REDWOOD PARK ACADEMY

We've embraced thrive in our Setting

SOLENT Academies Trust

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 9th October 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

Gunwharf class have made a fantastic start to the school year, enjoying getting to know one another and sharing their interests. We have taken part in a variety of activities both in class and around the school, with music and art proving to be particular favourites. A highlight so far has been our 'Swirling Whirling Snowstorm' sensory activity, which was a huge hit and brought lots of smiles, laughter, and engagement.
We are very proud of how well everyone has settled in and look forward to a fun and exciting year ahead.

Care To Pink:

Redwood Park Academy invites all pupils and staff to wear pink on Wednesday 14th October to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We encourage everyone to wear plenty of pink clothing items and get creative with fun pink hair styling.
We will also be hosting a charity bake sale on the same day. All healthy, **nut-free** baked donations are very welcome and greatly appreciated.
Thank you for your support in raising awareness and funds for this important cause.

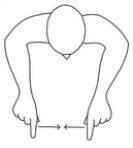
Signs of the week:

Like

Don't like

Love

Different



Same

Want

Subject of the week: Art

It has been a busy and creative start to the year in the Art Department. Our Key Stage 4 pupils are working towards their WJEC Art Award units, developing their skills and exploring different ways to create artwork.

Year 11 are currently working on a sculpture project. They have been looking at the work of artists R.H. Giger and Damon Hellandbrand, who create unusual and imaginative alien and monster characters.

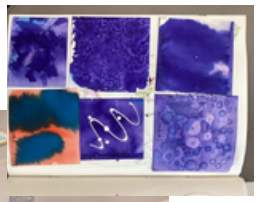
The pupils have used these artists to help inspire their own ideas and are now creating their own alien or monster sculptures. They have been trying out different materials, including Modroc bandage and paper clay, to build the shapes and features of their creatures.

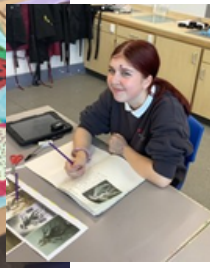
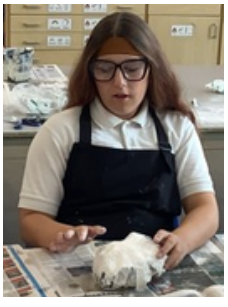
It has been great to see the pupils using their imagination and developing their own unique designs.

Year 10 are working on a painting and drawing project based on fruit. They have been practising their drawing skills by carefully looking at the shapes, colours and patterns of different fruits.

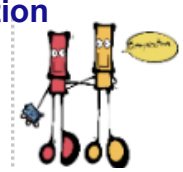
They have also been experimenting with different watercolour techniques, such as mixing colours and building up layers. To add extra interest to their artwork, pupils are using collage to create different textures and effects.

We are really pleased with the enthusiasm and creativity our pupils are showing in their Art lessons and look forward to seeing their finished work.



Value of the week: Communication



Cascades: Alfie T for communicating well with his class team and for asking for help when he needs it.
Castle: Joey C for talking with his adults in a polite manner.
Clarence: Muhammad A for his use of communication to express his wants and needs using an aided language board.
D-Day: Harry H for making fantastic contributions to our Geography lessons on Biomes explaining how the changing climate and deforestation can endanger animals and plant life.
Dockyard: Esmee P for communicating consistently with staff about her own routines and changes, as well as supporting her friends and seeking advice from adults.
Eastney: Reilly R-P for speaking so beautifully with his trusted adults to help his needs and wants be understood and met.
Fratton Park: Freya S for advocating for herself in class and during break times.
Guildhall: Marla for communicating how she feels and what she needs in a respectful way. More importantly, respecting decisions made by adults.
Gunwharf: Jacob S for using his words in class to communicate with his adults.
Mountbatten: Eoin for using great communication to check in on peers and reminding others of personal boundaries.
Museum: Sophie L for working hard on communicating her emotions. Sophie has been starting to use the regulation room when she feels angry and using breathing techniques to help manage her feelings.
Nelson: Esmae J for showing excellent communication skills. Esmae has been listening carefully, sharing her ideas thoughtfully, and working well with others.
Seaside: Alan S for doing an excellent job communicating with his peers in small group activities with his class team.
Southsea: Dudley B for good listening and interactions with staff and peers during DofE options, particularly highlighting a health and safety issue to an adult in a mature manner.
Southsea: Martha B for working hard to communicate clearly to adults in her class, she is becoming more confident with her communication.
Spinnaker: Pixie T for her excellent communication in class discussions and with talking to the class adults.
Warrior: Ayaan A for improving his communication with his class team and peers. Ayaan has also contributed well during 'topic' lessons.
Wedgewood: Tyler Bur for communicating positively with his new staff team

The next value will be **Ambition**

Forthcoming events:

- Wednesday 14th October - Care to Pink Day
- Friday 16th October – Last day of term
- Monday 19th October – 30th October – Half Term
- Monday 2nd November – Whole School Return
- Wednesday 4th November – Future Pathways and Parents Evening 3:30pm to 6pm
- Monday 9th – Friday 13th November – Year 10 Osmington Bay Residential
- Thursday 12th November – Coffee Morning 9:30am – 11am
- Friday 13th November - Children in Need
- Monday 16th November - INSET Day