Redbridge Primary School

School Booklet

2026-2027

Ambition Integrity Well-being

Welcome to our school

Redbridge Primary is a small friendly and caring school, which prides itself on being an integral part of the community. Being such a small school enables us to get to know all of our children and families very well. Children are happy and hardworking. We have an extremely dedicated staff team who work hard to ensure we provide exciting learning opportunities and seek to foster lively and enquiring minds. We believe children should find learning enjoyable, worthwhile and challenging. Our classrooms are colourful, stimulating, and conducive to both work and play and we hope the school surroundings awaken curiosity and interest.
The children take a lot of pride in their school and want to take care of it.

Mission Statement

The school's Mission Statement represents the aims of the Governors and Staff.

It is their aim…

- ✯ To provide a happy and caring environment that promotes positive self-esteem and a respect for others;
- ✯ To provide stimulating and challenging learning opportunities, enabling every child to fulfil his/her potential;
- ✯ To achieve high educational standards with a comprehensive quality delivery of the National Curriculum;
- ✯ To maintain and develop effective links with parents and the wider Redbridge Community;
- ✯ To educate children so that they become independent, caring individuals able to make a positive contribution to society as a whole.

Here is a link to our Home-School Agreement to which we ask all staff, Parent/Carers and children to adhere to: Home School Agreement & Parental Consent

From 1st March 2023 our school changed its school category to become a charitable trust named The Bridge Education Trust (Southampton).
This is a co-operative membership trust. The resources and expertise brought to the Trust by the partners strengthen strategic leadership, increase support and challenge and consolidate effective monitoring, thereby promoting improvement in outcomes for pupils. The other schools in The Bridge Education Trust are: Fairisle Infant School and Nursery, Fairisle Junior School, Newlands Primary, Oakwood Primary, Shirley Warren Primary and Nursery.

This partnership already offers our children and staff fantastic opportunities throughout the year.

Admissions

Redbridge Primary School admits children from the ages of four to eleven. Admission to the school is guided by the Local Authority and we adopt Southampton City Council's School Admission Policy.

You can apply for Southampton Schools via the Citizen Portal accessed via the Southampton City Council website:
https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-apply-school/school-applications/apply-for-a-school-place/
This site has a wealth of information about the admission's policy within Southampton.

In-year admission applications (for children wishing to change primary schools) are made through Southampton City Council's Citizen Portal:
https://ems.southampton.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en.

Term Dates for 2026 -2027

Autumn Term 2026	2nd September - 18th December 2026	Half Term Holiday 22nd October – 30th October 2026 (inc two Inset Days) Christmas Holiday 21st December 2026 – 1st January 2027
Spring Term 2027	4th January – 25th March 2027	Half Term Holiday 15th February – 19th February 2027 Easter Holiday 26th March – 9th April 2027 (inc Bank hols)
Summer Term 2027	12th April – 20th July 2027 (inc Inset day)	Half Term Holiday 31st May – 4th June 2027 (inc Bank hols)

Attendance

School Day 8.30am – 3.00pm

Ensuring good attendance is the most important way parents can support both their child and the school. Good attendance will help improve children's social, emotional and academic development. The school is committed to raising the attendance of ALL pupils and offers support to families to make this happen.

Please contact school as soon as possible if, for any reason, your child is going to be absent. This can be either in person, by telephone (**023 8077 6379)** or by email info@redbridgeprimary.org.uk. An appointment card must be shown at the school office when taking a child for a medical appointment.

The school gates open at 8.20am and are locked at 8.30am.
All classes enjoy focused learning activities starting at 8:30am each day.
Children who arrive after this time they will receive a late mark.

If a child's attendance is causing concern, the school will meet with the family to offer support with a view to resolving any issue and improving attendance. If further support is needed, the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) will be contacted. Poor or persistent absence could result in a Local Authority Penalty Notice or prosecution.

In line with government regulations, we do not authorised holidays during term time, please check the school term times on the website before booking a holiday. The full Attendance Policy can be obtained from our school website.

Before and After School Clubs

We offer a morning breakfast club which starts at 7.45am. Children must be signed up in advance. The cost is £4 a day (£3 for children eligible for FSM).

Wraparound Care After School Club

We have partnered with Superstar Sports to offer after school child care from 3pm to 6pm. The sessions are bookable directly with Superstar Sports. Children must be signed up in advance. The cost is £10 a session (Tax-Free Childcare and Childcare vouchers are accepted).

After School Clubs

We offer a wide range of after school clubs each half term. Spaces are filled on a first come first serve basis. The clubs are run by school staff or Superstar Sports and finish at 4pm.

Uniform

Your child will need a school uniform and a PE kit. The school uniform consists of:

- Black shoes or plain black trainers. Opened toed sandals, Flip-flops, crocs and any other loose fitting shoes are not permitted for health and safety reasons.
- Red sweatshirt/Cardigan with or without school logo
- White polo shirt or white shirt
- Black or grey trousers, skirts or knee length shorts.
- Red Gingham dresses are often worn in the summer

PE Kits

- Plain white or t-shirt in house colour
- Black shorts (children will require jogging bottoms for outside PE)
- Plimsolls or Trainers

Where can I buy school uniform?

We do not sell new uniform in school, however we do have a selection of preloved uniform in good condition available to purchase for a small donation available from the school office. You can purchase our Logo school uniform from Skoolkit - Totton or Koolskools – Shirley High Street. General uniform is available to buy from most clothes retailers or larger supermarkets.

School Meals

Since September 2014, all children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal this is not means tested and applies to all children in these year groups.

However, please ensure that you still apply for Free School Meals as this brings in additional funding that we can use to support your child in accessing an enriched curriculum. More information is on our website or you can check is you are eligible online:

https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/southampton

At Redbridge Primary we are extremely fortunate to have our own on-site kitchen and Southampton City Catering provide us with a team who prepare and cook a 2-course meal for our children every day. The menu runs on a three-week rotation system. You can download a copy of the menu here: https://www.citycateringsouthampton.co.uk/summer-three-choice-school-menu

Children having sandwiches

Redbridge Primary Schools are proud to be a 'Healthy School' and have achieved our Healthy High Five Gold Award. We ask that children bring in a healthy and balanced school lunch. We do not allow fizzy drinks or sweets. We also do not allow any food that contain Nuts. This includes chocolate spread.

Break time snack

All children are offered a free snack of bread and milk at break time. Fresh drinking water is available at all times for drinking. Children in Years R, 1 and 2 are also offered a fresh fruit for an afternoon snack.

Edible Garden

Redbridge Primary Schools has been working with the Hampshire Gardens Trust since September 2022. Together we have transformed our school grounds into a vibrant outdoor teaching garden including poly tunnel. Felicity Gray and her team of volunteers run weekly sessions where the children get hands-on in the gardens learning skills such as weeding, watering, planting, harvesting as well as scientific aspects and healthy eating.

Our school dog

Alfred (Alf) is a black cockapoo. Miss Robertson is responsible for his general care and training. When in school he will always be accompanied by an adult. He has a wonderful calm temperament and is extremely affectionate, loyal and highly intelligent. The children love Alf and benefit both educationally and emotionally.

Curriculum

We aim to deliver a knowledge rich, high quality, inclusive curriculum which meets the requirements of the National Curriculum. This is underpinned by our PSHE curriculum and our Star Values of Ambition, Integrity and Well-being.

Relationships and Sex Education

RSE forms part of our PSHE curriculum and is carefully planned and delivered so that it is always sensitive to the children's age, understanding and needs. The curriculum is made up of the elements of positive relationships, healthy lifestyles, gender, growing and changing, diversity and identity. Exploring these issues with children is crucial to their personal development and preparing them for life in our modern world. In upper key stage 2, children will learn about reproduction as part of a cross-curricular piece of work with their science learning and will explore the changes that puberty brings. It is important here to state that RSE is not about the promotion of sexual activity.

Religious Education

Religious Education follows 'Living Difference' which is the Local Authority's agreed syllabus. R.E. is not about teaching children what to think but aims to develop children's ability and skills in how to think for themselves.

Our aim is to enable all children to develop their own opinions and to express these from an informed position in a climate of respect and open mindedness.

Collective worship and assemblies

There is a short act of Collective Worship each day in school that covers the key principles of Christian Values, other religions as well as fundamental British Values. Mindfulness is another way in which we collectively take the time to reflect and develop our spiritual awareness and wellbeing. Other assemblies celebrate, behaviour, attendance and learning.

Special Educational Needs Provision

Redbridge Primary recognise that every single child's needs are different and that, at some time in their school career, many children will have some form of special educational needs. Our aims are:

- To value all children equally;
- To foster self-esteem, independence and confidence through opportunity for success and praise and celebration of achievement;
- To identify a child's SEN as early as possible;
- To provide appropriate support for a child with special educational needs;
- To ensure that all children have access to a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum, where work is differentiated as appropriate;
- To work, in partnership with parents, valuing their support and involvement in their child's education;

Emotional Literacy Support

We firmly believe that children are entitled to support with their emotional and social development, in the same way that children who have difficulties with some aspects of academic subjects receive support in class.

We are very fortunate to have Vicki Davies as our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Vicky Scott as our Nurture Assistant. They are experienced members of staff who offer children support with Personal Development.

Reporting to Parents

We hold two parents evening a year. On these days you will be able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher and review all the learning that has been taking place. School reports are sent home for all children in the summer term. In addition to this we have an 'open door' policy and parent/carers are welcome to talk to staff before or after school or arrange a meeting at a mutually agreed time. Strong working relationships between the school and home are essential and we welcome the opportunity to work with you in order to ensure your child is able to meet their full potential.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

The school takes safeguarding very seriously and works to ensure that all children are happy, healthy and safe. Sometimes it is necessary for us to work with other agencies such as Children's Services, this multi-agency approach enables us to meet the needs of our children.

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy can be found on our website.

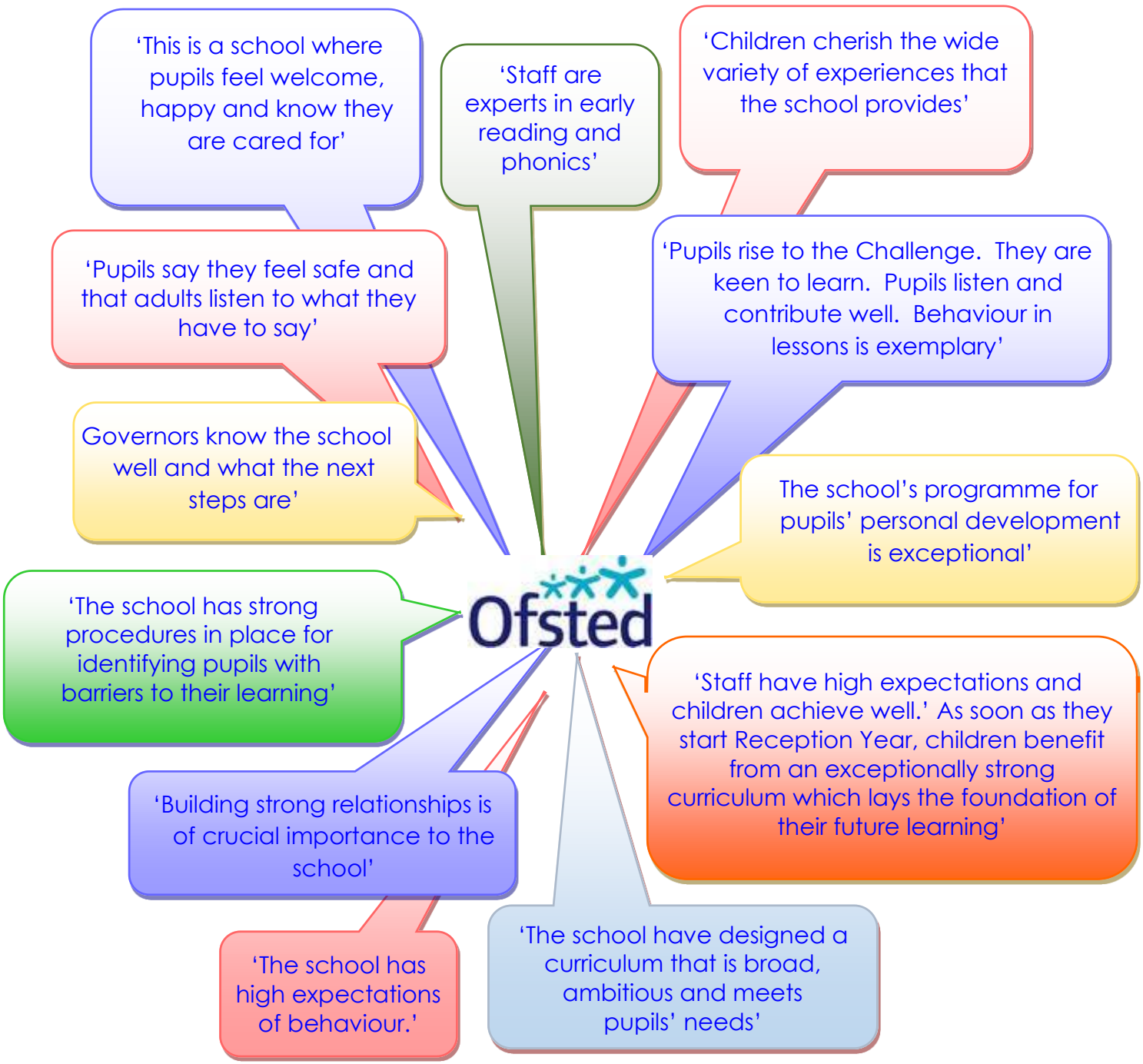
The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for safeguarding is our Assistant Headteacher, Faye Robertson. Our Headteacher, Mrs Payne and Vicki Davies our ELSA are our Deputy DSLs. The safeguarding team have all the necessary authority and training to be responsible for matters relating to children protection and welfare.

Behaviour Policy

We have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy towards behaviour that upsets others. This includes all parents' conduct towards other adults and children.

Bullying, Racism, Sexism or Homophobia will not be tolerated. Our Behaviour Policy is available on our website.

Inspection Date: 7th January 2025: Maintained GOOD



What our community say about us…

These are comments from parents taken from our Parent Feedback questionnaire in March 2026.

'I'm glad that my child feels safe and important at school. He enjoys his time there and is happy. I like everything that is done at school. This is the best school. Great teachers and school staff'. Year 6 Parent

'School hear and address your concerns and teachers are approachable. Lovely school for my children'. Year 5 Parent

'My boys are so happy for coming in each day'. Year 1 & Year 4 Parent

'The staff are always supportive and kind'. Year 6 Parent

'My child is happy here'. Year 1 Parent

'They put on some amazing trips like Harry Potter Studios and PGL'. Year R, 4 & 6 Parent

'The staff are supportive'. Year 6 Parent

'The teachers are really good at looking after our child's needs'. Year 5 Parent

'Everyone is friendly and kind. Great school'. Year 6 Parent

'My child has a lot of friends and chances to develop. My child loves school'. Year 1 Parent

'They have helped my child grow and learn'. Year R Parent

'Teachers are all approachable and friendly. Teachers have been amazing at helping and supporting my child. Thanks for all you do'. Year 6 Parent

'School is like a small close-knit family'. Year 3 & 4 Parent

'My child is always happy to come to school. The staff are all very welcoming'. Year R Parent

'Each child is treated as an individual and each teacher makes all children feel welcomed'. Year 1 & 4 Parent

'How well they adjust and accommodate to my SEN child's needs'. Year 1 Parent

The staff are all incredibly passionate about creating a brighter future. Don't stop what you're all doing'. Year 5 Parent

'They have helped my child understand his own emotions and taught him to regulate which makes him do the best he can do in class'. Year 6 Parent

'The size of the school allows you to get to know all the staff and they are all friendly'. Year 4 Parent

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