

THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 6 – 2025/26

17th July 2026

Dear Rednock Community,

Well, here we are - the finish line for 2025/26!

Most years, I find myself asking the same question: Why on earth do we choose to work in schools? The challenge? The variety? The pace? The opportunity to share knowledge and shape futures? No two days are ever the same? Or, is it the holidays!

There's no denying that working in education can be demanding and at times, exhausting. But for me, it's a privilege and incredibly rewarding. What makes it worthwhile is the community - not just the students, but the staff, parents and governors, and everyone who passes through our gates. Being part of a school means belonging to something bigger than yourself, and belonging means you matter.

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your support. Our students continue to amaze and inspire us. Their dedication, resilience, and character always shine through. They remind us daily of why we do what we do.

While the summer break brings a well-earned rest. I'm already looking forward to what the new academic year will bring: fresh starts, new opportunities, and another chance to grow together as a community.

But before we pause for the holidays, here are a few important reminders:

- **Thursday 13th August 2026** – A Level Results Day
- **Thursday 20th August 2026** – GCSE Results Day & Sixth Form Enrolment
- **1st & 2nd September 2026** – Inset Days: School reopens for staff only
- **Thursday 3rd September 2026** – Year 7 & 12 Transition Day: School reopens for these year groups only
- **Friday 4th September 2026** – All students return.



Rednock School
Where everyone matters



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Please ensure students arrive in full uniform, with all the equipment they need to be successful. It will be a Week A. [Click here](#) for uniform & equipment guidance.

As mentioned in the letter sent on Friday 10th July, all confirmed 'End of Term' arrangements can be [found here](#).

This year has been full of moments to celebrate and memories to cherish. If you haven't already, please take a look back at our Rednock Reviews to relive some of them.

Have a wonderful summer, stay safe and we will see you in September.

My very best wishes,

Mike Stratford
Headteacher





Achievement Heroes

Although we don't have photos of many of our recent winners, we've had no shortage of Achievement Heroes to celebrate!

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:

Sophie, for receiving the managers player and golden boot awards for Durlsey town Girls u13's.

Charlie, for showing patience & maturity while working with groups of Y4 Primary students.

Maiya, for getting the highest word count in her class for June.

Lily, for helping a friend when they became unwell, staying calm and knowing how to help.

Tehami, for always getting involved in wider community and extracurricular activities.

Jack, for having 100% attendance to lessons during Sixth Form.

Lillie, for getting the highest word count in her class for June.

Roseanna, for being so thoughtful and kind to the Year 6 students on the transition days.

Ollie, for being an amazing Sports Ambassador during sports day and making sure every race was full.

Charlotte, for stepping in and smashing sports day, the Hubble team are incredibly proud of Charlotte.

Sports Awards Corrections

A quick apology from us! We accidentally left a few students' names off the Sports Awards winners list in our last issue. We're sorry for the oversight and want to congratulate everyone who received an award. Thanks for your understanding!

Cricket Awards

Elodie S
Austin S

Tennis Awards

Manager's Player - **Austin B**
Highly Commended - **Fergus L**

Golf Awards

Tom C
Ben G





Celebrating Our Sports Ambassadors

We are delighted to welcome our new Sports Ambassadors, who, alongside some fantastic Sixth Form students, played an important role in helping our Sports Day run smoothly.

Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and willingness to support staff and students throughout the day were greatly appreciated, and they were excellent role models for everyone involved.

The PE Department is looking forward to working closely with our Sports Ambassadors throughout the next academic year. They will play a key role in supporting PE lessons, assisting with extracurricular clubs, helping at sporting events, and encouraging participation across the school community.

We would like to thank them for their fantastic start and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in the year ahead.



Word Millionaires

We love seeing our students develop a passion for reading, and we celebrate this by recognising those who reach the incredible milestone of one million words read in their Reading for Power lessons. This achievement reflects dedication, resilience and a genuine commitment to improving their literacy.

Our recent Word Millionaires are Daniel, Emily, Freddie, Alys, Edward, Malachi and Elijah, well done for getting to this milestone!

Reading is so important because it strengthens vocabulary, builds confidence, enhances imagination and deepens understanding across all subjects. It also develops empathy and critical thinking, opening doors to new ideas, experiences and opportunities. We are incredibly proud of all our students who embrace reading and challenge themselves to reach this impressive goal.





Teaching and Learning Focus – Creative Writing in English

In Term 6, our Year 7s have been immersed in their Exploring the World Around Us unit, using poetry and real-world non-fiction texts to explore how writers show the power of nature and how humanity affects the natural world. By analysing key texts and experimenting with figurative language and persuasive techniques, students are gaining a clear understanding of how storms, landscapes and environmental issues are represented and how young people can use their own voices to advocate for change.

Research from the National Literacy Trust highlights just how important this work is. Their latest findings, published on National Poetry Day (3rd October 2024), show that poetry can significantly support young people's mental wellbeing, confidence, learning and empathy. Yet only 1 in 2 (48.8%) children aged 8–16 currently consume or create poetry, meaning over half are missing out on these benefits. This national picture makes it even more vital that schools champion poetry as something joyful, accessible and relevant.

To help shift this trend, Miss West opened the Creative Writing Club's Young Writers competition to both of her Year 7 classes. The theme Wild Wonders (linked directly to the Year 7 unit) invited students to write poetry purely for pleasure, inspired by the natural world. They explored powerful forces of nature, animals they find fascinating, outdoor places they love and elements of nature they feel deserve protection.

A wide number of students entered and every single poem was approved for publication. This is a fantastic achievement that celebrates student voice and creativity across the school. More importantly, it nurtures the habits the National Literacy Trust emphasises: engaging with poetry regularly, writing for enjoyment and developing empathy through close observation of the world around us. By embedding real-world writing opportunities into the curriculum and celebrating creativity beyond the classroom, the English department continues to champion poetry as a vital part of learning; not an optional extra.

Fox

The dark of the night hides me,
As I slip from street to street,
You call me a cunning thief,
But I can hardly make ends meet,

It's like I am the one at fault,
The shadow in the night,
You destroyed my only home,
The forest that couldn't fight,

And even there it wasn't safe,
You hunted me for fun,
Each time I barely got away,
From you and that horrid gun,

You painted me as the villain here,
But I'm the one who's withstood,
Everything you've thrown at me,
I'm quite simply just misunderstood.

Maiya
Aged 12

The Deer

The essence of her beauty
Skip and Hop around
Through different valleys
Shapes and sounds

She is like a maiden
Though quiet and slim
Sometimes you can spot her
Near a hunters lawn
With her precious fawn!

Looking and foraging
For nuts and fruits
She may not be scared
As a hunter shoots

The sky gazes in awe
As the doe lays down
Stars appear for more
And the deer says goodbye

Too all the birds flying by
Well she is amazing and true
Beautiful and kind too!

Clara
Aged 12

The Japanese Wilderness

Cherry blossoms sway
Temple bells fade through spring rain
Petals kiss the stream

Lewis
Aged 12

Soft eyes in green fields
Methane warms the troubled sky
Still, brisket calls me.

Oliver
Aged 12



Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11 Leavers' Prom was a fantastic evening and a wonderful way to celebrate the end of an important chapter. It was great to see everyone dressed up, enjoying themselves, and making lasting memories with friends and staff.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the evening such a success and congratulate all of our Year 11 students on everything they have achieved during their time with us. We wish each and every one of you the very best of luck for the future. Whatever path you choose next, we hope it brings you every success.

We look forward to seeing you all again on results day (20th August). Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer, and congratulations once again!





A Fantastic Sports Day

Students enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day filled with energy, enthusiasm and plenty of team spirit. Throughout the day, competitors took part in a range of track and field events, giving their best effort while cheering on their classmates.

The day was a wonderful celebration of determination, resilience and sportsmanship, with every participant contributing to a brilliant atmosphere. Congratulations to all of our students for their outstanding effort, and thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped make the event such a success.

Below are some wonderful images of the day, including a few taken by Gabrielle, Year 12.





Festival Bag Design

It's festival season! Last week, our GCSE Business students put their creativity and entrepreneurial thinking to the test by designing and creating their own festival shoulder bags and pouches. Working through the product development process, students considered key business concepts including sustainability, unique selling points (USPs), product features, target audience, and pricing strategies.

Once their products were complete, students stepped into the role of entrepreneurs, modelling their creations and delivering a sales pitch to promote their designs. It was fantastic to see such innovative ideas brought to life, with students demonstrating both their practical skills and their understanding of successful product marketing. Take a look at our aspiring business leaders proudly showcasing their festival bags!



Lost Property

During the summer break, a large amount of lost property will be displayed in the reception conservatory from 9am - 3pm each week day, from **Monday 20th July** until **Friday 27th August**, giving parents the opportunity to check for any items belonging to their child. There are many un-named items of uniform as well as jewellery, earpods, spectacles and water bottles. Any unclaimed items remaining after Friday 27th August will be donated to pre-loved uniform or local charity.





Cam Woodfield Summer Fair

The School Council did a fantastic job representing our school at the Cam Woodfield Summer Fair. Tara, Megan, Twisha, Cerys and Leo helped to run a variety of stalls and showed great enthusiasm, responsibility and teamwork throughout the event. They were especially brilliant with the younger children, making sure everyone felt welcome and had fun. Their hard work and positive attitude helped make the fair a real success. Thank you to everyone who attended and especially to Mrs Barker and Mr Stratford for their help in escorting the students.



Year 12 Geography NEAs

The Year 12 Geography students have been preparing and perfecting their fieldwork skills in readiness for their NEA projects which they will start in the Autumn. These are worth 20% of their overall A Level grade so a marvellous opportunity to bank some marks early. The students have been investigating their local area looking at a range of criteria by which they can judge whether Dursley is a great place to live. Crime, street furniture, retail and businesses, pedestrian counts, surveys, quality of buildings, noise pollution, even smells are all areas which can be measured and then analysed to help answer this question. For now we will leave you to your own opinions!!

Similarly students have been using equipment to measure infiltration and compaction rates in areas with different land use, and also performing complicated mathematical formulae to calculate carbon storage in trees, litter and soils with a view to working out which types of trees should we be planting if we wish to make a difference to carbon sequestration and climate change.

We look forward to working with the students next year on the range of interesting projects which they will choose to follow. A great year has passed, Year 13 promises to be even better.





Year 12 Biology Students Launch School Composting Project

On Tuesday, our Year 12 Biology students successfully set up two compost bins, generously donated by the GCC. The project was made possible with the invaluable support of Ms Greene and Ms Thomas, master composters from Garden Organic.

During the session, Ms Greene and Ms Thomas introduced students to the fascinating complexity of the soil food web and explained the vital role composting plays in creating healthy, living soil and reducing waste. Their expertise gave students a deeper understanding of sustainable gardening and environmental stewardship.

The compost produced will be used by students across the school to enrich the garden beds, where potatoes and flowers are currently growing. This hands-on initiative provides an excellent opportunity for students to apply their learning while contributing to a more sustainable school environment.

A big thank you to GCC, Ms Greene, and Ms Thomas for their generosity, guidance, and commitment to inspiring the next generation of environmentally conscious learners.





Performing Arts London Trip

Our KS4 and KS5 Performing Arts students recently enjoyed an unforgettable educational trip to London, giving them the opportunity to experience world-class theatre while exploring the exciting career opportunities within the performing arts industry.

The highlight of the trip was watching two outstanding West End productions: the iconic *Les Misérables* and the stylish new musical *The Devil Wears Prada*. Experiencing professional performances of this calibre gave students invaluable insight into acting, singing, choreography, design and technical theatre, inspiring them to reflect on their own creative work.

Students also visited Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, where they immersed themselves in the world of Elizabethan theatre. Exploring the Globe brought Shakespeare's work to life, allowing students to gain a deeper understanding of the history, architecture and performance style of one of the world's most famous theatres.

Alongside the theatre visits, students enjoyed time exploring the capital, experiencing the atmosphere, culture and excitement of one of the world's leading creative cities. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity to build independence, create lasting memories and see first-hand the many possibilities that a future in the performing arts can offer.

The students were exceptional ambassadors for the school throughout the visit. Their enthusiasm, maturity and impeccable behaviour made us incredibly proud.





Serving Up Memories

Friday 3rd July the tennis team were subjected to Mr Mitchell's playlist on our road trip down to the famous lawns of the All England Tennis Club in Wimbledon SW19.

We spent the morning exploring the stunning grounds and play on the outside courts before settling into our seats on Court 2 to watch Jessica Pegula (USA) win in 2 sets against Jessica Bouzas Maneiro (ESP). This was followed by the men's singles where Hubert Hurkacz (POL) claimed victory over Tommy Paul (USA) in 4 sets including a tie-break. In Hurkacz's lap around the court after the match some of our students were lucky enough to gain an autographed ball, something I'm sure they will treasure and look back on in years to come. After play concluded on our court we headed to the hill to take in the atmosphere, enjoy the evening and see play on Centre and Court 1 through the screen.

Between the tennis we visited the Lawn Tennis museum to read some more about the changes in the championships over the years, browsed the shops for the latest 2026 merch and, enjoyed some of the activities put on by the sponsors American Express and Vodafone. Rednock students even had their moment on screen, making a brief appearance on the BBC Red Button coverage of Court 2 between matches, as well as featuring in the background of TNT Sports' coverage from around the grounds. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day and all they experienced this was shown by their truly exemplary attitude, behaviour and maturity over our long day. It is something I'm sure will live in both my own and the student's memories for a long time to come.





Year 12 Sociology and Criminology Students Visit Shepton Mallet Prison

Year 12 Sociology and Criminology students visited Shepton Mallet Prison on Friday 3rd July to deepen their understanding of how prisons can be used as a form of social control.

Shepton Mallet Prison is one of the most historic prisons in the country. It opened in 1625 and, by the time it closed on 28 March 2013, it was the oldest operating prison in the UK. Over nearly 400 years, the prison held a wide range of offenders and became an important part of the history of punishment and imprisonment in Britain. It is also widely promoted as one of the most haunted prisons in the world, with ghost tours now forming part of its visitor experience.

During the visit, students explored the history and purpose of imprisonment, considering how prisons punish offenders, deter crime, protect the public and attempt to rehabilitate individuals. Throughout the prison tour students were able to see how both Victorian prisons and modern prisons have emerged. The experience helped bring key classroom concepts to life such as punitive punishment, social control, allowing students to reflect on the role of the criminal justice system in maintaining order within society.

Students also took part in an escape room challenge, putting their teamwork, communication and critical thinking skills to the test. Pretending to be prisoners with a driven desire to escape, students worked under pressure to escape their cells, solving problems, interpret clues and collaborate effectively to escape in time. Two teams successfully escaped. 2 teams had the added pressure of being chained together in the pitch black to try and escape. These students particularly did very well and had they had a little more time both teams might have escaped the clutches of the prison.

The visit was a valuable opportunity for students to apply their sociological and criminological knowledge beyond the classroom while developing important wider skills. Students commented on how fun the experience was and that some of them are planning to return with family and friends, possibly for the late night ghost hunt. Well done all Year 12 who participated, you were all fantastic!

Mr Eagleton-Mitchell.





Outstanding Success in Gold Arts Award

We are delighted to celebrate another exceptional year of success in the Gold Arts Award, with every one of our KS5 students achieving the highest possible outcome.

The Gold Arts Award is the highest level of the nationally recognised Arts Award qualification, accredited by Trinity College London. It challenges students to develop as artists, performers and leaders by exploring the wider arts industry, leading creative projects, undertaking placements and researching artists who inspire them. The qualification encourages independence, creativity, critical thinking and leadership, making it a highly respected addition to students' post-16 studies.

Throughout the year, our students have demonstrated outstanding commitment across a wide range of artistic disciplines, including drama, music, dance, technical theatre and the visual arts. They have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, producing work of an exceptionally high standard while developing their own creative identities.

Examiners were particularly impressed by the depth of students' passion for the arts and the breadth of their knowledge and interests. Their portfolios reflected not only academic rigour but also genuine curiosity, creativity and a commitment to engaging with the arts beyond the classroom.

Adding to this success, we are incredibly proud that Rednock School has been recognised as a Trinity Arts Award Champion School. This prestigious recognition celebrates our sustained record of outstanding Arts Award outcomes and acknowledges our long-standing commitment to providing high-quality arts education and enriching creative opportunities for all students.

Congratulations to all of our Gold Arts Award students on this fantastic achievement. Their dedication, resilience and love of the arts have been truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing where their creative journeys take them next.

Pictured below are Gabby, Izzy, Ieuan and George receiving their certificates - students missing were Emily and Anushka.





Gloucester Power Project Awards July 2026

Last week over 40 students and around 38 parents attended the inaugural Gloucester Power Project Awards at Rednock. Students were recognised for their regular attendance, for the commitment to the project and for completing two ASDAN qualifications in Fitness and Coaching. Certificates were awarded, key rings distributed and entries into a prize draw for merchandise, tickets or apparel were invited. The coaches were very impressed with the progress shown by all the cohorts of students, and especially so with our Year 10 boys who were deemed to have made the most development across all the schools that the Rugby Club work with.

In recognition of this the boys, along with the Year 8 group, were visited by two current Gloucester players for a Q and A session and a couple of further awards were issued. Best students of the year were awarded to Harry M, Jacob L and Arash M, well done boys!

Big thanks to our coaches Rhian Gower and Sam Thomas who have been excellent all year, forming very strong relationships with many of the students and providing some excellent coaching. We look forward to running the project again next year.





Gloucestershire Highways Visit

On Monday 13th July, Year 9 enjoyed a civil engineering taster session. They started with an assembly that outlined the types of civil engineering roles and how you could get into these jobs. There was emphasis on the importance of workplace skills such as communication, teamwork and to be curious about jobs by asking questions to find out more.

They then participated in a workshop that involved the use of teamwork and collaboration skills to build a free standing bridge, learning how to plan and work efficiently in a group situation was paramount. The session was run by a team from ICE and Gloucestershire highways.





Under 17 Car Club

One of our Sixth Form students recently featured in a TV news report highlighting the excellent work of the Under 17 Car Club. Ieuan, Year 13 spoke confidently and thoughtfully about the importance of road safety.

The feature showcased the club's volunteer-led programme, which gives young people the opportunity to develop safe driving skills before they hold a provisional licence. It highlighted how early driver education helps promote responsible driving habits and improve road awareness, with the aim of reducing collisions involving young drivers.

We are incredibly proud of Ieuan for representing the school so well and for helping to raise awareness of this important initiative.

Click the image above right to view the segment on ITVX.



Botanical Casting Project

Our botanical casting project has reached an exciting stage! Artist Clare Mahiney has carefully sanded and painted the students' beautiful botanical cast, and the finished artwork is looking fantastic.

Back in May, Clare visited Rednock with two fellow ceramicists to deliver an inspiring workshop. Students learnt how to create botanical casts using foliage collected from the school grounds, exploring both ceramic techniques and the natural environment around them.

As the grand finale, the students worked together to create a stunning large-scale collaborative artwork that showcases their creativity and teamwork. The completed piece is a wonderful celebration of nature and the students' artistic talents.

We are now looking for the perfect location in school to display this impressive artwork, where it can be admired by students, staff and visitors for years to come.





Chantry Centre Work Experience

During the Year 10 Work Experience Week, eight students spent part of their week working with the Chantry Centre and local artists to help prepare for its Centenary Celebration event.

Using the elegance of the Art Deco style as their inspiration, the students designed and created the decorations for the celebratory cabaret evening. Working on a large scale, they produced striking floral displays and sculptural folded-paper decorations that transformed the venue.

Throughout the project, the students demonstrated exceptional creativity, organisation and an outstanding work ethic, taking pride in every stage of the design and production process. On the evening of the celebration, Kai returned to support local photographer Pete by helping to photograph guests in a 1926-style photo booth, adding a memorable finishing touch to the event.

We are incredibly proud of all the students involved, who represented the school brilliantly while making a valuable contribution to this special community celebration.





Final Trips to Redwood

Over the past three terms, all of our Year 7 students have enjoyed visits to the Ernest Cook Trust's beautiful Redwood site. We began with Brunel community back in Term 4 and finished in the final weeks of the year with Jenner, giving every Year 7 student the opportunity to experience this fantastic outdoor learning environment.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Cole and Mr McCarthy, who each joined us on visits and drove the minibus, ensuring everyone travelled safely. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mr Mitchell, who has accompanied us on more than half of the trips over the past three terms. His support has been invaluable.

Whether battling muddy trails, rainy days, or the recent hot sunshine, the wonderful team at Redwood have been exceptional throughout. We are incredibly grateful to them for providing this fantastic opportunity for our entire Year 7 cohort to explore the woods, develop their orienteering skills, build dens, and, of course, enjoy everyone's favourite activity— toasting marshmallows over the campfire!





Chess Tournament Results

After some fantastic matches and plenty of strategic thinking, our annual Chess Tournament came to an exciting conclusion.

Congratulations to Hubble, who were crowned this year's winning community! Brunel were close runners-up, followed by Jenner in third place and Darwin in fourth. Well done to everyone who took part and represented their community with such enthusiasm, concentration and excellent sportsmanship.

Students then went head-to-head to compete for the title of our school Chess Grand Master. After a series of closely contested games, the final standings were:

1st – Fin (pictured left)

2nd – Rudy (pictured left)

3rd – Daniel

4th – Ruby

Congratulations to all of our competitors for an excellent tournament!

Science in Schools

We're delighted to be welcoming the Royal Institution (RI) to our school on **Tuesday 30th September**. The RI, famous for its inspiring Christmas Lectures shown on the BBC, will be spending the day with us, delivering a workshop for our Year 7 students.



As part of their visit, they will also be hosting a fantastic community science show for families from **5.00pm – 6.00pm**.

Dive into science and get ready to roll up your sleeves with surprising experiments, shocking facts and the occasional explosion! Packed with exciting demonstrations and simple experiments that families can try at home, this interactive show also features the RI's trademark fiery science. You'll even discover how to build a rocket... and then watch it launch!

Places are limited to just 100 tickets, so booking is essential. To give as many families as possible the chance to attend, there is a **maximum of four tickets per family**.

If you would like to join us for this exciting evening of science, please [click here](#).





Design & Technology Round Up

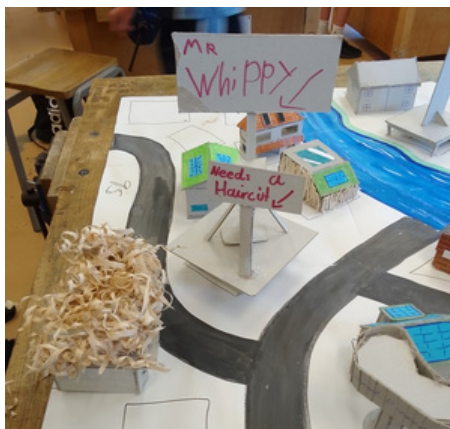
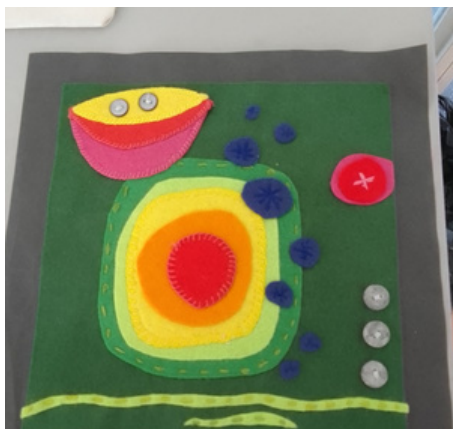
As the academic year comes to a close, Year 9 students have now completed their specialist Design & Technology projects, demonstrating the skills and knowledge they have developed throughout the year. The work they have completed has provided a strong foundation for the start of Year 10, equipping them with the practical skills, creativity and confidence needed as they begin their GCSE courses. Students should be extremely proud of everything they have achieved.

DT – Students have worked collaboratively to design and build themed towns, bringing together their drawing, CAD and modelling skills to create imaginative final outcomes. Each class explored a different theme, resulting in a range of unique and creative towns that showcased excellent teamwork, creativity and problem-solving.

Food – To complete their street food project, students planned and prepared an independent cooking task, selecting and making a street food recipe of their own choice. This gave them the opportunity to demonstrate their practical cooking skills, organisation and confidence in the kitchen while producing a dish that reflected their own interests and creativity.

Textiles – Students have completed architecture-inspired textile appliqué pieces, taking inspiration from the distinctive work of Austrian artist and architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser. Through the project, students developed a range of textile techniques, including appliqué, while exploring colour, pattern and organic forms to create vibrant and individual final outcomes.

We are incredibly proud of the commitment and enthusiasm Year 9 students have shown throughout these projects and look forward to seeing them continue to develop these skills as they begin Year 10.





The Future of Food

We took nine delightful Year 10 students with an interest in food and chemistry to the university of Reading for the day to participate in some inter-school challenges all about the future of food.

The morning was spent sniffing different citrus fruits and chemicals in chocolate as well as learning about careers in food and the future of food for the world. We were then provided with a "lunch of the future" where, as well as chicken and chips, there was beet bourguignon and a sweet potato shepards pie all washed down with brownie or lemon cake. After lunch was an interactive challenge about food for a Mars expedition, our students were really engaged and focused in on the problem of providing enough protein.

Whilst we did think about taking some cows (or an artificial uterus) we decided meal worms were the future. Unfortunately we didn't win but we all came away with a chemistry notebook and pen.

Mrs Hipwell and Mrs Parker

Some quotes from the students about their favourite bits:

"Learning about the different things in chocolate and smelling them."

"Awesome mashed potato and should have been braver with trying the plant based food."

"Finding about the facilities on a University campus like Coop and seeing just how big a University campus is."





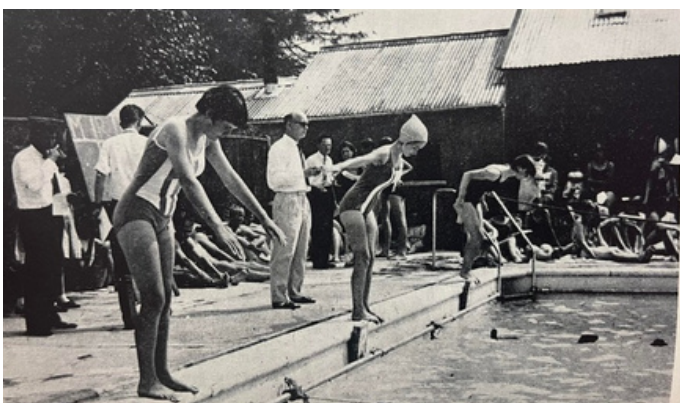
Sports Day: Then and Now

The below Sports Day photographs from the 1960s provide a fascinating glimpse into school life and show just how much has changed over the years. One of the biggest differences is that the Dursley Secondary School was fortunate enough to have its own swimming pool, with

swimming events forming part of Sports Day – which would have made a welcome addition during this year's heatwave!

While we may no longer have a pool, Sports Day has continued to evolve. Alongside the traditional running, jumping and relay races, our students now enjoy a range of fun and inclusive activities, including favourites such as Nerf ball throwing. These newer events ensure that everyone has the opportunity to get involved, contribute to their Community and enjoy the day, whatever their sporting strengths.

Although the activities may look a little different today, the heart of Sports Day hasn't changed. The determination, encouragement, laughter and team spirit captured in the photographs are evidence of the continued comradery between students.





Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
17/07/2026	All	End of Term 6
13/08/2026	Year 13	GCE Results Day
20/08/2026	Year 11	GCSE Results Day
03/09/2026	Years 7 & 12	Start of Term 1 for Years 7 & 12
04/09/2026	Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13	Start of Term 1 for rest of school
07/09/2026	Year 7	Year 7 school photos
11/09/2026	Years 9 & 10	Years 9 & 10 school photos

Bikeability Holiday Courses

Gloucestershire County Council is offering Bikeability courses during all 2026 school holidays. These courses help children aged 9-14 build cycling confidence and safety skills in small groups with qualified instructors.

Dates/Locations

•Summer Holidays at Skillzone

(2 sessions available)

Gloucester

•October Half-Term at Pineholt

Village Hall, Hucclecote

Details

Age: 9-14 years

Cost: £10 per course

Format: 2 x 2-hour sessions

Bikes: Available subject to availability

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Respect



Excellence



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL



SEND Summer Celebration

Parent & Carer Alliance C.I.C.

Free Entry • Free Activities • Everyone Welcome!

Thursday 20th August 10am - 4pm

Dursley Recreation Ground GL11 4BJ

A Magical Day for Our Community

All Activities Are 100% Free!

...AND SO MUCH MORE!!

No diagnosis required

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Don't qualify for HAF?
You can still enjoy this fantastic day through our **SHORT BREAKS** programme. All activities are completely **FREE!**
Bring a picnic or purchase from our many stalls and food suppliers.

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● Face Painting
● Circus Skills
● Bubbles
● Silent Disco
● Service & Support Organisations

Emergency Services
● Tea Cup Rides
● BOUNCY CASTLE

ZORING
● ARTISAN STALLHOLDERS
● SUBLINE SCIENCE

Coach collection from Cheltenham Royal Wells Bus Station at 9.30am and Gloucester GL1 at 9.50am
Only available if you have booked a ticket in advance

SEND SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Parent & Carer Alliance C.I.C.

19th July - Cattle Country Soft Play
21st July - The Vibe
22nd July - SkillZone
27th July - Cleeve Common Ramble
27th July - Fire & Feast
30th July - Beach and coach Trip
4th Aug - The Vibe
6th Aug - Birdland
10th Aug - Bournstream picnic
17th Aug - Clip & Climb
20th Aug - SEND Celebration
25th Aug - The Vibe
26th Aug - Westonbirt
27th Aug - Go Bananas soft play

BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE:
<https://www.parentandcareralliance.org.uk/meetings-and-events>

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Quarry Chapel SUMMER WORKSHOPS

ADULTS

30th July: Step by step pen and ink drawing 10-12pm, from £10
6th Aug: Step by step painting water reflections 10-12pm, from £10
6th Aug: 4 wk course Learn to crochet Thurs 6 - 27th 6-8pm, from £10
13th Aug: Step by step sunset painting 10-12pm, from £10
19th Aug: Exploring local fossils 2-5pm, from £20

12-99 years

29th Jul Learn to crochet a granny square book cover 11-4pm, from £25
3rd Aug: Learn to weave a set of coasters 11.30-3.30pm, from £25
4th Aug: Learn to use a drop spindle 1-2.30pm, from £10
4th Aug: Learn the basics of Tunisian crochet 3-5pm, from £13
13th Aug: Learn new knitted techniques 3-5pm, from £13
20th Aug: Learn to knit a sunglasses case 11-4pm, from £25

CHILD/TEEN

11th Aug: Exploring Photography 12-18 years 11-3pm, from £20
12th Aug: Creative Fossil Fun! 5-8 years + adult 10-1pm, from £20
19th Aug: Creative Fossil Fun! 8-11 years 10-1pm, from £20
26th Aug: Creative Techniques using fossils 11-18 years 10-1pm, from £20

Small, supportive and friendly groups.
More information and to book www.quarrychapel.org.uk

The Quarry Chapel, The Quarry, Cam GL11 6JB

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CRISIS & RESILIENCE FUND

The Crisis and Resilience Fund

Help for people on low incomes in England who are facing a financial crisis.

- ✓ Crisis payments
- ✓ Housing benefits
- ✓ Financial support services

Apply to Gloucestershire County Council's Crisis and Resilience Fund.
Visit Gloucestershire Family Hubs to find out more.

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Gloucestershire COUNTY COUNCIL





SUMMER HOLIDAY

CRAFT TABLES



Daily Monday - Saturday

Monday 20th July - Saturday 29th August

10am - 12pm



Craft · Create · Play

A different craft each day, hosted by Kids Stuff



Offered: Drop-in, join-in, Pay-as-you-can!
All ages welcome



Activities subject to change. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Find us: Kids Stuff Stroud, Brimscombe Mills, Brimscombe, Stroud, GL5 2QN

www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk

Kids Stuff Craft Tables are part of the Summer Holiday Programme at BRIMSCOMBE MILL check out the full programme at www.brimscombe-mill.org.uk/school-holidays



TT Rednock

SUMMER 2026



TABLE TENNIS COACHING AND PLAY

Ages: Primary School to years 7 & 8

Mondays and Thursdays (20 July - 24 Aug)

2:00 - 3:30pm £4 per session

REDNOCK SPORTS CENTRE, DURSLEY GL11 4BX

SAFE TT REGISTRATION FORMS IN ADVANCE FROM (or register on arrival)

David Edwards M: 07973 757554 E: enquiries@ttrednock.org

•Bats and balls provided •Normal indoor sportswear shorts/trainers




(Years 7 & 8: Essential skills for GCSE PE)

Supported by Stroud District Table Tennis League Development, Cam & Dursley Table Tennis Club, U3a players, Rednock school, Local TT England Coaches.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT BRIMSCOMBE MILL			
DAILY			
DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Daily	Daily	All day	Weekly scavenger hunt Drop in
Tues	Weekly	10:30 - 12:00	Long Table Kids Kitchen cookery drop in Drop in
Daily	Daily	10:00 - 12:00	Kids Stuff daily craft table Drop in
JULY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES			
DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tues	21	10:30 - 12:00	Long Table Kids Kitchen cookery drop in Drop in
Wed	22	13:00 & 14:15	Learn to tie dye Crafternoon workshop Book online
Fri	24	14:00 - 16:00	Severn Rivers Trust family activity afternoon Drop in
Tues	28	10:30 - 12:00	Long Table Kids Kitchen cookery drop in Drop in
Wed	29	13:00 & 15:00	Lino cut cards Crafternoon workshop Book online
Fri	31	10:00 - 12:00	So Hootful - Meet owls Drop in
AUGUST EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES			
DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tues	4	10:30 - 12:00	Long Table Kids Kitchen cookery drop in Drop in
Tues	5	17:00 - 19:00	Family quiz night Drop in
Thur	6	13:30 - 15:00	Collage making Crafternoon workshop Book online
Thur	6	18:00 - 20:00	Teen open mic night Book online
Tues	11	10:30 - 12:00	Long Table Kids Kitchen cookery drop in Drop in
Wed	12	10:00 - 12:00	School Of Larks circus skills workshop Book online
Thur	13	17:00 - 19:00	Family bingo night Drop in
Tues	18	10:30 - 12:00	Long Table Kids Kitchen cookery drop in Drop in
Tues	18	13:00 & 14:15	Martha Lightfoot illustration workshop Book online
Wed	19	10:00 - 12:30	Gamelan music & Wayang Kulit puppet workshop Book online
Thur	20	17:00 - 19:00	Family quiz night Drop in
Tues	25	10:30 - 12:00	Long Table Kids Kitchen cookery drop in Drop in
Tues	25	11:00 - 12:00	Silly Science family show Book online
Wed	26	13:00 & 14:15	Cynotype prints Crafternoon workshop Book online
Thur	27	17:00 - 19:00	Back to school disco Drop in

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK SCAN HERE





THE GREAT




LONGFIELD

FAMILY SUMMER HOLIDAY CHALLENGE



Longfield Community Hospice are inviting parents/carers to complete two crosswords whilst children enjoy the activity sheets, as a way to pass the time on holiday and raise vital funds for the charity.

Families can download the sheet just for fun [here](#) or click [here to enter](#) a prize draw for a chance to win!



YOUTH CLUBS

Free for all young people aged 11-17
First time visitors always welcome

SUMMER 2026

thedoor.org.uk/summer
01453 756745



WEEK 1: 20TH - 24TH JULY

Mon. Cam 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

Tue. Stonehouse 3.30-5.30pm Kahoot!
Kingshill House 3.30-5pm

Wed. Dursley 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

Thur. *Stroud District Trip* HAF

Fri. Stonehouse 3.30-5.30pm 🍴
Dursley 6.30-8.30pm "The Rec" 🌿

WEEK 2: 27TH - 31ST JULY

Mon. Cam 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

Tue. Stonehouse 3.30-5.30pm Karaoke
Kingshill House 3.30-5pm

Wed. Dursley 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

Thur. Stonehouse 6.30-8.30pm 🍴
Dursley 3.30-5pm "The Rec" 🌿

Fri. Stonehouse 3.30-5.30pm 🍴
Dursley 6.30-8.30pm

WEEK 3: 3RD - 7TH AUGUST

Mon. Cam 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

Tue. Stonehouse 3.30-5.30pm 🌿
Kingshill House 3.30-5pm

Wed. Dursley 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

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Dursley 3.30-5pm "The Rec" 🌿

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Dursley 6.30-8.30pm

- 🍴 Cooking/Baking
- 🍴 Quiet Session
- 🌿 Outdoor Session

Sessions subject to change
check social media for details
Advanced Booking Required

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Dursley: The Vibe, 3 Parsonage Street, GL11 4BW
Kingshill: Kingshill House, Dursley, GL7 4BZ
Stonehouse: The Pod, Oldends Lane, GL10 2DG



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WEEK 4: 10TH - 14TH AUGUST

Mon. Cam 3.30-5pm 🍴

Tue. Kingshill House 3.30-5pm

Wed. Dursley 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

Thur. Stonehouse 6.30-8.30pm 🍴
Dursley 3.30-5pm "The Rec" 🌿

Fri. Stonehouse 3.30-5.30pm 🍴
Dursley 6.30-8.30pm "The Rec" 🌿

WEEK 5: 17TH - 21ST AUGUST

Mon. Cam 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

Tue. Stonehouse 3.30-5.30pm Escape Room
Kingshill House 3.30-5pm

Wed. Dursley 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

Thur. Stonehouse 6.30-8.30pm 🍴
Dursley 3.30-5pm "The Rec" 🌿

Fri. Stonehouse 3.30-5.30pm 🍴
Dursley 6.30-8.30pm

WEEK 6: 24TH - 28TH AUGUST

Mon. Cam 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

Tue. Stonehouse 3.30-5.30pm
Kingshill House 3.30-5pm

Wed. Dursley 3.30-5.30pm 🍴

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PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays