



A message from Mrs Bell, Headteacher

Another busy and successful week has flown by at Reedley! The children continue to settle beautifully into their routines and learning, and it has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, confidence and positivity across the school.

As the weather begins to change, we were certainly reminded that autumn is on its way when many of us got caught in Thursday's rain! Please can we ask that children bring a coat to school each day, as the weather can be unpredictable.

Swimming lessons have continued this week, with Year 4 enjoying sessions in our school pool and Year 5 attending lessons at Wavelengths. It has been fantastic to see the children's confidence in the water continue to grow.

This week also marked the end of Bikeability for our Year 6 pupils. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part, particularly those who began the programme unable to ride a bike and are now cycling confidently and safely on the road. Their determination and perseverance have been outstanding.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Sarah Bell
Headteacher

School Attendance

Our whole school attendance is **97.1%**, exceeding our target of **96%**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our children and families in ensuring children attend school regularly and are ready to learn each day. We are delighted with this week's result and would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Regular attendance plays a vital role in children's academic progress, wellbeing and social development, and it is wonderful to see such a positive whole-school figure.

Classes	Percentage
Y6CH Hoopoes	99.31
Y4AW Wolves	99.21
Y1IL Lions	99.18
RCK Chicks	98.85
Y4LN Narwhals	98.15
Y5NM Meerkat	97.85
Y3CE Elephants	97.62
Y3EP Penguins	97.32
Y2JC Cranes	96.55
Y5CE Ermines	96.06
Y1LC Canaries	96.03
Y2US Swans	95.19
Y6VH Huskies	94.62
RAH Ducklings	93.5

Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast Club runs every morning from **8:00am**.

For just **£3 per child per session**, your child will receive a breakfast snack and a drink.

Please ensure children are:

- Brought in by an adult
- Handed over to a member of staff

Reminder: Adults should not use the staff car park when dropping off children.

Please note that we do not have an after-school care club facility.

Swimming

Y3 children will be taking part in swimming lessons in the school pool next week.

They need:

GIRLS

- A one-piece swimming costume
- A swimming hat

BOYS

- Swimming trunks or shorts.

ALL CHILDREN

- Towel
- Dressing gown
- Flip flops/crocs

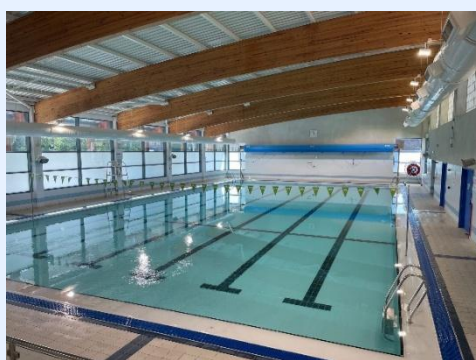


Week beginning 28 th September	Year 6
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Swimming Sessions at Wavelengths Pool

All classes from Year 3 to Year 6 will have at least two sessions at Pendle Wavelengths this school year. You will be informed in advance of the dates.

The first class to take part was **Year 5 Mrs Edwards' Ermine Class**. They attended on Thursday and will go again on Thursday 24th September. The children were able to practise their swimming in a bigger pool, with some of the confident swimmers going out of their depth. Children practised jumping in and laying on their back in a lifesaving position. Next week, they will bring their pyjamas as well as their swimming kit, to see what it feels like swimming in clothes, should they ever fall into water.



Road Safety

Thank you to everyone who continues to support us by parking safely and considerately at the beginning and end of the school day.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that the choices we make when parking can have a significant impact on the safety and flow of traffic around school. Unfortunately, it only takes one vehicle parked inconsiderately to cause congestion and bring the whole road to a standstill, making it more difficult for other vehicles to pass and reducing visibility for children and families.

Please help us to keep everyone safe by parking legally, avoiding yellow lines and zigzag markings, and showing consideration to our neighbours and other road users. If possible, parking a little further away from school and walking the final part of your journey can make a big difference.

By working together and making sensible parking choices, we can help ensure that children arrive at and leave school safely each day. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



Birthday Donations

As a school, we are unable to allow children to bring gifts or party bags for their friends on their birthdays due to the number of allergies that children have. However, if you would like to mark your child's birthday in a special way, we welcome donations of books to our school library.

When a book is donated, we place a special label inside so that everyone knows who donated it, creating a lasting contribution that can be enjoyed by many children for years to come.

This week, **Aizah in Year 5** kindly made a donation to the school. Mrs Gorrell will be purchasing a suitable book for the library on Aizah's behalf, and we would like to thank her for this thoughtful contribution to our school community.

Parent Governor Election

The election for Parent Governor closes on Monday.

All ballot papers must be returned by **11:00am on Monday 21st September**.

Votes will be counted at 4:00pm on Monday 21st September, and the result will be communicated shortly afterwards.



Bikeability

We have been incredibly proud of our Year 6 children who have taken part in Bikeability over the past few weeks. The instructors have been full of praise for the way our pupils have listened carefully, worked hard and embraced every challenge.

Many of the children were unable to ride a bike when they first started the programme, yet through determination, resilience and a positive attitude, they have made fantastic progress and are now able to ride confidently and safely on the road. They have truly demonstrated our Reedley Values throughout.

A special mention must also go to Coach Adam, who specifically requests to work with Reedley each year. He commented on how impressed he is by the excellent manners, behaviour and attitudes of our children, which is a credit to both them and their families.

Well done, Year 6. We are extremely proud of everything you have achieved! 🚴 🚴



Mental Health Day

On **Friday 9th October**, Reedley Primary School will be taking part in **Hello Yellow**, a national fundraising day organised by **YoungMinds**, the UK's leading charity for children's and young people's mental health.

At Reedley, we place great importance on supporting children's emotional wellbeing and helping them develop the confidence to talk about their feelings, seek support when needed and look after their mental health. Hello Yellow is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of this important cause and show our support for young people across the country.

Children are invited to wear **something yellow** to school on the day. This could be a yellow t-shirt, jumper, socks, hair accessory or any other item of yellow clothing. (If you haven't got anything yellow, please use clothes and accessories that are brightly coloured).

YoungMinds also offers a range of support and guidance for parents and carers, including advice, resources and access to trained professionals if you are concerned about your child's mental health.

Useful support is available through:

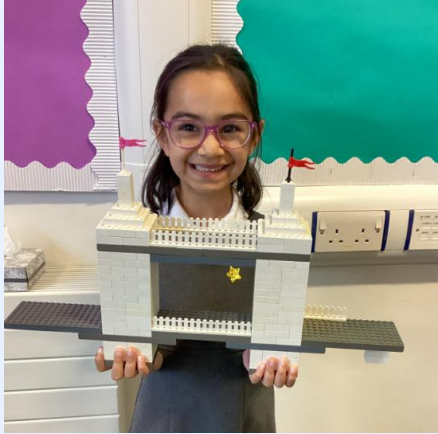
- [YoungMinds Parent Hub](#)
- YoungMinds Parents Helpline: **0808 802 5544** (9.30am to 4.00pm)
- [YoungMinds Parents Support Services](#)

We look forward to seeing a splash of yellow around school as we come together to support this important cause and raise awareness of children's mental health. 💛



Lego Workshop

Our Y1 children took part in a Lego workshop this week, making a range of London Landmarks, as part of their current topic.



Rock Kidz

I am delighted to announce that **Rock Kidz** will be returning to Reedley on **Monday 2nd November**. During this day, staff and children dress up as rock or pop stars and we transform the hall into a rock concert for the day. Children then learn key messages through music and we all have a great day!



Year 6 Applications for Secondary School

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are reminded that applications for secondary school places must be submitted by 31 October 2026. If an application is not made by this date, Lancashire County Council may allocate your child a place at any school with available spaces, which may not be your preferred school or the one closest to your home.

Applications should be made online via the Lancashire County Council website: [Apply for a secondary school place](#)

I recently sent out some dates for you to go and look around some schools. The date for Marsden Heights has now passed, but there are still a number of sessions available at other schools.. Please see the remaining dates below.

School	Dates	Time
Primet	Thursday 24 th September	6pm – 8pm
Pendle Vale	Wednesday 30 th September	5.30pm – 7.30pm
Sir John Thursby	Thursday 15 th October	TBC

If there is another school you are interested in, please call them to see if they have a session or if you can look around at another time.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Fridays until half term	Y4 and Y5 to have cricket sessions from Lancashire Cricket
Monday 21 st September	Y5 trip to Clitheroe Castle
Wednesday 23 rd September	Y2 to have a visit from a dog
Thursday 1 st October	MacMillan Coffee Morning in school hall ○ 9:00am – 9:20am - Reception & Year 1 ○ 9:20am – 9:40am - Year 2 & Year 3 ○ 9:40am – 10:00am - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Friday 9 th October	Wear yellow (or brightly coloured) clothes/accessories to school and bring a donation for YoungMinds.
Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th October	All classes to take part in a skipping workshop
HALF TERM	School will be closed from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October
Monday 2 nd November	Rock Kidz are in school all day and all children will get to dress as a rock or pop star!
CHRISTMAS CLOSURE	School will be closed from Monday 21st December and will reopen to children on Tuesday 5 th January.

Thank you for your support, Mrs Sarah Bell, Headteacher

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.