

Welcome



Mission: "To create a sense of belonging for the whole school community"



A warm welcome to all our families, some new to our school and others with many years 'clocked up'! Our aim is to provide a place where everybody belongs, where friendships are formed, and kindness is shown. We learn together, sometimes taking big steps, sometimes small but where every achievement is celebrated. We have had a really lovely start to the term, everyone has now settled into new groups, and we are getting to grips with our new timetables. We welcome our new pupils and their families to our school; we hope you love your time at The Redway and make a lifetime of happy memories.

News in Pictures



This term we have the fabulous 'Ragdoll Annas' facilitating lunchtime clubs, our first club was enjoyed by all with their high energy games and activities.



Lots of learning fun to be had in PSHE, PE, Music and Forest School



Transitions students have begun to harvest the allotment but also have the job of clearing all the summer growth, well done to the team for ploughing through the weeds. We have big plans for the allotment this year, our aim is to improve accessibility and 'keep on top' of things!



School Environment

We are steadily making much needed improvements to the school building, this ranges from significant roof repairs to painting and decorating. Alongside this, we are also investing in ICT equipment for all classrooms, which varies depending on the needs of our pupils. Pupils in our formal learning pathways are already using the new interactive screens. ICT remains our investment focus for this year. As always we are continuing with our love of our outside space and Forest school area.



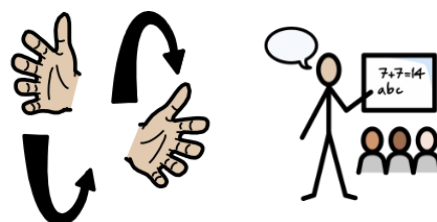
Future Events and Connecting

Wear Yellow day for Young Minds Charity. This year we will be **wearing yellow** on **Thursday 11 October** to support the charity 'Young Minds'. We aim to promote good mental health through a sense of Belonging for our pupils and families.



We will be holding a number of Harvest Festivals this year, some will be held at St Mary's church, Woughton-on-the-Green and some in school. Families are welcome to join us for these events, further information on dates will be sent out by individual classes.

This term we would like to offer an additional Signalong training session for families, please register your interest by emailing parents@theredway.net





If you are not already signed up to Evidence for learning You can find out more about how to connect with your child's learning by clicking on the link [Efl](#) or by visiting the schools website www.theredway.net

Term Dates

As we are a local authority maintained school, holiday dates are set by Milton Keynes Local Authority. The dates for the academic year 24/25 are:

Term	School open for pupils	INSET (Training Day)
Autumn Term 1	5 September 2024 – 25 October 2024	3 and 4 September 2024
Autumn Term 2	4 November 2024 - 20 December 2024	
Spring Term 1	7 January 2025 – 14 February 2025	6 January 2025
Spring Term 2	24 February 2025– 4 April 2025	
Summer Term 1	23 April 2025 – 23 May 2025 5 May 2025 May Bank Holiday (school closed)	22 April 2025
Summer Term 2	2 June 2025 – 18 July 2025	21 July 2025

Transport and Parking

We are all very aware of some of the problems we have experienced in the past on the access road to school. The long-awaited yellow lines on Farmborough did not appear over the Summer as expected so we are managing the situation as effectively as we can. The changes to the car park last Easter have proved to be very effective in reducing the bus traffic on the access road and our turnaround times are significantly reduced. We would all like to express our thanks for the support shown to the staff team who relentlessly try to make the situation as stress free as possible.

With warmest wishes

Diane Walker – Interim Headteacher