhall: Luna G for showing kindness to her peers and working well with others in the class.

Gunwharf: Sophie L for demonstrating kindness and resilience when faced with challenging situations in class. Sophie stayed calm and dealt with these moments positively.

Mountbatten: Leo W for taking the time to make personalised art for his friends and adults in Mountbatten class.

Museum: Jack W for consistently complimenting and motivating his friends during art week.

Nelson: Ayaan A for being particularly kind and helpful to the staff in his class this week.

Seaside: Harley-Joel Y for playing games with peers and showing a real development in his patience.

Southsea: Sydney S for being a great friend and always looking out for her friends and supporting them.

Spinnaker: Alex P for showing great kindness towards his friends this week. Alex has gone above and beyond to support class changes.

Warrior: Oscar E for helping other pupils with their work.

Wedgewood: Vivi for being kind to her peers and adults in the class.

The next value will be **Communication.**

Warrior Class Chairty Bake Sale

Recently, Warrior Class took part in a bake sale to raise money for Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association. They all worked really hard and managed to raise an incredible £80 for the charity.

The class received a wonderful letter of appreciation from the association which you can see to the left. Well done Warrior Class!

PORTSMOUTH DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

Dear Warrior Class at Redwood Park Academy,

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donation of £80. Your kindness and support truly mean a great deal to everyone at Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association.

Because of supporters like you, we are able to continue improving the lives of children across Portsmouth and the surrounding areas. Your donation helps us provide friendship, guidance, and specialist, progressive educational services from birth - support that many families would not otherwise be able to access.

As a specialist, self-funding charity, we rely heavily on the generosity of our community, and we are genuinely grateful that you chose to support us. Your contribution will make a real and lasting difference to the children and families we work with.

Thank you again for your valued support - it is sincerely appreciated by all of us.

With very best wishes

Duke of Edinburgh Residential Trip to Tile Barn Activity Centre

This week a group of our pupils took part in their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Award Expedition at the Tile Barn Activity Centre. Throughout the residential, they embarked in a wide range of outdoor activities, team building challenges and developing their confidence, resilience and leadership skills. We are incredibly proud of them, and everyone involved has made long lasting memories and friendships. Huge thank you for everyone who took part in making this trip such a successful one.