

Reedley Primary School Newsletter – Friday 6th November 2026

Headteacher's Message

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week. I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and enjoyed some quality time with your children.

As we move into the season of bonfires and fireworks, please take extra care if you are out and about this weekend. We would encourage all families to speak to their children about staying safe around fireworks, bonfires and sparklers, and to ensure they follow the guidance of responsible adults at all times.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for children's learning and wellbeing. Every day in school counts, and arriving on time helps children settle quickly and make the most of their learning opportunities. Thank you to all families who continue to support strong attendance and punctuality. If you need any support regarding attendance, please speak to a member of the school team.

This week, Y3EP Penguins achieved the highest attendance with an excellent 98.47%, closely followed by Y5NM Meerkats (97.22%) and Y6VH Huskies (97.13%). Well done to these classes for their fantastic commitment to being in school every day. The whole-school attendance for the week was 94.63%.

Congratulations to both of our Year 4 classes, who enjoyed a non-uniform day today as a reward for their excellent attendance and punctuality over the last half term. Thank you to all pupils and families for supporting this achievement.
Let's keep working together to ensure every child is in school, on time, every day.
Attendance really does matter!

Y3EP Penguins	98.47
Y5NM Meerkat	97.22
Y6VH Huskies	97.13
RGB Ducklings	96.61
Y1IL Lions	95.88
Y2JC Cranes	95.19
Y6CH Hoopoes	95.14
Y1LC Canaries	94.65
Y5CE Ermines	94.62
Y3CE Elephants	93.10
RCK Chicks	90.94
Y4AW Wolves	89.71
Y4LN Narwhals	89.08
Y2US Swans	87.36

Donation of Birthday Books

We are always grateful when families choose to celebrate a child's birthday by donating a book to our school. These donations help to enrich our classroom libraries and encourage a lifelong love of reading.
Thank you to the family of Adyaan, Hashim and Raabiyah for their kind donations. We hope that you all have a lovely birthday and that children enjoy reading your books.







Cricket Class Immersion Activities

Cricket Class enjoyed a fantastic Immersion Day this week. The children were fully engaged in a range of exciting activities that helped bring their learning to life and provided a memorable experience for everyone involved.

We look forward to seeing how this experience supports and inspires their learning in the weeks ahead.

Mrs Daar was particularly impressed with Awais, who created a fantastic video presenting himself as the host of a cooking programme while making his healthy pasta salad. His confidence, enthusiasm and creativity really shone through.

The Cricket Class rounded off the week by learning key firework safety messages and enjoying a variety of creative activities inspired by Bonfire Night.





After-School Clubs

Our after-school clubs started this week, and it has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying the wide variety of activities on offer.

We would like to remind parents and carers that children should be collected **promptly at 4:15pm**. Unfortunately, more than 30 children were collected late this week. While we understand that occasional delays can happen, repeated late collections place additional pressure on staff, who often end up staying beyond their paid hours to supervise children who haven't been collected on time.

We appreciate your support in ensuring children are collected on time at the end of their club sessions.

Reminder About Conduct on the School Site

It has been reported to us that a small number of high school pupils collecting younger children from Reedley have been coming onto the playground and behaving in a way that does not reflect our expectations for conduct on school premises.

We would ask all parents and carers to speak with any older children who collect on their behalf and remind them to use appropriate language and behave respectfully whilst on school site, in line with our Code Of Conduct which extends to anyone who is on school site.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Art Week

A huge thank you to all the families who have been able to join us for our Art Week sessions so far. It has been wonderful to welcome you into school, see you working alongside your children, and admire some of the fantastic artwork that has been created.

There are still opportunities to take part next week, and we would love to see as many families as possible attend. Please see the timetable below for details of the remaining sessions. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Year Group	Date	Time
Crickets/Ants Classes	Monday 9th Nov	2.45 – 3.15
Year 6	Tuesday 10th Nov	2.45 – 3.15
Rec	Wednesday 11 Nov	2.45 – 3.15
Bee Class	Thursday 12th Nov	9.15 – 9.45

Poppy Appeal Reminder

We are currently selling poppies and other remembrance items on behalf of the Royal British Legion each school day for the week ahead. All funds raised will support the important work of the Royal British Legion. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Year 1 Visit to St Luke's Church

As part of their RE learning about Christianity, Year 1 enjoyed a visit to St Luke's Church in Brierfield. The children learned about the Christian faith and baptism from members of the church community and took part in a tour of the church. It was a valuable opportunity for the children to see and identify many of the features they had been learning about in class, bringing their RE learning to life.

Rock Kidz Visit

We had an amazing day with Rock Kidz on Monday. The children had a fantastic time taking part in the interactive workshops and learning about the importance of perseverance.

When speaking to the children afterwards, many were able to explain the key message: work hard, keep trying and never give up when things become difficult. It was wonderful to hear them reflecting so positively on the day's learning, and we would like to thank Rock Kidz for delivering such an inspiring experience.





Awards

Sultan Khalid won the **Sue Dean Writing Award** for the half term. Sultan has been working hard to include his phonic sounds in his writing. He is using Yr 2 punctuation in his sentences and is really enthusiastic about his writing.

Isa Umer and Hania Aqeel each won a £10 book voucher as part of the **Reading For Pleasure** scheme.

The following children have had their entry submitted to the **BBC 500 words competition.**

1IL - Halima, 1LV - Anabia, 2JC - Halimah, 2US - Hiba,
3CE - Haaniyah, 3EP - Adeena, 4LN - Haniya,
5NM - Hashim, 5CE - Hussain, 6CH - Simra

If your child submitted a story to school and their name is not on the list above, don't worry. You can still enter the BBC 500 Words competition by submitting their story directly through the BBC 500 Words website. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4

School Choir

Our school choir had another visit from a member of the Let's Go Sing team this week. Rose spent an hour with the children and taught them new songs, in preparation for our concert at King George's Hall in March.





BOOKING IS NOW OPEN FOR LET'S GO SING TICKETS – Monday 15th March at King George's Hall, Blackburn

Families who wish to come and watch their child perform in the concert on **Monday 15th March** can now book tickets. Please note that tickets cannot be booked through the school. Mrs Iqbal has sent a booking link directly to families.

We would encourage you to book your tickets as soon as possible, as a number of schools will be taking part on the same day and tickets are expected to be in high demand.

The children are put in their heart and soul into this project and are working really hard to learn. The songs and have fun doing so. I would urge families to come and watch the event if you can do so.

Viking Talk

Year 5 enjoyed an exciting visit from the **Rochdale Viking Society**, who brought history to life through an interactive workshop on the events of 1066. Pupils learned about Viking weapons, clothing, battles and daily life, gaining a deeper understanding of this fascinating period in history.



Year 5/6 Girls' Football

On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team took part in a tournament at Fisher More High School. The girls played four matches and performed brilliantly throughout the event. They kept a clean sheet in three of their games, scored four goals overall and conceded just one goal across the tournament.

Unfortunately, they narrowly missed out on a place in the final at Blackburn, missing qualification on goal difference alone. Despite this disappointment, the girls represented Reedley exceptionally well, playing with smiles on their faces, showing great teamwork and determination, and enjoying every minute of the experience.

We are incredibly proud of all the girls for their fantastic effort and positive attitude.!

Well done Simra, Ruqqayyah, Arooj, Zara, Fatima, Alayna, Amanah and Hanna.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Meeting

We would like to invite parents and carers of children in Year 4 to a meeting on **Monday at 9:00am**.

During the meeting, members of staff will explain the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** that all Year 4 pupils will complete in the summer term. We will outline the format of the assessment, explain what children can expect on the day, and share ways that you can support your child in preparing for the check at home.

This is a valuable opportunity to find out more about the assessment and to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Sarah Bell,
Headteacher



Parking Around School

We have recently received further concerns from residents regarding parking and access around the school. In particular, we would like to remind all parents and carers that Ainsdale Avenue is a private road and should not be used for parking, waiting or turning around. Residents require unrestricted access to their homes at all times, and vehicles causing obstructions can create considerable difficulties for those who live there.

We kindly ask all families to park legally and considerately when dropping off and collecting children. This includes avoiding private roads, driveways, junctions, and any areas where vehicles may block access for residents or emergency services. We also ask that all interactions with local residents and members of staff remain respectful and courteous if concerns are raised.

We greatly value the support of our neighbours and appreciate the many families who already help by choosing safe and considerate parking options. Working together ensures that our community remains safe, respectful and welcoming for everyone.

Key Dates	
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 23rd November	Road Safety Week
Monday 23rd November	School photographs
Tuesday 24th November	Y4 trip to the cinema
Wednesday 2nd December	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performance
Thursday 3rd December	2.15pm Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performance
Thursday 3rd December	Y4 Wolves Trip to Queen St Mill
Friday 4th December	Y4 Narwhals Trip to Queen St Mill
Friday 4th December	Non uniform day in return for chocolate donations
Tuesday 8th December	2.30pm Reception Singing Christmas Songs for Families
Wednesday 9th December	9.15am Reception Singing Christmas Songs for Families
Wednesday 9th December	Y6 trip to a pantomime
Thursday 10th December	3.40pm – 4.40pm Christmas Fair
Friday 11th December	School Choir singing at Tesco
Tuesday 15th December	Family Christmas craft activity being run by Lancashire Adult Learning – limited places available – more details to follow
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner
CHRISTMAS CLOSURE	School will be closed from **Monday 21 December 2026** and will reopen to children on **Tuesday 5 January 2027**.

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.