

# THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 2 – 2025/26

28th November 2025

Dear Rednock Community,

I hope you enjoy the latest edition of the Rednock Review, which once again brings together stories and celebrations from across our school community.

You're receiving this edition today, Friday 28th November, while our students are (hopefully) enjoying an INSET day at home and our teaching staff take part in a teaching and learning development day with Joe Ambrose, a South West RISE advisor for the Department for Education. When our students return on Monday 1st December, it will be a week A, and we will be just three school weeks away from the festive break. Please do take a moment to review the key dates at the end of this document, including taking note of the early closure at 12.45pm on Friday 19th December. School buses will be arranged accordingly.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who has donated gifts and advent calendars for delivery to the Children's Hospital and GL11. I look forward to dropping these kind donations off later today. Your generosity will certainly brighten many young lives. Our Christmas Food Bank Appeal will begin shortly, and I am hopeful that our community will once again respond with the same warmth and commitment to help us support local food banks and homeless charities ahead of the festive break.

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have just completed their mock examinations, and 'good luck' to our Year 13 students who are about to embark on theirs. We wish them every success - mock results often provide a valuable indication of summer outcomes. Alongside this, the school is beginning to take on its festive feel, with staff and students decorating Christmas trees and preparing for the seasonal events ahead. These weeks are always especially busy, and I am sincerely grateful to everyone for their continued hard work.



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Where everyone matters



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[a video from](#)  
[Mr Stratford](#)

Last night, we were delighted to host our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was a vibrant and highly successful event, showcasing the ambition, opportunities, and strong sense of community within our growing Sixth Form. With an increase in students joining us this September, it was wonderful to welcome so many prospective students and families exploring what Rednock Sixth Form can offer.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If we can assist you in any way, please do get in touch with the school.

My very best wishes,

Mike Stratford  
**Headteacher**





## Achievement Heroes

Each week, we select new Achievement Heroes to celebrate. We've had some amazing nominees and we're proud of everything they've accomplished. They were recognised for different reasons, each one just as impressive as the last. Every nominee exemplifies what it means to be an Achievement Hero and we couldn't be prouder to shine a spotlight on their accomplishments.



This issue's Achievement Heroes are:

**Cerys**, for being a model student with 100% attendance and over 120 achievement points.

**Hayden**, for gaining the most reward points in Hubble last week.

**Leyla**, for achieving the Chief Scout Gold award.

**Willow**, for her contributions to the air cadets at the remembrance service parade.

**Sam, Tom and Frazer**, for showing leadership skills and doing a brilliant job of running the primary school's football tournament.

**Libby and Cali**, for running a session for parents and students at the Year 11 Support Information Evening.

**Lydia**, for having 100% attendance.

**Edward**, for getting the highest word count in his Reading for Power class.

And **Edith**, for being so helpful and kind to everyone.





## Teaching and Learning Focus – Learning in Action

Learning doesn't just take place in timetabled lessons in the classroom, but in a range of other ways too. Several mornings a week during tutor time, a great many students take advantage of the opportunities being offered by the music department to learn an instrument, to sing in one of the singing groups, or to play an instrument collaboratively with others. It might be a rehearsal for an upcoming performance or time to be instructed by an expert, time to do independent practice to improve or just simply taking the opportunity to make music outside the classroom with a wider range of students across all year groups. There are a range of activities available for students to take part in, so whether they are interested in the recorder group, drumming, learning a brass instrument such as the trombone, or singing in the choirs, there is something for everyone.





## Sixth Form Football

The Year 13 squad delivered a confident performance this week, securing a fine 5-2 win over a determined Year 12 side. The match was well-contested from start to finish, with both teams showing impressive skill, spirit and sportsmanship.

The fixture offered an excellent opportunity for the Year 13 players to fine-tune their teamwork and sharpen their play as they look ahead to supporting the Under-18 School Team in the upcoming County Cup campaign. With momentum building and morale high, the squad is eager to carry this positive energy into the competitions to come.



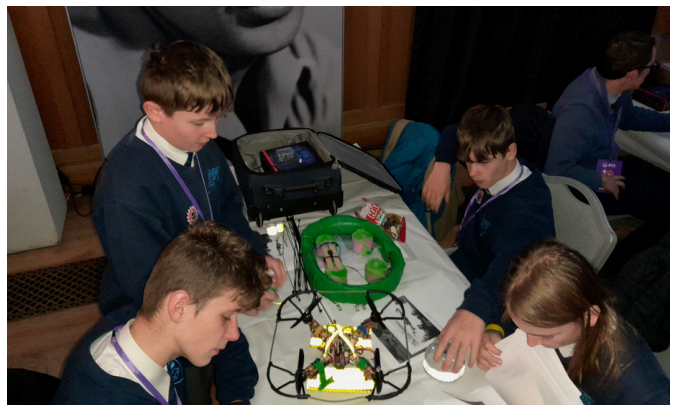
## RTX Quadcopter National Final

A team of Rednock students travelled to London to compete in the 10th anniversary RTX Quadcopter Challenge. They had been successful in designing and building a quadcopter to support Local Heroes in protecting our oceans and rivers from pollution and plastic.

The challenge involved flying a quadcopter through two different obstacle courses. Points were awarded for technique, speed and professionalism. They then had an interview with a judge about their design, followed by a ten minute presentation.

Although they didn't win this time, they showed some great flying and gave a professional presentation which was commended by the judges.

The team representing the school :- Hayden, Fin, Jenson, Kye.





## I Can & I Am bus

All of our Year 7 students recently had the opportunity to visit "I Can & I Am" bus.

Time on board the bus began with a session cooking pizza, stimulating a sense of togetherness and creativity; a simple enough that everyone comes out with a sense of achievement. Students then attended small group workshops on the top deck where they discussed how each individual can maintain their own sense of self-belief.

We love the work they do and the students always come away feeling a little brighter. For more information about the scheme please click [here](#).





### Bristol Young Musician Competition

We are delighted to share that Year 11 student Leo recently took part in the prestigious Bristol Young Musician competition and delivered an outstanding performance on the piano. Although he did not progress to the final round, the judges highly commended his performance, which is an achievement he can be extremely proud of.

Leo performed two contrasting and challenging works:

- Sonata No. 25 in G major, Op. 79 (1st movement)
- A Fairy Tale Suite – 1st movement: The Princess and 2nd movement: The Ogre

His dedication and enthusiasm for playing were evident throughout. We look forward to supporting Leo on his musical journey and to seeing where his talent takes him next.



*Rednock School's*

# Winter CONCERT

DECEMBER


THURSDAY **18** 6.30 PM

2025

REDNOCK SCHOOL,  
KINGSHILL ROAD, GL11 4BY

£3 per ticket

Tickets are available to purchase via ParentPay  
or main reception





### Cam's Christmas Lights Switch On

Our Year 11 Celebration Committee will be at Cam's Christmas Light Switch On this Saturday 29th November selling a range of beautiful handmade items to help raise funds for their end-of-year celebrations. It's a wonderful opportunity to support our students while picking up some unique festive gifts.

Adding to the seasonal spirit, the school swing band will also be performing, bringing lively music and entertainment to the crowds throughout the event. We hope to see many of you there joining in the fun and showing your support!



### Christmas Quiz

There's not long to go until our annual Christmas Quiz. The Drama department have once again been putting their heads together to create a fun and festive evening to help raise some funds for next year's school production of *The Little Mermaid*.

This evening is for the whole family, workmates or even neighbours, so get a team of up to six members and come and see how much you really know.

Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase on the night as well as a raffle to enter. We hope to see many of you there!

# Rednock School CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Friday 12th December

7pm - 9pm

£2

entry per person

Teams of upto 6 members





### Archery Success

Charlotte, Year 7, recently competed in archery at the Gloucestershire Junior Indoor Championships, where she won gold and became the U12 County Indoor Champion. She also achieved her third qualifying score for Indoor Master Bowman, which is an impressive milestone for an 11-year-old who has been shooting for just over a year! Well done Charlotte, we look forward to following your achievements as you continue to compete.



### Netball Success

This week, our Year 8, 9, and 10 Netball teams all achieved impressive victories against Thomas Keeble School. Every player contributed and we saw some excellent play across all areas of the court, demonstrating strong teamwork, determination and skill. It was fantastic to see such energy and commitment from the teams; and these wins are a real testament to their hard work in training.



## Advent Calendar Collection

Our annual Advent Calendar Collection is now closed and all of the kind donations made will shortly be dropped off at the Children's Centre at Gloucester Royal Hospital. Thank you all for your generosity, a seemingly small act of kindness such as this can bring some joy to a child at such difficult time in their life. We wanted to beat our last year's total of 155 and we managed to beat it with a grand total of **162 calendars!** Thank you again!



# Christmas Jumper Days

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec AND Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec



Suggested £2 donation



## Carry me home

A former staff member, Mrs Levantesi, and her children were warmed by the show of solidarity by the Dursley RFC community recently when they came together to honour husband, father, and coach Marcello Ferranti.

In a moving tribute, the Dursley RFC Colts team carried a 50kg sedan chair from Amalfi in Nailsworth to Dursley Rugby Club, a gesture that reflected both their admiration for Marcello and their support for his family during this difficult time. Their effort stood as a powerful symbol of solidarity, love and remembrance, reminding us all of the strength found in community.

The walk was in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK and they've raised an amazing £3,500 so far. To find out more and donate, [click here](#).




# Festive food bank

at Rednock School

## WHAT DO WE WANT UNDER THE TREE?



• Corned beef,	• Mayonaise	• Tinned dog food	• Washing Detergent
• Fray bentos pies	• Jam	• Dry dog food	• Washing up liquid
• Cooking oil	• Marmalade	• Dry cat food	• Dry pet food
• Tinned ham	• Marmite	• Bottles of squash	• Bottles of squash
• Tinned curry	• Peanut butter	• Coffee	• Coffee
• Tinned meat	• Big soup	• Babies nappies larger sizes	• Babies nappies larger sizes
• Micro wave rice	• Washing Detergent	• Toilet rolls.	• Toilet rolls
• Pasta sauces	• Washing up liquid	• Children's Christmas treats	
• Curry sauces	• Dish washer tablets		




## Christmas Foodbank

As we approach the festive season, we are once again supporting our local food bank to help families in our community who may be struggling. We invite students, staff, and families to contribute to our Food Bank Appeal by donating any non-perishable items such as tins, packets, cereals, toiletries and other essentials.

All donations can be handed in at school, and we kindly ask that items are brought in by **Friday 15th December** to allow enough time for sorting and delivery.

Your generosity makes a real difference. Thank you for helping us support those who need it most at this time of year.



## Geography Trip

The Year 13 Geography students recently embarked upon a 3-day residential fieldtrip to Preston Montford in The Wrekin near Shrewsbury. During the course of three damp but enjoyable days, the students investigated many aspects of the water cycle, such as interception and infiltration rates and storm hydrographs. Urban heat islands, urban design and wind patterns, inequalities and social segregation were also explored with primary data collected during the day and then data presentation and analysis completed back at HQ in the late afternoon. Conclusions were drawn from the students' work and the skills demonstrated were evaluated.

In the evening, a climbing wall and campfire stories provided further challenges and team bonding; some even found time, and a supplier, for late night pizza. Great buy-in from the students who now embark upon choosing and researching their own A level projects, a really successful trip!



## Creative Opportunity

Would you like to help design and build Dursley's next escape room?

Next year, the Chantry Centre will celebrate its centenary and there are big plans to celebrate the history of the building and the role of R A Lister & Company in shaping Dursley. As part of this, an exciting new "Listers" escape room will be created and built in the Chantry Centre.

They need a team of 10 young designers, storytellers, engineers, artists and builders to help shape and create the challenge. This opportunity is open to anyone between the ages of 14-18. This would be very suitable as Duke of Edinburgh volunteering or a skills opportunity for any level.

Please email [deborah.brooks@rednockschool.org.uk](mailto:deborah.brooks@rednockschool.org.uk) to express an interest.

Design and production sessions would start in January, in the Chantry Centre or The Engine, 3.30pm, day TBC.





## What Our Teachers Got Up To on Inset Day

While students enjoyed a well-deserved day off on Friday 28th November, our staff were hard at work during a productive and inspiring Inset Day focused on strengthening teaching practice, developing learning behaviours and ensuring the highest standards across the school.

The day began with an engaging keynote address from Joe Ambrose, Associate Director of Strategy at the Greenshaw Learning Trust and Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence (RISE) South West Adviser. His presentation offered a national perspective on teaching and learning, giving staff valuable insights into current educational priorities and emerging best practice across the country.

Following this, teachers took part in a session exploring how to develop positive learning behaviours in line with The Rednock Way. This workshop encouraged staff to reflect on strategies that help students become resilient, independent and motivated learners.

After a short break, staff moved into a series of specialised training sessions depending on their role and department. These sessions ran across the late morning and early afternoon, giving teachers dedicated time to collaborate, refine their practice and ensure consistency across the curriculum.

Overall, the Inset Day was a valuable opportunity for professional growth and collaborative learning. Our teachers look forward to returning to the classroom on Monday with refreshed ideas and strategies.



As part of our Inset Day programme, staff also took part in essential fire extinguisher training. The session gave colleagues hands-on experience in identifying different types of extinguishers, understanding when and how to use them safely and responding effectively in the event of a small fire.

This practical training helps ensure that our school community remains safe and that staff are confident in handling emergency situations should they arise.





## Let's Talk Well - Supporting Young People in Gloucestershire

Let's Talk Well is a local organisation providing mental-health and wellbeing support for children, young people and their families across Gloucestershire. They offer free and confidential counselling, online and in person, as well as an anonymous live chat service and practical wellbeing workshops. We work closely with Let's Talk Well, and they continue to be a great asset to our school and the wider community, ensuring that no young person has to face their worries alone.

We wanted to share with you details of the FREE Parent Workshops that Talk Well are running via Zoom from January 2026 over a course of 5 weeks. These workshops are for parents/carers of children between the ages of 11-18 within Gloucestershire. Please note that bookings for these will close at 11.30pm on 6th January.

These established workshops are designed to inform and support parents, helping them to understand their child's distress and discover effective strategies to improve their resilience. The workshops are also an opportunity for parents going through similar experiences to encourage, support and learn from each other in a safe and friendly environment.

# Parent & Carer Workshops

**let's talk well**

**Worried about your child's wellbeing?**

We run **FREE Workshops** for parents & carers of young people aged 11-18. The meetings are offered face-to-face and/or virtually via Zoom.

The workshops are 1.5 hours long and run for 4 weeks with an optional 5th week.

Discover strategies to nurture resilience, guided by trained facilitators.

## Upcoming Workshops

Zoom	Zoom
14/01/26 - 11/02/26	15/01/26 - 12/02/26
6:30pm - 8pm	7pm - 8:30pm

How to book

Bookings close 11.30pm on **06 January 2026**

[psg@letstalkwell.org.uk](mailto:psg@letstalkwell.org.uk) [www.letstalkwell.org.uk](http://www.letstalkwell.org.uk)



## Parent Governor election, your chance to make a difference

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to stand for election as a Parent Governor, or to nominate another parent or carer for the role. From 29th November 2025, we will have one Parent Governor vacancy, with a term of office lasting four years.

Parent Governors play a vital part in shaping the direction of our school. Working together, the Governing Body helps to develop the school's vision and long-term strategy.

Any parent, carer or individual with parental responsibility for a child at the school is welcome to volunteer. No specific qualifications are required but to carry out the role effectively, Parent Governors should be willing to:

- Attend approximately five full governing body meetings per year
- Visit the school from time to time
- Complete some background reading
- Participate in induction and ongoing training (fully provided)

If you're passionate about supporting our school community and helping to make a meaningful impact, we encourage you to consider standing for election.

To apply, please complete [this](#) nomination form by 12 noon on Monday 8th December 2025.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
01/12/2025 - 03/12/2025	Yr 7 - 11	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
12/12/2025	All	Christmas Quiz Night
16/12/2025	Those who have ordered	Christmas Feast
16/12/2025	Yr 7	Year 7 Disco
16/12/2025	All	Christmas Jumper Day 1
18/12/2025	All	Winter Concert
19/12/2025	All	Christmas Jumper Day 2
19/12/2025	All	End of Term 2 - School closes at 12.45pm
05/01/2026	All	INSET Day 4
06/01/2026	All	Start of Term 3



# GIRLS RUGBY

## Come and Take Part

Dursley,  
Painswick &  
Stroud RFC's

- All Girls Aged 10-16
- Great for Beginners
- Qualified Coaches & First Aid
- Training/matches on Sundays at either Painswick GL6 6UZ or Dursley GL11 6AJ
- Tuesday 1800-1900 at Stroud RFC - GL5 3HS
- Find out more:  
Kate – [girls.dursleyrjc@gmail.com](mailto:girls.dursleyrjc@gmail.com)  
Chris – [secretary@painswickrugby.co.uk](mailto:secretary@painswickrugby.co.uk)

**BE MORE YOU**

Sunday 30th Nov at 10am - Training at Dursley - Come along

**WHEN YOU'RE WITH THEM**

your team rugby  
Get involved at [findrugby.com](http://findrugby.com)

**CALL**

**CAM**

**Christmas**

light switch on

**2025**

**SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2-5PM**

**HIGH STREET, CAM**

**ASSES**