

**Red Oaks Primary School**  
**12<sup>th</sup> November 2025**  
**Newsletter**



**Message from Mrs Painter**

We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the busy and exciting weeks ahead as we build up to Christmas. Term 2 is always full of wonderful events, and we've already started with a bang—literally!

**🎆 FORO Fireworks Success**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise and attended the fantastic FORO fireworks event this week. It was a brilliant evening enjoyed by many, and FORO are currently tallying up how much was raised—watch this space!

**📅 Upcoming Events This Week**

- **Parent Book Look – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 8:50am**

A lovely opportunity to see the amazing work your child has been doing in class. We'd love to see you there!

**Children in Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> (Non-Uniform Day)** Pupils are invited to wear non-school uniform to help raise money for Children in Need.

**🌲 Looking Ahead**

- **Family Learning Event – 29th November**

A great chance for families to engage in learning activities together—more details to follow soon.

- **Reception Nativity – 3rd December**

Our youngest stars will be taking to the stage for their festive performance.

- **KS1 Nativity – 11th December**

Another heart-warming event not to be missed!

We're looking forward to sharing this joyful term with you and your children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Friends of Red Oaks Autumn Fayre**

Many thanks for all those who supported this event. We raised £972.10.

**Staffing News Update**

We would like to share some important staffing news with you.

Mrs Sara Smith, our current SENCO, will be leaving her role at the end of this term to take up an exciting new position as Deputy Headteacher (SENCO) within the TPAT Complex Needs Provisions. Her new role will be based across Red Oaks, Kingfisher, and The Deanery, and we are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her every success in this next chapter.

We are pleased to let you know that we have successfully recruited a new SENCO who will be joining us in January 2026. To ensure a smooth transition, Mrs Smith will be working closely with our new SENCO during the remainder of this term. Additionally, as Mrs Smith will be based at Red Oaks for part of each week in her new role, she will continue to support our new SENCO into the spring term, helping to embed continuity and consistency for our children and families.

We are grateful to Mrs Smith for her dedication and impact during her time with us, and we look forward to welcoming our new SENCO in the new year.

## 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. See this weeks' experiment below.

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](mailto:science@redoaks.org.uk) so we can feature them on our website.

Let's explore science together!



### BEND A BONE WITH VINEGAR!

#### YOU WILL NEED:

- A jar large enough to fit a chicken bone
- A chicken bone – a leg or "drumstick" bone works best
- Vinegar

#### WHAT TO DO

1. Have a nice chicken dinner and save a bone. Leg bones work best.
2. Rinse off the bone in running water to remove any meat from the bone.
3. Notice how hard the bone is – gently try bending it. Like our bones, chicken bones have a mineral called calcium in them to make them hard.
4. Put the bone into the jar and cover the bone with vinegar. It might be a good idea to put the lid on the jar or cover it – let it sit for 3 days
5. After 3 days remove the bone. It should feel different. Now you can rinse it off and try bending it again. Is it really a rubber bone?



#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

So what happened? What is so special about vinegar that it can make a hard bone squishy? Vinegar is considered a mild acid, but it is strong enough to dissolve away the calcium in the bone. Once the calcium is dissolved, there is nothing to keep the bone hard – all that is left is the soft bone tissue. Now you know why your mom is always trying to get you to drink milk – the calcium in milk goes to our bones to make our bones stronger. With some effort and you can really get the bone to bend.



#### MAKE IT AN EXPERIMENT:

The project above is a DEMONSTRATION. To make it a true experiment, you can try to answer these questions:

1. Does the length of time the bone is in vinegar affect how much the bone bends?
2. Do smaller size bones become "bendy" sooner?
3. Do different types of vinegar affect how bendy bones become ?

GET SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS AND SCIENCE FAIR IDEAS AT [WWW.SCIENCEBOB.COM](http://WWW.SCIENCEBOB.COM)



**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov | 11-3**

**Grinch & Santa's Grotto**

**WHOY!ZE CHRISTMAS GROTTTO**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BOOK YOUR GROTTTO EXPERIENCE BY THE 1<sup>st</sup> OF NOVEMBER!**

**Unfortunately bookings will not be available on the day!!**

**£7.50 per child + £5 per extra sibling.**

- Meet the character
- Photo opportunity
- Gift (different from each grotto)
- And a little something extra!

Please email [jcarne@brimblehillschool.org.uk](mailto:jcarne@brimblehillschool.org.uk)

To book your space!!



**WHOY!ZE CHRISTMAS GROTTTO**

**Brimble and Uplands CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Handmade Items • Food & Drink • Sensory Play • Christmas Grotto • Carols • Local Business' AND SO MUCH MORE!!!!

**29 NOV** | 11AM-3PM  
BRIMBLE HILL AND UPLANDS SCHOOL  
Tadpole lane SN25 2NB  
PARKING IN RED OAKS ONLY PLEASE (SN25 2AN)

**FREE ENTRY**

Grottos £7.50 each per child + additional £5 per sibling

Whats included?
 

- meeting the character
- photo opportunity
- gift (and something extra!!)

Booking is **ESSENTIAL**! Make sure to book by 1<sup>st</sup> November

Contact [jcarne@brimblehillschool.org.uk](mailto:jcarne@brimblehillschool.org.uk) for Santa or Grinch grotto bookings



**Children in Need**

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF**

FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Children can dress in Non-school uniform**

£1 donations can be made on Arbor