



# Redmarley C of E Primary Academy Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Welcome Back – September 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome back to a brand new school year at Redmarley! It's been a wonderful few weeks since we returned, and we're so proud of how well everyone has settled back in. The start of a new academic year always brings a mix of excitement and adjustment, and both children and staff have worked incredibly hard to get back into the rhythm of learning and new routines.

Across the school, there's been a real sense of teamwork and determination. Children have been learning the expectations of their new classes, and it's been lovely to see them growing in confidence and independence each day.

## Christian Value

The Christian Value we are exploring this term is **Generosity**.

## Worship Team

Our Worship team support us to lead worship, through planning and delivery, choosing prayer and this music. They help us to live out our vision of 'Shine as a Light in the World'. A warm welcome to Shay, Jacob, Charlie, Maya, Lucy and Charlotte.

## House and Vice Captains

Our Captains support us by playing a key part in leading events based around team work. They are going to be joining forces with our School Council this year.

Pine: Shay – Captain  
Alfie – Vice Captain

Ash: Poppy – Captain  
Lucy – Vice Captain

Rowan: Imogen - Captain  
Amelia T – Vice Captain

School Council is currently being decided through presentations and voting- we are very democratic at Redmarley and the children take this very seriously!

Shine as a Light in the World

## Curriculum

Children in Class 1 and 2 have been diving into their phonics learning with great enthusiasm. This week marks the launch of our new reading approach, designed to help children make even better progress. A huge thank you to all parents for your support—spending time celebrating your child’s reading book with them makes a real difference!

In Class 1 the children have also been drawing their own ‘self portraits’, focusing on key facial features and what makes them unique.

Class 2 have been working really hard already on their sentence writing and how to hold a pencil correctly. They have already produced some wonderful sentences, showing their growing skill as writers!

In Class 3 the children have been straight into maths, focusing on place value and the use of Dienes to support this. In maths it is so important for children feel confident and proficient in the use of resources in order to support them to move forwards from concrete to more abstract maths. They have also been getting creative with clay! Designing their own colourful creations, whilst thinking about God’s Creation.

Class 4 have painted their dragon’s eyes, which they made from clay on move up day. These have come out beautifully. They have also begun their guided reading, using DERIC (Decode, Explain, Retrieve, Infer and Choice) to support their understanding of what they are reading and practicing reading aloud to improve their intonation and expressive reading.



## PTFA News

We're delighted to share the outcomes of the recent **PTFA AGM**. A big thank you and congratulations to our newly appointed team:

- **Chair:** Sophie Turpin
- **Vice Chair:** Emma Blake
- **Treasurer:** Kate Veale
- **Secretary:** Rebecca Batson

It was lovely to see some new faces at the meeting, and we're excited about the year ahead. The PTFA work tirelessly to provide enriching experiences for our children, and they've already pledged **£500 to each class** to support school trips—what a fantastic start!

The next PTFA meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23rd**, straight after school in **Class 4**. Everyone is welcome—come along and be part of the planning for this year's events. Class Reps have also been decided and the team will be in touch soon (if they haven't already).

## Digital Safety & AI Awareness

We are aware of the national rise in children misusing **Artificial Intelligence**, particularly in image manipulation. At Redmarley, we are taking steps to ensure our children are safe online. We'll be limiting social media use and instead launching a **School Dojo**—a secure, invitation-only platform for parents. Instagram will be used for general, less frequent shares. We'll let you know as soon as this Dojo page goes live.

## Harvest Festival

We warmly invite you to join us for our **Harvest Festival** at **St. Bartholomew's Church** on **Thursday 2nd October at 2.30pm**. It's a special time to come together and celebrate the season of giving and gratitude.

## Trim Trail & Site Improvements

The children are loving the **new trim trail**! We're currently repairing the monkey bars and adding extra safety surfacing. **Class 3** now has its own fenced area, and we're gathering quotes to improve the **front fencing** with secure access gates. These will be set back to allow parents and visitors an extra place to pull in and wait if the gates were closed.

Unfortunately, our main bid for full perimeter upgrades was unfortunately rejected, we'll be reapplying—we remain committed to strengthening school boundaries for everyone's safety.



## Shining their Light!

A huge **well done** to our talented pupil who won the Redmarley and Lowband's Country Show with a beautifully handwritten poem—what a fantastic achievement!



Back last year some of our Y5 and 6 pupils competed and won the **PQ Maths 24 Competition**. A trophy has been donated from a member of the PQ family- we are the first to have our names on this!

## Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 23rd Sept** – PTFA Planning Meeting (Class 4, after school)
- **Thursday 2nd Oct** – Harvest Festival at St. Bartholomew’s Church (2.30pm)
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Class 2 trip** – We the curious
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct** – PTFA Quiz and Curry Night 6pm – 8.30pm School Hall
- **Viney Hill Residential** – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov
- More dates to follow soon as we finalise our exciting calendar of events!

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Thank you for your continued support. We’re looking forward to a joyful and successful term ahead!

Kind Regards,

**Laura Hankins and the Redmarley team**