



A message from Mrs Bell, Headteacher

Another busy and enjoyable week has flown by at Reedley! It has been wonderful to see the children continuing to work hard, show enthusiasm in their learning and make the most of every opportunity on offer.

One of the highlights of the week was our Year 5 trip to Clitheroe Castle. The children represented the school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed bringing their learning to life through this exciting visit.

We were also delighted to welcome so many parents to our Phonics Workshop this week. Thank you to everyone who attended and for your continued support in helping your children develop their reading skills at home.

As we look ahead, we are excited for our Macmillan Coffee Morning next week. We hope many of you will be able to join us as we come together as a school community to raise money for a wonderful cause.

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



Mrs Sarah Bell
Headteacher

Rock Kidz

Only **38 days** to go until we get our next visit from Rock Kidz!

Have you got your rock star or pop star outfit planned?



School Attendance

Attendance this week was **93.4%**.

We know there have been a number of seasonal bugs circulating recently, which has affected attendance across the school. Thank you for your continued support in helping children attend regularly whenever they are well enough to do so.

Congratulations to **Y2JC Cranes**, our attendance champions this week with an impressive **97.96%** attendance!

Y2JC Cranes	97.96
Y2US Swans	97.67
Y5CE Ermines	97.42
RGB Ducklings	95.60
Y6VH Huskies	95.48
RCK Chicks	94.79
Y5NM Meerkat	94.52
Y1IL Lions	93.07
Y4LN Narwhals	92.67
Y1LC Canaries	91.43
Y6CH Hoopoes	91.25
Y3CE Elephants	90.36
Y4AW Wolves	89.29
Y3EP Penguins	86.21

PUNCTUALITY

In Y4 Wolves Class, none of the children were late this week!

Well done!

Please make sure that your child is in school, ready to learn by 8.50am.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** in the school hall.

Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to attend. Children are welcome to join the Coffee Morning if a family member is present.

Thursday 1st October

- **9:00am to 9:20am** – Reception & Year 1
- **9:20am to 9:40am** – Year 2 & Year 3
- **9:40am to 10:00am** – Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes and biscuits to help us raise money for this wonderful cause. If you are donating **homemade items**, please ensure they are accompanied by a **full list of ingredients**.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to coming together as a school community and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. ❤️

Swimming

Y6 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

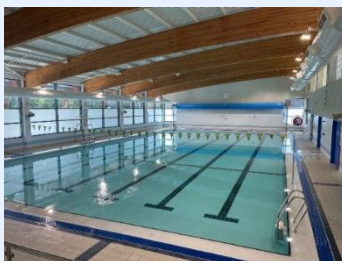
- Towel
- Dressing gown
- Flip flops/crocs



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.

Mrs Mahmood's Y5 Meerkat Class will take part **on Thursday 1st October and Thursday 8th October.**



Road Safety

Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to support us by parking safely and respectfully at the beginning and end of the school day.

This week, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of showing courtesy to our local residents. Please be mindful not to block driveways, access points or residential entrances, even if only stopping for a short time. Many of our neighbours rely on being able to access their homes freely and we greatly appreciate your consideration towards them.

We also ask that all families continue to make sensible choices when travelling to and from school. Parking a little further away and walking the final part of your journey can help reduce congestion, improve visibility and make the area safer for everyone, particularly our children.

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



Ants, Bees and Crickets Classes

Meet the Staff and Visit the Classrooms

On **Thursday 1st October**, families of children in **Ants, Bees and Crickets** classes are invited to come and meet the staff who work with their children and to see the classrooms and learning environments that they access each day.

This is a wonderful opportunity to find out more about your child's school experience, ask any questions you may have, and see the exciting spaces where the children learn and play. We look forward to welcoming you.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to families that took part in the parent governor election, either by standing for election or by casting a vote.

We were delighted to receive applications from six parents who were all keen to support the school through governance. Following the election process, and subsequent consideration by the governing board, we are pleased to confirm that **Diane Parker** and **Rubia Parveen** have both been appointed to the governing body, as both candidates received the same number of votes.

I congratulate them on their appointments and thank all candidates for their interest and commitment to supporting Reedley Primary School.

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. 💛

Parent Phonic Workshop

Phase 2 Phonics Parent Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended our first **'What is Reading?'** workshop which took place this week. It was lovely to see children enjoying reading a phonics book with their grown-ups.

Our next workshop is:

Phase 2 Phonics Parent Workshop



Wednesday 30th September



2.15pm

We will look at how Phase 2 phonics is taught and share simple ways you can support your child at home.

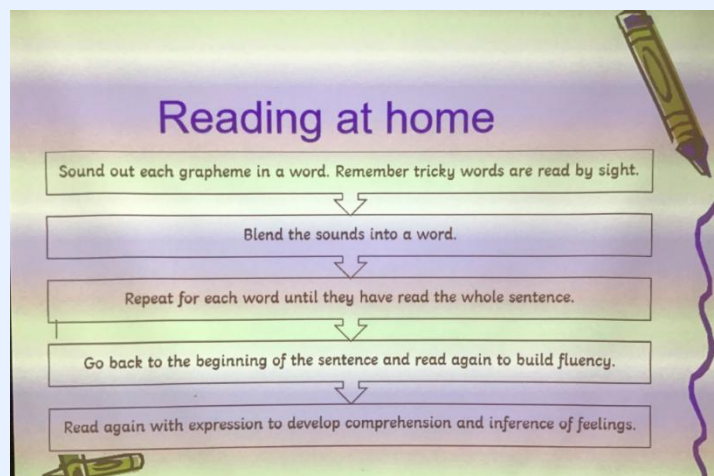
There will also be an opportunity for **children to join us for some practical phonics activities.**

Further workshops will follow, including a **Phase 3 workshop aimed particularly at Reception parents** and a **Phase 5 and Phonics Screening Check workshop aimed particularly at Year 1 parents.**

We hope you can join us!

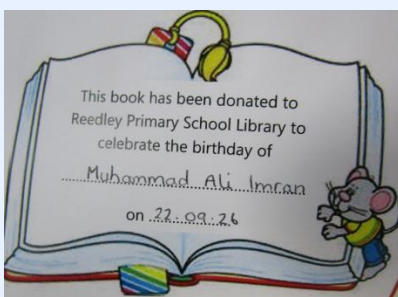
Mrs King

Phonics Lead



Birthday Books

Muhammad Ali celebrated a birthday this week and has donated books to the school library. Please remember that we don't allow children to bring sweets and treats for their birthdays, as we have a lot of allergies. Donating a book to the library is a lovely lasting way to mark your children's birthday.



Clitheroe Castle Trip

Year 5 Visit to Clitheroe Castle

On **Monday**, Year 5 enjoyed a fascinating trip to **Clitheroe Castle** as part of their history learning. The children learnt all about **1066**, the year when England had three kings, and explored the threats to the throne from both the **Normans and Vikings**.

During the visit, the children had the opportunity to see a range of historical weapons and learn how the Anglo-Saxons would have used them for both defence and attack. The experience brought their classroom learning to life and helped deepen their understanding of this important period in British history.

It was a fantastic day, and the children learnt so much. They represented Reedley Primary School exceptionally well, demonstrating excellent conduct, enthusiasm and respect throughout the visit. We are very proud of them.



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](#)

Good luck to any children sitting Grammar School entrance tests.

Please do not submit your application until you receive your result.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 30th September	Y2 to have a visit from a dog as part of their topic
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 21 December 2026 and will reopen to children on Tuesday 5 January 2027 .

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.