



April 2026 Newsletter

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Dear All,

Welcome back to the Summer term! This academic year seems to absolutely be flying by. In this addition you will see the dates for events that are coming up. Curriculum letters will be coming out to help you know how to support your child with their learning.

As you will know we have a key focus on attendance as Red Hall's whole school attendance has been lower than primary schools nationally as well as schools that are similar to ours nationally. We appreciate the partnership working which is helping to make sure that this is rapidly improving. However, there is still work to be done.

As a reminder holidays during term time will not be agreed. Where families make this choice, it will be referred to Education Investigation Services. Fines will be issued to both parents and are outlined as:

- The fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.
- In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160
- Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.
- If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2500.

Comparing attendance Sept-April

	Attendance	Absence	Persistently absent
2025_26	94%	6%	15.79%
2024_26	92.09%	7.91%	21.9%

As you will see there has been a real improvement from this time last year. There is a real difference between year groups though with some year groups doing really well. Y3 is top of the charts for best attending year group - well done. Y1 we need to work with you so that your child is coming to school more. This year group has the lowest attendance and the highest rate of children not coming to school. It may be that you are invited to an Attendance Support Plan meeting. This is where we look at how we can support you as a school to help make sure that child comes to school regularly and on time. If your child isn't in school they are missing out on the foundation stones of their learning.

Sept-April Attendance

	1	2	3	4	5	6	All Years
All	92.61%	95.38%	96.04%	92.44%	94.03%	93.82%	94.03%

Persistently absent – this is when a child has missed more than 10% of their learning time

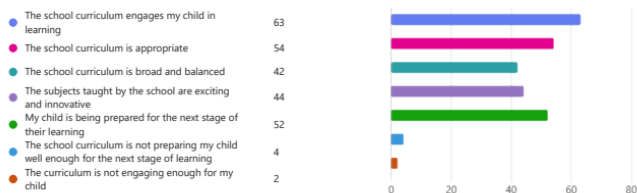
	1	2	3	4	5	6	All Years
All	24%	9%	14%	15%	15%	18%	15.79%

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher, or Mrs Pick, school attendance officer.

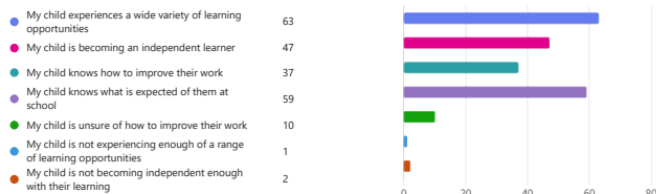
Feedback Questionnaire

Thank you to the 82 of you who completed responses to our recent questionnaire. Please find our results below:

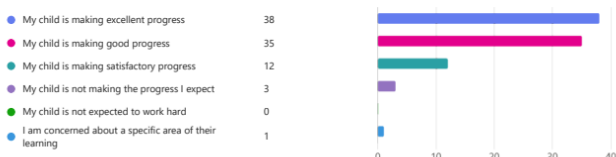
1. How well does Red Hall ensure that your child is provided with a curriculum that matches the needs of your child? (Click on as many options as you wish) (0 point)



2. How well does Red Hall implement the curriculum? (Click on as many options as you wish) (0 point)



3. Is the curriculum at Red Hall having a positive impact for your child? Click on the statement that best matches (0 point)



4. My child feels safe in school (0 point)



5. My child knows who to speak to if they are upset or unhappy at school (0 point)



6. Red Hall teaches my child how to recognise risks to their wellbeing - both online and offline (0 point)



7. Red Hall teaches my child how to lead a healthy and active lifestyle and how to keep both physically and mentally healthy (0 point)



8. I know who to speak to at Red Hall if I am concerned about the welfare of a child (0 point)



9. My child enjoys going to school and is happy in school (0 point)



10. Red Hall teaches my child to respect other people's faith, feelings and values (0 point)



11. The school is led and managed effectively (0 point)



12. Overall, I am happy with my child's experiences at this school (0 point)



13. Attendance is a key priority for the school. How do you view your child's current attendance? (0 point)



We received **25 responses** about **workshops**. These included the following comments:

The maths workshop, I found it really beneficial actually to stop and take the time to think about how I might be adding to my children's anxiety or nervousness about maths, and how I can work on this to improve my child's love for maths.

My son loves it when I am invited into school, He gets very excited to complete tasks alongside me and often talks about what we have completed afterwards. I sometimes wonder how much He takes in from the tasks as He doesn't always fully focus when I am there, however I have been proven wrong as when I ask him task related questions He knows the answers.

I don't believe that me personally being present has made any impact on my child's development. Sometimes I believe the workshops create more stress to my child if I can't attend & they are left without a parent present. Most workshops my child works independently although I'm sat next to them so I almost think why am I here?

Lovely to see my children in their school environment and how they engage with their peers and teachers. Teachers are approachable and knowledgeable.

Very informative and interactive Allowed me to understand how my child is learning when in school

We received **25 response** about anything else you wanted to communicate with us. These included the following comments:

When it is non-school uniform please can parents be informed on the app at least the day before. Filming of the children extra activities, it would be nice if the after school club when there is things like a competition to film it and send that video to the parent of the child. Communication of the school at times can be lacking, for example my child went gymnastic competition and I was not told or informed where the competition is taking place.

To tell the truth, both my daughter and I are very happy at school. There is nothings to say only we appreciate.

I cannot fault this school, every single member of staff have shown kindness, support and respect. They are clearly dedicated to their role and the children. Every experience I have had so far has been superb and I could wish for a better school for my child to attend.

Inconsistent advice on my child's development and progress

I feel my child's learning and education is very mixed and subjective depending on which teacher he is learning from. At parents evening we received news which confused us and upset us and feel that the teaching is inconsistent.

School and staff are really good and helpful

Red Hall are excellent, they attempt to meet all child's needs but are very aware that they cannot please everyone all the time. They will make professional decisions based on what is the most safe and suitable for all. My child has received a plethora of opportunities within his curriculum and extra curricular that has supported his emotional, physical and social development. Staff ensure children's lessons are brought to life and include parents in as much as the curriculum as possible either supporting their understanding or showcasing our child's work. All staff are approachable and as a parent I feel heard and well informed of my child's development and pathway. Red Hall have recognised my child will need additional support in transitioning into KS3 and are already preparing him and his secondary school for his transition and understanding some of his emotional and or social needs. I have had three children from Nursery to year 6 in Red Hall and I can honestly say that I trust the school to educate, develop and keep my child safe at all times, equally in the time my children have been there we have had several traumas as a family do deal with and not only have they supported my children they have supported me. A school that goes above and beyond from their amazing reception to team to the Leadership team.

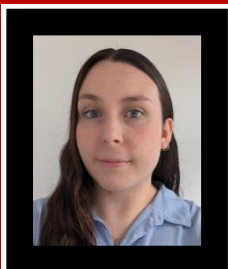
I just want to start by saying the school are great at looking after and teaching my child, and I do really appreciate everyone's efforts truly. The only negative feedback I have is toilet time and drinks, my child is the type of child who isn't confident to speak up, challenge a teacher so she will observe children asking to go to the toilet and being told that they should have gone at break time/lunch time, My child will and has held herself to the end of the day to avoid asking to go to the toilet in apprehension that she's going to be dismissed and told to sit down.

A link to the full set of responses will be added to the school website. We will use this feedback to make changes to how we function. Thank you so much.

CALENDAR	
14 th April	Y1 Visit to Dudley Zoo
21 st April	Coffee morning for parents and carers. Visit from School Nurse
22 nd April	Nursery Forest School session 1 – other dates on EYFS letter
23 rd April	Y2 visit Black Country Museum
30 th April	Y2 have a follow up visit at school from the Black Country Museum
6 th May	Bike and roll to school day
6 th May	Class photos and Y6 individual photos
7 th + 8 th May	Nursery have animals visit in setting
7 th May	Y1 visit to Gornal Library
11 th May	Y6 SATs week
20 th May	National Numeracy Day
20 th May	Reception parent share event for Numeracy Day
22 nd May	Children finish for half-term normal time
1 st June	Children return to school
1 st June	Y4 for next fortnight can have their multiplication times table check
2 nd June	Y6 meeting about Pioneer residential 3.30pm
3 rd June	Nursery Forest school session 1 for group 2- other dates on EYFS letter
4 th June	Gymnastic final competition
8 th June	Y1 and Y2 phonic screening check week
11 th June	Group of Y5 +Y6 children go to ME Festival at Himley
12 th June	Mufti day for Gallery Day
15 th June	Sports Day
16 th June	Reception visit West Midlands Safari Park
16 th June	Maths Final for Y3/4 group
16 th June	Y6 Carbon Monoxide workshop
19 th June	EYFS picnic 11.30am - 1.30pm
25 th June	Gallery Day
25 th June	Class 5R Dance celebration event @ Priory House. More details to follow
29 th June	Transition week for new Reception children
30 th June – 4 th July	Y6 may have transition days with their new secondary school. Dates to come from new school and may vary.
30 th June	Y1 Visit to local church
30 th June	Y5 visit from School nurse on puberty
2 nd July	Y5 visit to Himley Hall
8 th July	Y6 Pioneer Residential
9 th July	Reception graduation @2.30pm
10 th July	Y1 Parent share event linked to Geography learning. Himley visit
13 th July	Y3 Fife Concert @2.45pm
14 th July	Meet new teacher
14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Party
15 th July	Drop in after school to meet new teacher and reports
15 th July	Nursery last day
15 th July	Nursery trip to Brockswood Animal Sanctuary
16 th + 17 th July	Home visits for new nursery children
17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly @11am followed by family picnic
17 th July	Finish at 2pm for Summer holidays
Dates can be found on the school website which is regularly updated.	



Staffing updates



Welcome to Miss Wilman! Miss Wilman has joined the Red Hall team in the Summer term. She will be working in Year 3. We know that you will make her feel welcome.

We wish to say a thank you to **Miss Maney** who is leaving at the end of April to pastures new. We know that you will continue to go on making a difference to children's lives. Thank you for all you have given to Red Hall Primary School.

Well done to **Mrs Lewis** who has been successful in her application as Acting KS2 Phase Leader. This means that she has responsibility over all Y3 to Y6 classes. Mrs Lewis will continue to be teaching in Y6. This means that parents you have a further point of contact should you have any queries or questions.

Mrs Sproson we wish you all the very best as you head off soon for maternity leave. We look forward to hearing your news soon.

Miss Deacon will be heading back to Red Hall Primary School following having time away for maternity leave. She will be taking over Mrs Sproson's Reception class for the remainder of this year.

These are the emails for contacting class teachers:

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Reception@redhall.dudley.sch.uk

Nursery@redhall.dudley.sch.uk

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