

Richard Hill Primary School Newsletter

"You will know them by their fruits."



April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your wonderful involvement over the past few weeks. Your participation in the parent workshops, generous support with fundraising, and continued encouragement of the children have made a real difference.

As we near the end of the year, we understand how busy life can become both in and out of school, so we have tried to include as many important diary dates as possible on the following page. Please note that, due to unforeseen circumstances, some dates may be subject to change.

We truly appreciate your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

The Richard Hill Team

Governor Spot

It seems a while ago since I met some of you at our Easter Service in that lovely village church. It felt like a family affair with parents attending and the service being taken by our own Chaplain Revd Mathew Gough. I loved the EYFS Easter Bonnet parade and wondered about all the other times over many years that would have taken place. In addition, what an experience to have our own choir with a conductor. The service was a great way to finish the term.

I do hope I shall be able to see parents at a number of events this term including school sports days etc.

Patrick Rendall MBE

Chair of Governors

Richard Hill CE Primary School



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Dates for your diary

May

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

KS2 SATs Week + Year 6 Breakfast Club

Friday 15th May

Bend the Rules Day (see poster attached for more information)

Friday 22nd May

Dance for Diabetes Performance - everyone welcome (see poster attached for more information)

June

Friday 5th June

KS2 Harry Potter Trip

Monday 15th June

School Photos

Thursday 18th June

Sports Day

Wednesday 24th June

Whole School Bradgate Park Trip

Tuesday 30th June

Year 5/6 Performance

July

Wednesday 1st July

Music Concert (see poster attached for more information)

Friday 3rd July

Back up Sports Day

Monday 6th July

Leavers' Church Service - 9:30am

Tuesday 7th July

EYFS and KS1 Farm Trip

Frozen Friday

(see poster attached for more information)

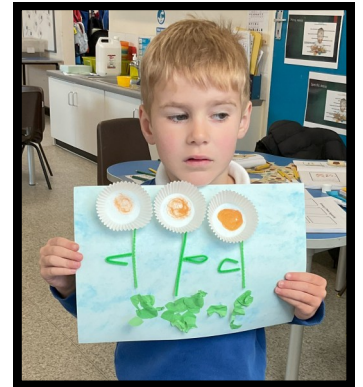
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Wren Class

Over the past few weeks, the children in EYFS have been enjoying a range of exciting learning experiences. We have been exploring the growth of sunflowers, where the children learnt how to plant seeds in our mud kitchen, took observational drawings of sunflowers and learnt what plants need to grow. This has helped develop their understanding of the natural world and encouraged careful observation and responsibility.



We have also started learning about London landmarks, such as Big Ben, Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace. Through stories, pictures, building activities and games, the children have been developing their knowledge of our local area and building their vocabulary. In addition, the children have been learning about Ramadan and Eid, discussing how people celebrate these special times. We talked about kindness, sharing, prayer and community, and enjoyed creative activities linked to Eid celebrations.

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged, curious and enthusiastic in their learning.



Osprey Class

The children have been working hard, and it has been wonderful to see the progress they are making across the curriculum. Our Year 1 children are doing really well with their reading and continue to impress me with how confidently they use their phonics to decode unfamiliar words. The Year 2 pupils are also making great strides, growing in confidence as they learn and apply spelling rules.

Everyone has loved our recent Maths lessons, measuring and weighing items around the classroom and joining in enthusiastically with times table songs to help us count in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s.

In Literacy, we have been really pleased with the excellent descriptive writing the children have produced, using exciting details to make their sentences more interesting for the reader. We have been focusing on our handwriting too, making sure letters are formed correctly and are the right size, with the Year 2 children even starting to join their writing.

In Design and Technology, the children have really enjoyed learning about food hygiene, how to prepare food safely and sampling a variety of foods. In Science, we have been exploring different materials and their properties, while in History we have been learning about inspiring individuals such as Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison, Bernard Harris Jr and Tim Peake. Ask your child if they can share what they have learned with you at home!

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Ravens Class

In Ravens Class, the children have been working incredibly hard across all areas of their learning. Our Year 4s are getting closer to their multiplication checks, and they have shown fantastic resilience and perseverance, achieving some wonderful scores in practice. Everyone's writing has also improved brilliantly, with their most recent stories being an absolute joy to read.

Recently, the Year 4s - along with some of our Year 5 pupils - had the exciting opportunity to attend a wheelchair basketball event hosted by our School Sports Partnership. It feels like a long time ago now, but we also welcomed the Young Farmers into school, planted trees, and celebrated World Book Day. Richard Hill has certainly been a busy place, and we are so proud of everything our pupils have achieved.



Red Kite Class



In March, Red Kites had a fantastic opportunity to work with the Young Farmers, who visited to teach Year 5/6 about careers in agriculture. They shared lots of fascinating farming facts and even showed the children how to make butter! The children thoroughly enjoyed tasting their homemade butter on crackers.

We were also incredibly impressed by the creative and imaginative t-shirts the children designed for World Book Day. They have all been reading stars!

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 children who attended the chess competition and represented the school so positively – they did an outstanding job.

During April, the children have continued to work extremely hard and remain focused in preparation for the busy weeks ahead. Their determination and motivation have been outstanding, as they constantly challenge themselves and show a real love for learning, even when tasks become tricky.



The Year 5 children were taken to a fabulous morning to go and play some wheelchair games at Wreake Valley Academy.

Finally, a massive thank you and well done to our Year 6 play leaders, who have been fantastic role models for the rest of the school. With the sun beginning to shine again, the children have especially enjoyed getting outside and playing football.

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Breakfast Club

In March, we celebrated World Book Day with a wonderful reading breakfast, bringing pupils together to enjoy books in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. To help children feel energised and ready to learn each day, we also run a 15 minute multi-sports everyday, offering a variety of activities such as tennis, basketball, skipping, hula hooping and dodgeball. These sessions are a fun and an active start to the day for everyone.



Amazing Afterschool Club

The Amazing Afterschool Club enjoyed a busy and creative March filled with celebrations and learning. We marked Mother's Day by making cards and talking about our wonderful mums, and celebrated World Book Day by sharing book reviews and discussing our favourite stories. The children also took part in fun St Patrick's Day activities, including colouring and word searches.

In April, we explored Easter through beautiful artwork, which was entered into the Easter egg competition – with Amilla winning first prize, well done. We loved visiting EYFS to see the chicks and even named them, with "Bacon" being a favourite thanks to its stripes! Our learning continued with brainstorming signs of spring, learning about flowers and minibeasts, exploring life cycles of butterflies, plants and frogs, and creating lovely watercolour paintings. We also planted sunflower seeds and are doing a really good job of looking after them.



If you would like to book a place please contact the office.



Free of
charge

Year 6 Breakfast Club

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May
8am

Please make your way round to the
Year 5/6 classroom.

Start your day in a calm and relaxed way
with friends and breakfast to get you
ready and energised for the day ahead!



BEND THE RULES DAY

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

THE SCHOOL RULES

- X NO NAIL VARNISH
- X NO MAKEUP OR FACE PAINT
- X NO CRAZY HAIR COLOURS OR STYLES
- X NO TEMPORARY TATTOOS
- X NO NON-UNIFORM TO BE WORN
- X NO FANCY DRESS
- X NO ODD SOCKS OR SHOES
- X NO CLOTHES TO BE WORN THE WRONG WAY ROUND

HOW MANY RULES CAN YOU BEND?

SUGGESTED DONATION 20P PER RULE

PLEASE POST MONEY IN THE
BEND THE RULES BOX ON THE SCHOOL GATE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



Everyone welcome!



Diabetes Research &
Wellness Foundation

DANCE FOR DIABETES

2026

Performance
Friday 22nd May at 2:45pm



Educating families. Empowering pupils. Benefitting schools.



Diabetes Research & Wellness Foundation
Registered Office: Building 1000, Langstone Park, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 1SA
fundraising@drwf.org.uk | 02392 637808 | www.drwf.org.uk

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FROZEN FRIDAY!

Available in the playground during
lunChtime

Ice poles 50p Ice Lollies £1

Starting
Friday 5th
June

All proceeds go towards school resources



Richard Hill Summer Music Concert

Wednesday 1st July

Arrival from 2:30pm – Start 2:45pm

Join us to watch performances from our guitarists,
keyboard players and lunchtime choir.

claire@totallystrings.co.uk

**ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S
SCHOOL CHOIR EDITION OF:**

JOSEPH

AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ANSTEY

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026

4.00PM-4.45PM

(CHOIRS REHEARSING FROM 3.00PM)

**JOINT PERFORMANCE BY
LATIMER SCHOOL CHOIR
& RICHARD HILL SCHOOL CHOIR**

**FREE ENTRY
RETIRING COLLECTION FOR
ST MARY'S CHURCH**

Richard Hill Primary School Preschool Places!

Please help us to spread the word about our wonderful Richard Hill Preschool!
We have spaces for September 2026! We accept 15 or 30 hours childcare funding, and offer wrap around care from 7.45am-5.45pm!



**RICHARD HILL CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Proud members of Learn Academies Trust

Spaces
available for
September
2026 starters

PRESCHOOL



A VIBRANT PRESCHOOL LOCATED IN OUR EARLY YEARS SETTING

Located in the picturesque village of Thurstaston, in the borough of Charnwood, we are just moments from Swithland Woods, Anstey and Beaumont Leys, providing brilliant opportunities for children aged 3+.

Our preschool provides the perfect introduction to school life, through play and exploration. We believe in nurturing our children and ensuring they have the care and support they need, to flourish in life.

"This is a happy school where pupils are enthusiastic about their learning. Behaviour in the school is calm and orderly. Pupils feel safe and well supported. The school takes great care to include all pupils in everything that it does"

Ofsted 2025: GOOD

We have morning and afternoon spaces available - with flexible booking options to support our parents.

We offer 15 or 30 hours of free childcare through the Government funding scheme.

We run our own Wraparound Care, from 7.45am to 5.45pm each day, which is open to our preschool and Reception aged children.

Our preschool is run by an experienced teacher with qualified support staff, to ensure excellent continuity of care.

Our school was recent rated as Good by Ofsted and we provide great preparation and readiness for starting school.

We have close links to the village and wider community, including the local parish church and community groups.

We offer a warm, caring, family feel, where children are recognised, taught and supported as individuals.

We have lots of indoor and outdoor space for the children to explore and enjoy.

Book your preschool tour today

office@ric.learnat.uk or 0116 234 0212
www.richardhillschool.co.uk

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Parenting Expert Advice!

As parents/carers, we all have questions about our children. Sometimes this is wondering about their friendship groups, worrying about homework, wondering if they are eating enough fruit and vegetables or maybe being worried about what they are playing online.

BBC Bitesize Parenting is a place for mums, dads, carers, and the whole parenting community to find stories, expert advice and fun activities that will help you support your child in a changing world.

Parents, BBC Bitesize have got you!

[Bitesize Parenting - advice for parents from BBC Bitesize](#)



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Our School

WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW?

School Rules

We are Ready
We are Respectful
We are Safe



Vision and Values

"You will know them by their fruits."

Joy, Patience, Goodness, Faithfulness, Self Control
Kindness, Love, Peace, Gentleness

Six Strands

Boundaries

Resilience

Focus

Respect

Self Regulation

Independence

No Outsiders means....

Everyone different,
Everyone welcome,
No one is an outsider

Welcoming

We say no to...

Bullying
Racism
Discrimination



Several Times on Purpose
Start Telling Other People

We are not
BYSTANDERS



We know and are respectful of
what makes each of us
unique.

Protected
Characteristics

Age
Gender
Religion
Family
Culture
Faith
Ability



Stay safe online
Sun Safety
Water Safety
Road Safety
Keeping your Privates Private

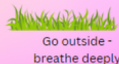
WHAT YOU COULD DO WHEN YOU FEEL WORRIED



Talk to someone - a
friend or an adult



Put your worry in
the worry monster



Go outside -
breathe deeply



Do a calming
activity



Draw a picture of
your feelings



Write your feelings
down

GROWN UPS IN SCHOOL ARE ALWAYS HERE TO
HELP-COME AND SEE US

TALKING WITH ADULTS

EXPECTATIONS



HOW THEM YOUR BEST

Show the adult that you know speaking
to them is important by sitting smartly
and showing best behaviour.



MAKE SURE TO LISTEN

The adults will ask you questions and you
need to listen carefully to make sure you
are answering what they have asked.



ALWAYS USE YOUR BOOK

The adult wants to know about your
learning make sure you show them your
books!



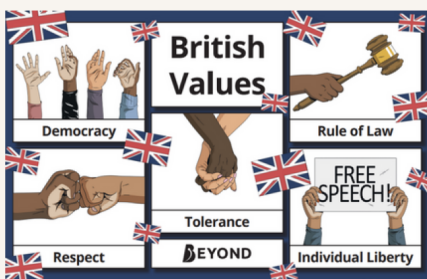
REMEMBER TO ASK

If you are not sure of what a
question means speak up.



THINK!

The adults want to hear your thoughts
not just your friends. Use your brain and
share YOUR ideas not someone else's!



Thank you for visiting us!



School
Website



Getting
Ready for
School

