



RECREATION ROAD INFANT SCHOOL

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October 2024 Newsletter

Wear Red Day

This week we will be working with the children to understand what racism is, discuss what we can do if we see/hear racism, celebrate uniqueness, develop acceptance and empathy, think about our own strengths, as well as those of others around us. On Friday the children are invited to wear red to show racism the red card.

Get in Touch

Class emails are used for - celebrating successes at home, sharing family circumstances, medical appointments, arranging a meeting in the future, future pick up plans, low level, non-urgent class concerns. These are only checked every 2-3 days.



For urgent messages or concerns please share face to face or via school office (email address above)

If the concern is around the way a staff member has dealt with something, please contact Denise Mattock (Head of School) rrishead@heighamcf.org Such concerns should not be directed at the individual involved.

Diary Dates

Monday 14th October – Year 2 Balafon sessions start (see poster)

Friday 18th October – Wear Red Day.

Monday 21st October – Harvest singalong. Year 2 @ 2.30-2.45. Year 1 @ 2.45-3pm

Wednesday 23rd October – Individual School photos.

Wednesday 23rd October – Reception Harvest Nibbles @ 2.30pm

Thursday 24th October – Break for half term.

IMPORTANT – School is closed on Friday 25th October.

Monday 4th November – children return to school.

Friday 8th November – 3.30 PTA Bake Sale

To help you to plan ahead, you can access our full calendar on the home page of our website:

<https://www.recreationroad.com/>

Open events for children
starting in Sept 2025

Open Day – Weds 16th October
(Call office to book a tour)

Open Evening - Weds 16th
October @ 6.30pm (No booking
needed)

Safe School Run Pledge

Safe parking outside our school is important. It helps our children and families to feel safe & confident on the school run. We asked children how they feel when they are dropped off / picked up at the end of the day.

This is what they said:

‘When parents are in a rush they park where they should not.’

‘When we have to cross the road in between parked cars, it’s not always safe.’

‘Fire engines, ambulances, police cars won’t be able to get past if cars do not park properly.’

‘There’s always lots of cars parked and it is very busy.’

We want our children to feel safe so are following the Safer School Run Pledge (see attached flier). More information to follow.



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PTA

Thank you for a great turn out at our PTA AGM. We are excited about the year ahead and looking forward to some great events.

Please sign up to support our PTA through Asda 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative!

To support our PTA, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, and shop in store or online at Asda.



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 - every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen school. See letter attached or visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

Safeguarding



CatNap cartoon (You Tube)

We have been made aware of a video/cartoon available online called 'Cat Nap' which may not be age-appropriate and includes content that is traumatic to young children. Content can be graphic, and include images of significant harm, abduction and foul language.

Although this cartoon may appear innocent at first glance, it has resulted in some children being fearful, and/or displaying threatening behaviours. Families are advised to be cautious of unmonitored viewing.

Cartoons have changed. We no longer live in an era where all cartoons are safe for children. Content, whilst superficially innocent, can be graphic and inappropriate. There may be more cartoons like this online.

Year 1

Make friends with the local library.
Coming up Our visit to Earlham Library to enjoy a range of new and exciting books.



50 Things

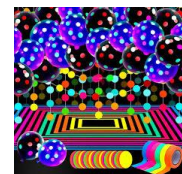


Year 2

Become an eco-campaigner.
Year 2 have loved investigating rainforests and creating persuasive arguments to protect these areas.

Reception

Have a 'glow in the dark' experience.
Coming soon
The famous glow in the dark day.
Watch this space!



Year 2 Balafon sessions

start this week. There is also a free balafon event at St Thomas' church on 9th November. See poster for more details.



What's New?

Smart School Council has begun. We are hearing the voices of all of our pupils through our new weekly school council meetings. The children vote as a class to reach a group decision. Our first question to discuss was:

How friendly do you think our school is?

The results - Really friendly: 8, Sometimes friendly: 3, It isn't friendly: 0, Undecided: 1