

Red Oaks Primary School
22nd September 2025
Newsletter



Message from Mrs Painter

Welcome back to a brand-new school year at Red Oaks! It's been a joy to see our children return looking so smart in their uniforms, full of energy and ready to learn. Their enthusiasm and positivity have set a wonderful tone for the term ahead.

The Red Oaks Way & Behaviour Policy

We continue to embed The Red Oaks Way across the school, which underpins our expectations for behaviour, respect, and learning. Our updated behaviour policy is now in full implementation, and we are already seeing the impact in classrooms and around the school. Children are showing kindness, responsibility, and a strong commitment to their learning – values we are proud to nurture.

School Development Plan Priorities

This year, our School Development Plan focuses on three key areas:

Behaviour and Culture – Strengthening our positive school ethos and ensuring consistency in expectations.

Oracy – Developing confident communicators through structured opportunities to speak, listen, and express ideas.

Outcomes in Maths and Phonics – Raising attainment through targeted teaching and support, ensuring every child makes strong progress.

We are excited about the journey ahead and the opportunities these priorities will bring for our children.

Our New Website

We're delighted to introduce our new and improved school website, designed to be more user-friendly and easier to navigate. Information is gradually being transferred over, and we hope it will become a valuable resource for all families.

🔗 Visit the new Red Oaks website here: <https://www.redoaks.org/>

What's Ahead

There's so much to look forward to this year! From enrichment activities and themed weeks to performances and trips, we'll be sharing key dates for parent events very soon. Please keep an eye on our communications so you don't miss out.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to a fantastic year of aspiring, achieving and growing as a community at Red Oaks.

🍁 Autumn Fayre – You're Invited! 🍁

We're thrilled to announce our Autumn Fayre on Friday 26th September 3–5pm, the perfect way to make up for our postponed summer fayre!

🎉 Expect an afternoon packed with fun and entertainment:

- Games & prizes
- Bouncy castle
- Craft stalls & toys
- Ice cream, coffee & cakes
- A hot food vendor serving hot dogs and chips for an early tea
- ...and plenty more surprises!

🕒 For anyone who prefers a calmer atmosphere, we'll be holding a quiet half-hour from 2:30–3pm before the main fayre begins.

Come along, bring family and friends, and join us for a fantastic afternoon of fun, food, and community spirit. We can't wait to see you there!

Absence Reporting

Please contact pontingj@redoaks.org.uk to report children's absences. If your child is off for 3 days, we will send you a text to ask you to send in an email to report their illness. Many thanks.

Homework Club

Homework Club will take place every Wednesday lunchtime in the Key Stage Two library with Mrs Jacques.

It's a great chance to get help with any homework you've been given in a quiet environment with support if you need it.

Messages to children

If you need to get a message to your child during the day, please do so by contacting the school office. In line with our policy, children are not permitted to check their mobile phones whilst on the school premises so they will not see any messages sent directly to them until they leave the school site. Thank you.



Car Park

We know that the car park is always very busy at drop off and pick up times. We run a 'Kiss and Drop' service in the layby at the top end of the car park. Please always park considerately and do not block other cars. We ask politely that **ONLY** vehicles with disabled badges park in the disabled bays as we have children and parents with genuine need. Just as a clarification to new parents and a reminder to our existing parents – **visitor/parent parking is ONLY as you drive into the carpark on the right-hand side before the barriers – any parking after the Kiss & Drop area is for staff only.** Cars will not be permitted to park or stop outside a marked bay. Pick up and drop off areas eg. Kiss and drop and the Coach Bay are specifically for that, they are not waiting spaces. Please do not be offended if you are challenged by a member of staff if you are in the staff side of the car park.

The visitor and parent pick up/drop off section has in excess of 100 spaces and should be more than sufficient to remove the need to stop anywhere else. We are a community school and the majority of our pupils are from within a 1-mile radius of the schools. The schools are served by good walking/footpath links and we would actively encourage you to consider if there is a need to drive at all. Your help and support are much appreciated, this is for the safety and wellbeing of your children.

Pupil Premium

All children who currently qualify for free school meals based on their family circumstances are entitled to pupil premium. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7,400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

If your child is entitled to Universal Free School meals (Years Reception to 2) then your child will not qualify for Pupil Premium unless you are also in receipt of any of the above benefits.

An application for Pupil Premium funding will need to be made for each child in your household. The money that the school receives is assigned to individual children but is used to narrow the gap for disadvantaged children in general and benefit all the wider school population.

If you would like to apply for free school meals/pupil premium, please apply on the Swindon Borough Council website, go to the Synergy account or register if you do not have one. The link is below:

<https://education.swindon.gov.uk/Synergy/SynergyWeb/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Lee via the school office.

Let's love Science at Red Oaks!

We'd love to invite you to join in from home. On each newsletter we'll be sending out a fun and engaging science experiment that you can try with your child or children at home. We hope this sparks curiosity, fun and leads to lots of scientific conversations in your household. Please also feel free to try other experiments you may come across and let us know what happened.

We'd be thrilled to see what you create! If you'd like to share pictures or videos of your experiments, please send them to science@redoaks.org.uk so we can feature them on our website.

Let's explore science together!

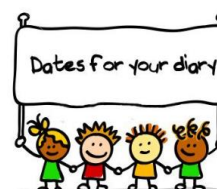
Upcoming Dates

FORO Autumn Fayre - Friday 26th September

Monday 29th September Early Years Phonics Workshop 8:45am - 9:15am

Tuesday 30th September Key Stage 1 Phonics Workshop 8:45am - 9:15am

Wednesday 8th October - Bags2School Collection



APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE - ENTRY 2026

Attention - all parents

If your child is born between **1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022** they are due to start **Reception in September 2026.**

If your child is currently in **Year 6** – you need to apply for a **Secondary School place for September 2026.**

School Admissions Drop in sessions

We are holding the following drop in sessions for you to come along and ask any questions you may have on any part of the application process

Tuesday 30th September
Town Centre Library
10am-4pm

Wednesday 29th October
North Swindon Library
10am-2pm

Tuesday 6th January
Town Centre Library
10am-4pm

Tel: 01793 445500 Email: schooladmissions@swindon.gov.uk Web: www.swindon.gov.uk

A purple banner at the top contains the text 'APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE - ENTRY 2026'. Below it is a red banner with 'Attention - all parents'. The main body of the poster features three text boxes for drop-in sessions, each with a date, location, and time. The background is decorated with cartoon illustrations of children's faces and a large purple speech bubble that contains the session details. At the bottom, there is contact information.

Friends of Red Oaks

SOFT TOYS WANTED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF CLEAN AND GOOD CONDITION TEDDIES/SOFT TOYS FOR OUR UPCOMING AUTUMN FAYRE

DONATIONS TO BE PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS AND BROUGHT IN ON WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER. PLEASE LEAVE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

THANK YOU!

A yellow poster with a red box at the top left containing the text 'Friends of Red Oaks'. The main illustration shows a large brown teddy bear sitting and holding a white sign with the words 'SOFT TOYS WANTED' in blue capital letters. To the left of the main bear is a smaller brown teddy bear. The background is yellow with a blue sun in the top left, a red heart, and several stars. At the bottom, there is a 'THANK YOU!' message.

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Together, we will build a better future for our families...

Join me, Nadim Saad, with my incredible guest and co-author of The Life Skills Journal, Dr. Linda Papadopoulos for a deep dive into raising confident children and developing lifelong tools for success. We'll be delivering simple, practical, evidence-based advice and tools that can be implemented immediately.

THE CONFIDENT CHILD: LIFELONG TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

- ✓ Understand what real confidence is and why it matters more than ever in today's world
- ✓ Strategies for nurturing internal confidence & the common pitfalls to avoid
- ✓ Practical tools that families can use daily to help foster confidence and develop a growth mindset

One of the most recognisable and well-respected psychologists working in the UK today, Dr Linda Papadopoulos has built an outstanding reputation in both academia and broadcasting. A hugely successful psychologist, author, keynote speaker, columnist, host and broadcaster, Dr Linda's analysis on current affairs, trends and human behaviour is highly sought after and syndicated around the world. In her 20 years as a Chartered Psychologist, she has gained extensive experience in the counselling of individuals, couples and families and has established and headed successful post-graduate and doctoral programmes in psychology.

Dr. Linda Papadopoulos
Psychologist, Author & Broadcaster

[Register here to join live or gain access to a recording.](#)

Moonrakers Junior Chess Club

Junior Chess Club Swindon

Moonrakers Junior Chess Club are welcoming new members.
Would you like to learn or enhance your skills?

Junior U18 chess club (Primary and senior school age).

Training sessions and club tournaments.

Coaching for all levels of experience.

Every 2nd Wednesday evening 18:30 to 20:00 during school term time.
Full season calendar issued showing all training and tournament dates.

Shaw Ridge Primary School, Ridge Green, Swindon, SN5 5PU

Interested? And for further details,
Please contact us via moonchess@hotmail.co.uk



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