

Reedley Primary School Newsletter - Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive week at Reedley, with lots of exciting learning taking place across school.

One of the highlights this week was a visit from the Police, who delivered an important knife crime awareness session for our Year 6 pupils. The officers spoke to the children about the dangers and consequences of carrying knives, the impact knife crime can have on individuals, families and communities, and the importance of making safe and responsible choices. The children listened maturely and asked thoughtful questions throughout the session.





This week also marked **Anti-Bullying Week**, and children across school have taken part in a range of activities focused on kindness, respect and inclusion. Through class discussions and learning activities, pupils have explored what bullying is, how to recognise potential bullying behaviours, and what to do if they are worried about themselves or someone else. A key message throughout the week has been the importance of speaking to a trusted adult whenever something feels upsetting, unsafe or unkind. We want every child at Reedley to feel safe, valued and confident that there is always someone who will listen and help.

As part of our new Behaviour Curriculum, children have continued exploring why rules and expectations are important. Staff have been teaching and modelling positive behaviours explicitly, helping pupils understand how their actions contribute to a safe, respectful and successful school community.

Fundraising

Recently we raised £881 for the community defibrillator from our Break the Rules Day. School Council have asked that all money raised at the **School Fair on Thursday 10th December** are also used for the community defibrillator.

Attendance Matters

Attendance remains a school priority. Every day in school makes a difference to children's learning, confidence and friendships.

Thank you to all families who continue to support excellent attendance and punctuality. If your child is unable to attend school, please ensure you contact the office as early as possible and provide a specific reason for the absence.

Weekly Attendance

Position	Class	Attendance %
1	RCK Chicks	99.57%
2	Y5NM Meerkat	98.92%
3	Y6VH Huskies	98.92%
4	Y4AW Wolves	98.81%
5	Y6CH Hoopoes	98.62%
6	Y3CE Elephants	97.62%
7	Y5CE Ermines	97.49%
8	RAH Ducklings	97.35%
9	Y1IL Lions	96.22%
10	Y4LN Narwhals	94.81%
11	Y2US Swans	93.70%
12	Y1LC Canaries	93.65%
13	Y3EP Penguins	93.10%
14	Y2JC Cranes	91.85%
	Whole School	**96.43%**

Well done to all our pupils and families for achieving a whole-school attendance figure of **96.43%** this week, which is above the national average.

Congratulations to **RCK Chicks**, who topped the attendance table with an excellent **99.57%**, closely followed by **Y5NM Meerkat** and **Y6VH Huskies**, both achieving over **98.9%** attendance.

Lancashire Library Activities

We have been asked to share details of some free family activities taking place at **Brierfield Library**. Activities include Lancashire-themed stories and crafts, a family story session and the Saturday morning Duplo Club. No membership or booking is required to attend, and families are welcome to join in. See the poster at the bottom of the newsletter for more details.

School Photographs

School photographs will take place on **Monday 23rd November**. Children will have an individual photograph taken during the school day, along with a photograph with any siblings who also attend Reedley Primary School.
If you would like your child to have a photograph taken with family members who do not attend Reedley, the photographer will be available to take these photographs from **8:00am**. Please arrive promptly and enter through the main entrance.

School Council Charity Collection

Our School Council has decided to coordinate a collection of donations for Curry On The Street. Please see the poster below for the items the charity is currently requesting.
Your donations will help Curry On The Street provide vital support to people in our local community, including the delivery of food parcels and essential supplies to those who need them most. We would be very grateful for any donations you are able to give. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause and helping our School Council make a positive difference in the community.

Online Safety Update: Grand Theft Auto VI (GTA VI)

Many children may be hearing about or seeing content related to **Grand Theft Auto VI (GTA VI)**, one of the most talked-about video game releases in recent years. Although it may attract the attention of younger players, **GTA VI is an adults-only game** and contains content that is not suitable for children, including violence, criminal behaviour, drug and alcohol references, and other mature themes.



Even if children are not playing the game themselves,
they may come across videos, livestreams or discussions about it online.
The **#WakeUpWednesday** guide, sent out with this newsletter,
highlights the potential risks and provides practical advice for families,
including information about parental controls, managing online interactions and starting conversations about safe and responsible gaming.

Year 5/6 Football

Well done to our Year 5/6 boys' football team, who finished 6th out of 12 teams in their league competition. The boys represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. They supported one another throughout the matches and showed great respect towards both opposing players and match officials. We are very proud of the way they conducted themselves both on and off the pitch.

Finally…

As we move towards the festive season, school is becoming increasingly busy with preparations for performances, trips and special events. Please keep an eye on communications and key dates to ensure you do not miss any important information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together makes a real difference to our children's success and wellbeing.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sarah Bell
Headteacher



Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 23rd November	School Photographs
Tuesday 24th November	Year 4 Cinema Trip
Wednesday 2nd December	Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity (9.30am)
Thursday 3rd December	Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity (2.15pm)
Thursday 3rd December	Y4 Wolves Trip to Queen Street Mill
Friday 4th December	Y4 Narwhals Trip to Queen Street Mill
Friday 4th December	Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate Donations)
Tuesday 8th December	Reception Christmas Songs for Families (2.30pm)
Wednesday 9th December	Reception Christmas Songs for Families (9.15am)
Wednesday 9th December	Year 6 Pantomime Visit
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Fair (3.40pm - 4.40pm)
Friday 11th December	School Choir Singing at Tesco
Tuesday 15th December	Family Christmas Craft Activity
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner
Monday 21st December	School Closes for Christmas
Tuesday 5th January	School Reopens



Attendance Matters

A great education starts with great attendance. Every lesson counts and being in school every day helps children make the most of every opportunity.

◇ Please notify the school office before 8.50am if your child is absent.

◇ Tell us the specific reason for the absence so that we can meet our safeguarding responsibilities.

◇ You can phone, message on School Spider or notify us on Studybugs.

◇ Arrive on time every day. Even being a few minutes late can add up to lost learning over the year.

◇ Holidays during term time are not normally authorised and can have a significant impact on children's progress.

Thank you for your support in helping our children to attend, achieve and thrive.

If You're Concerned About Something…

We want to work in partnership with you.

If you are ever worried, unhappy or need clarification about a situation, please follow this order of contact via the school office:

• **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact

• **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:

- Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – **Miss Hume**
- Years 3 & 4 – **Mrs Watson**
- Years 5 & 6 – **Mrs Hornby**

Other staff members are available to help; however, your child's class teacher and Phase Leader will know them best and should usually be your first point of contact.

• **Assistant Headteacher** – Miss Hume
• **Deputy Headteacher** – Mrs Gorrell
• **Headteacher** – Mrs Bell

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.