



Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. We hope that you had a relaxing break.

Thank you to all who sent warm wishes, cards and gifts to our staff at the end of term. We really do appreciate your kind words and thoughts.

We are impressed how quickly the children have settled back into their learning and look forward to watching the children learn and grow throughout the term.



Admissions Deadline 2025

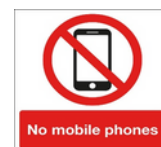
If your child is starting Reception, transferring from infant to junior school, or transferring from primary to secondary school in **September 2025**, you must apply online at <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/apply-to-start-primary-school/>.

Admissions must be made online to the London Borough of Redbridge Primary School Admissions using the online eAdmissions form. Applications must be submitted by **15th January 2025**.

Further information on applying for primary school can be found on our school website [here](#).

Nursery Stay and Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery!
Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Tuesday 14th January**.



Morning session 8:45 - 10:00 am
Afternoon session 1:00 - 2:00 pm
(from 12:45 pm for parents of afternoon children)

Please remember not to use mobile phones while on-site.
Younger children are welcome but must be kept with you.



Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

Would you choose no playtime outside or no toys?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Curriculum Workshops

Y2- 21/01

YR- 22/01

YN- 28/01

Y1- 29/01

Nursery Stay and Play

14th January

Parent Consultations

6th February

10th February

PTA Cake Sale

13th February

Last Day of Term

14th February

Half Term

17th-21st February

Inset Day

24th February

First Day of Term

25th February

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

P.E. with Key Stage 1

In Year 1 and 2 this week, our outdoor P.E. sessions have had a focus on developing our fundamental movement skills and teamwork. In Year 1, the children have been using their speed, agility and co-operation in relay races. In Year 2, the children have begun their hockey lessons, they've enjoyed collaborating as a team and developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.



Curriculum Workshops

We believe that children achieve their very best when we work in partnership with our families. This term we will be resuming our popular parent workshops that provide a valuable opportunity for you to understand how you can support your child at home with their learning.

Workshops will be virtual and will begin at **5pm**. The links with details will be sent out today. Please check your emails.

The dates are as follows:

21st January- Year 2 **22nd January- Reception** **28th January- Nursery** **29th January- Year 1**

Individual consultations will take place on 6th and 10th February and further details will be sent next week.

Collins Big Cat eBooks– Reception and Year 1

Please check your child's book bag for information on how to access the Collins Big Cat eBooks.

Books have been selected based on your child's current phonic knowledge and are for your child to read to you. There is no expectation around how often you must read the online books, but aim for once every other week as a guideline.



Weekly Maths – NumBots

NumBots

Thank you for your continued support with helping us to launch NumBots across Key Stage 1. So far, we have reached **95% engagement** and the children have collected a combined total of over 48,000 coins, which is a fantastic achievement!



This term, our **Reception** children are going to be added to this system, which will support their developing knowledge of number and subitising. We will send further information out about this as it happens.

For our **Year 1** children, now that the content presented is becoming increasingly more challenging, we have introduced the '2x longer' setting. This is to support pupils in enjoying NumBots and developing resilience without feeling time constraints or pressure.

For **Years 1 and 2**, we have also set a new activity goal on the system. For our Year 1 children, we have set a challenge of 10 minutes of activity per week. For our Year 2 children, we have set a target of 15 minutes of activity per week. Can you work towards this together? We look forward to seeing how you're getting on!

As well as the trophy being awarded to a class each Friday for their efforts, we are also going to be awarding individual certificates to celebrate improved attempts and efforts. We can't wait to share our achievements with you!



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Age Ratings

There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. One of the ways we can help keep our children safe online is by checking age restrictions/ratings as detailed below:

- Films: The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings': www.cbbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online
- Video games: PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration the chat facilities within games
- Apps: Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and use them yourself to check their suitability
- Social Media networks: All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Just to let you know the amazing amounts we have raised on our last events:

Silent Auction: £1987

Christmas Art Project: £468

Winter Fayre: £4031

Due to the Bake Off and amazing efforts by Aimmah, the cake stall alone made £711 this year!

We would also like to thank Charlotte who, along with Andreea, independently organised and ran a wreath making evening and contributed all of the proceeds to the PTA, totaling £696!

We are still waiting on a couple of stall contributions which will be added to the Winter Fayre figure

In total this makes **£7182** and the total figure for the events this term are **£9718!**

The Infant School will be using the funds to buy outdoor play equipment for the children including a sports wall and scramble net and the Junior School will be using funds to buy some swings for the playground!

Love from the PTA Team



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