



## January 2026: Newsletter no2

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Happy New Year! We wish you a very happy and healthy 2026.

In the newsletter you will find the updated calendar. The website is kept up-to-date and a weekly message is sent on a Sunday on our Facebook page for reminders of what is happening. If we were to close school this announcement would be made via MCAS app as well as on the radio. It is really important that you ensure you have the MCAS app as this is our key way that we send out messages and reminders.

We are excited to tell you about **2026: The Year of Reading**. This is a national initiative designed to support children and adults to read, listen to and share stories, comics, magazines, audiobooks and non-fiction texts. Red Hall will be fully embracing this with a year of events. In assembly this week we talked about what would the children like to have on their list of events. The first is a challenge:

**Where do you like to curl up with a book?**



We would like to create a display of photos which have children reading in a range of places. It could be reading to their favourite pet, family member or just by themselves. It could be reading in a cosy chair or under a blanket. We would like to celebrate that reading is something that can be enjoyed anywhere and with others. If you would like to send a photo in please send to [info@redhall.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@redhall.dudley.sch.uk)

We look forward to spreading the joy that reading can bring and showcasing this at Red Hall Primary School

Warm regards,  
Mrs Tomlinson -Head teacher

### **FUNDRAISING FOR IPADS: Thank you so much for your generosity!!**

**School Disco:** £1613.95

**Santa Visits:** £828.30

Plus Raffle and donations:

**Total raised £2467.25**

## CALENDAR

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School INSET Day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Children back to school
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y3 visited by school nurse for handwashing and hygiene talk
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Road safety meeting at Hope Church Hall @ 2pm.
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Group of Y1+Y2 multi skills event @Ellowes
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Mufti day for Brockswood Animal Sanctuary + Jubilee Gardens. £1 donation suggested
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Young Voices Choir
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Coffee morning for parents: Fussy Eaters workshop 9am-11am
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 Parents SATs meeting @ 3.30pm. Find out about what SATs week looks like and how you can help support your child for SATs.
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y3 Egyptian focus day. No need to dress up, but children can should they wish to
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fire Service visit to Early Years
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 World War 2 theme day
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y4: School nurse visit for Growing up session
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Y3+4 Maths championship
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4 residential to Ilam Hall
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	World Cancer Day – children can come to school in their own clothes as this will be a fundraising event. £1 donation suggested.
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3 Local walk
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y1 parent workshop @2.30pm
w.c.Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5 + Y6 Maths championship
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dudley "Harmony" singalong with Dudley Performing Arts @2pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reception Monster Phonic Workshop @ 2.40pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Nursery traditional tales dress up day
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half-term
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair in the KS1 hall
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Back to school
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	EYFS: Pancake events
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Coffee morning for parents: Support for children who have hearing impairments
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> + Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Pupil progress meetings – you will book your appointments on the MCAS app
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Coffee morning for parents: Eat well for less workshop 9am -11am
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Gymnastics competition
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Anglo Saxon and Viking focus day. Children can come to school in an outfit but it is not necessary.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 local walk for history learning
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery visit to Sycamore Centre 12.30 – 3.15pm. More information to follow
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Easter Bonnet parade + Easter Crafts 2.15pm
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery teddy bear picnic. Easter bonnets are optional
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish for Easter Holidays
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Staff INSET day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 visit Dudley Zoo
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Coffee morning for parents: School nursing team will be attending
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y2 visit to Black Country Living Museum
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Children finish for half-term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Chn return to school
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery last day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for summer holidays at 2pm



Note in our calendar our monthly **Coffee Mornings** for **parents and carers**. These will have a focus each month with a visiting speaker. We are hoping that these will help provide you with a safe space to come and to get to know some other families within the school community. We look forward to welcoming you to one of these.



**Have you downloaded the MCAS App?**

Red Hall Primary School is using MyChildAtSchool to communicate with Parents/Carers.

The app allows you to have access to key information straight to their SMART phone. SEARCH Apple App Store or Play Store for "My Child At School"

- Securely login with biometric support.
- Instant access to daily and "Year to Date" attendance.
- Pay for trips.
- School announcements tailored to your child.
- School communication to your phone
- Book breakfast and after school club.
- Top up school dinner balances.
- Book progress meetings.

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### **MyChildAtSchool - Cashless Catering Top-Up Guide**

#### **How do I add money to my child's account?**

To add dinner money to your child's account via MyChildAtSchool (MCAS), follow these steps:

1. Log into the MCAS website or app.
2. Navigate to the 'Dinner' module.
3. Click on the 'Add Dinner Money' button.
4. Enter the amount you wish to top-up and click 'Add to Basket'.
5. Fill out your debit/credit card details.
6. Complete the payment process.

For detailed instructions, you can refer to the official guides provided by the school or the MCAS support page.

### **Road Safety Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2pm at Hope Church Hall, Zoar Street**

You are invited to attend a public forum meeting that Red Hall Primary School are hosting at **Hope Church Hall** on **16<sup>th</sup> January**. This will be chaired by our Chair of Governors, Mark Westwood. Also present will be Sonia Kumar, MP, local councillors and Community Policing team. This will be an opportunity to share your views on the current safety concerns about the roads around the school. We hope to see you there to talk about this issue.

### **After school Sports clubs will start week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Monday: Dodgeball Mr Collins FREE KS2

Tuesday: Gymnastics Mr Collins FREE Invitation only

Futsal: sign up and cost with external provider Y1 – Y6

Wednesday: Football Mr Collins FREE KS2

Thursday: Street Dance – sign up and cost with external provider Y1 to Y6

Tutoring for children who have been invited

**Letters will go out to provide more information on this.**

**These are the emails for contacting class teachers:**

[Year5\\_6@redhall.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:Year5_6@redhall.dudley.sch.uk)

[Year3\\_4@redhall.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:Year3_4@redhall.dudley.sch.uk)

[Year2@redhall.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:Year2@redhall.dudley.sch.uk)

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These email boxes are only checked weekly. For urgent messages please use: [info@redhall.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@redhall.dudley.sch.uk)

## Head lice

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

It is really common at this time of year for there to be more children who have headlice. There are some really helpful tips for how best to treat your child should they have them. Long hair being kept back is an easy first step. Wet combing, and combing through a conditioner is also a help.

If you find headlice on your child be aware that all family members should have their hair treated.

Even if you just find one nit your child's hair should be treated.

## **Attendance:**

School attendance continues to remain a key focus for us at Red Hall Primary School. We are sending out letters to all families so that you are able to review your child's current attendance and the comments that we have about any absences. It may be following this that you wish to discuss your child's current attendance. We would welcome this opportunity.



We love being active in the community. Here are two of our most recent events we have taken part in – Girls Football match and School Games event. We enjoyed taking part in both of these events.