REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 9th 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: D-Day

D-Day have had a busy Autumn term! In Horticulture lessons, pupils have participated in building new planting beds in the school garden to enable KS3 to plant seeds and crops in the Spring. In cooking they have put into practise their food prep skills and knowledge of how to use kitchen appliances by preparing a range of tasty dishes such as a Chinese stir fry, jacket potatoes with a choice of filing and hot dogs. In music lessons, the class decided to spend a block of lessons sharing each person's taste in music by presenting a song and an artist then discussing why they enjoyed it. Project lessons saw the pupils explore the Middle Ages and Victoria Era, particularly studying the difference between how the poor and rich lived and how technology changed. They also enjoyed reading and discussing Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol, which brought to life how difficult life was for many in Victorian times. In English, pupils time travelled to an era of their choice (from the ancient Egyptians to the 1960s) where they created and presented their findings to their class team. Finally in Art lessons, pupils created 3D trees and creatures using paper or clay.

New Years message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we welcome the New Year, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. The start of a new year offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on how far we have come and to look ahead with optimism and purpose.

Our shared values of **communication, ambition, and kindness** are at the heart of everyday life at our school.

These values are brought to life each day by our pupils, staff, and families, and I am truly grateful for the strong partnerships we share. Looking ahead, the year promises many opportunities for learning, growth, and celebration, and I'm excited about what we will achieve together.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. I wish you and your family a New Year filled with happiness, success, and many moments to be proud of.

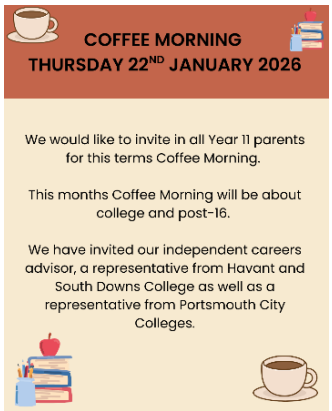
Maria Thorne

Forthcoming events

Tuesday 13th January- School Photo Day
Thursday 22nd January- Coffee Morning Year 11 College application
Monday 26th January- Dance Live Competition
Monday 16th February until Friday 20th February- Half Term

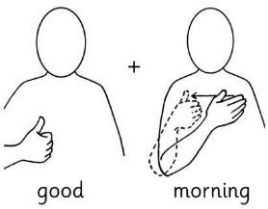
Subject of the week: Duke of Edinburgh (DofE)

The DofE groups have welcomed Oliver as a new Leader to the team. The pupils have been planning their physical, skills and volunteering sections. Some have attended the Ferry Port or a local hotel to commence their volunteering which has been very successful for all participants. The favourite physical skill is mountain biking, and the groups will be participating in this activity at the Fort this term. Behind the scenes we are excited to be planning our bronze and silver expeditions for the late Spring, and we look forward to sharing details with families soon.

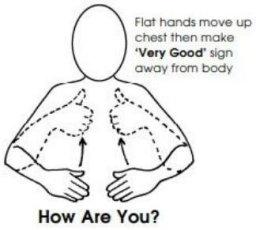


Signs of the week

Good morning



How are you?



Christmas HAF

The pupils had an amazing few days during, where they had the chance to visit Staunton Country Park as well as a fun filled day at school where they were able to go swimming and had a Christmas lunch together.

Message from the Family Support Worker

If you and your family need support with a food referral, please speak to the school's family support worker who is happy to help provide the information you and your family will need. This is through the Trussel Trust, where you will receive 6 vouchers over a 6-month period.

New mobile phone? Did you know you can go to a phone provider who can help you with mobile phone settings to help keep your child/children safe while on

Dance Live 2026

Our Performing Arts group have been busy with their final rehearsals for Dance Live which is on Monday 26th January at the Portsmouth Guildhall! We are already so proud of what our pupils have achieved and can't wait to see them shine on stage!

There are still some tickets left through the Guildhall Box Office if you would like to go. Contact the Portsmouth Guildhall for details.