



April 2026

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Dear Red Hill Families,

It has been a lovely half term so far at Red Hill, and it has been great to see the sun shining and the children enjoying our outdoor learning facilities more and more.

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard, particularly with the build-up to their upcoming SATs exams next week. We are incredibly proud of them whatever the outcome, and we know they will do themselves proud and reflect the incredible hard work they have shown throughout their time at Red Hill.

This weekend was a particularly memorable one for Red Hill, with a few of our pupils taking part in the May Queen celebration. The children involved truly impressed Mrs Nolan with their beautiful dancing, thoughtful speeches, and exemplary conduct during this special occasion. They did themselves, their families, Red Hill, and the Chislehurst community proud. It was wonderful to see them uphold such a meaningful tradition. The chamber choir also delivered a wonderful performance.

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential trip, creating lasting memories and strengthening their bonds as a year group. I am sure this experience will stay with them - and the staff - for years to come.

Year 3 have also enjoyed some wonderful trips to Eltham Palace, which they thoroughly appreciated and found both exciting and enriching.

As we continue through the term, we would like to wish everyone a restful and enjoyable weekend. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Nicola Crockatt, Becci McManus and Emma Nolan

Good luck to all of our wonderful Year 6 children as you approach your SATs! We are incredibly proud of the dedication, resilience and effort you have shown throughout your learning journey. You have worked so hard to reach this point and it truly shows.

Remember to believe in yourselves, stay calm and give each day your very best – you are more than ready for this challenge. No matter what, you have already achieved so much and we couldn't be prouder.

Be confident, be positive and most importantly be proud of yourselves Year 6 – you are going to be fabulous!

Year 6 Team



We are holding a whole-school charity afternoon on Friday 15th May to raise money for St Christopher's Hospice in heartfelt thanks for the care they gave to Jackie Batchelor. The afternoon will be a celebration of Jackie's kindness and a chance for our children to come together as a community to support a charity that meant so much.

The afternoon will run as a carousel: each class will rotate around short, supervised activities so every child takes part in everything.

Activities will include: Bunny Hop event, craft station, sporting challenges (beat the goalie, obstacle race), musical theatre sing-along, a teacher ice bucket challenge and the Mr Pillow make-up challenge — plus more.

There will be a cake and sweets stall; all items will be sold at the end of the day for parents and children to purchase.

When and what to wear

Date: The afternoon of Friday 15 May 2026.

Children should come to school in their PE kit on this day.

How to donate

We are collecting donations online via our JustGiving fundraising page:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/red-hilltpa-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

We will also accept cash donations on the day.

Sweets and food donations

We would be grateful for donations of sweets (pre-packaged only, please) to sell on the sweets stall. If you are able to donate, please send items in with your child by Tuesday 5th May so we can organise and label them.

IMPORTANT: We are a nut-free school — please check labels and avoid any products that contain or may contain nuts. If your child has specific food allergies and you do not want them to take part in food purchases, please notify us.

Safeguarding, inclusion and accessibility

Every activity will have adult supervision and alternatives for children who prefer quieter or low-stimulus options. If you think your child will need particular support or adaptations, please contact your child's class teacher so we can plan appropriately.

All proceeds from the afternoon will be donated to St Christopher's Hospice in Jackie's honour.

This event is a way for our school community to remember Jackie and to thank St Christopher's for the compassionate care they provided. We want the afternoon to be joyful, inclusive and respectful.

Thank you in advance for your support - whether that is by donating online, sending a small packet of sweets, or baking for the cake stall. Together we can make this a warm and meaningful tribute.

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On Saturday, some of our pupils took part in the traditional crowning of the Chislehurst May Queen. We know this has taken months of dedication and practice, and they truly wowed the crowd with their public speaking and dancing.

A special thank you to Darcey for inviting Mrs Nolan - she had a wonderful day watching the parade and the crowning ceremony.

Thank you as well to the choir for their spectacular performance and Mrs Hurst for her support.





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Reception

Reception have had so much fun learning all about their topic, amazing animals. They have been on insect hunts, counting how many legs different animals have and exploring the bog from bog baby.

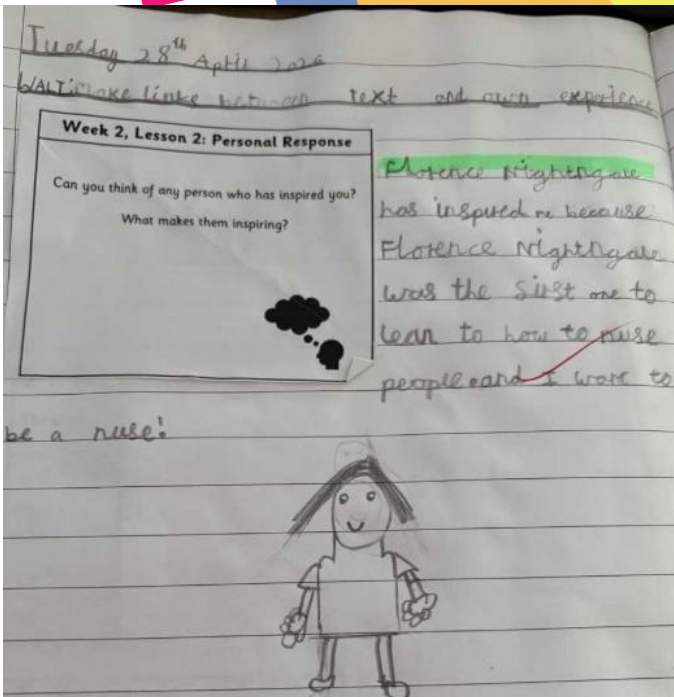
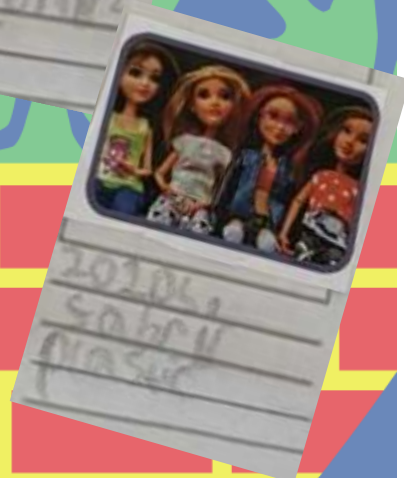
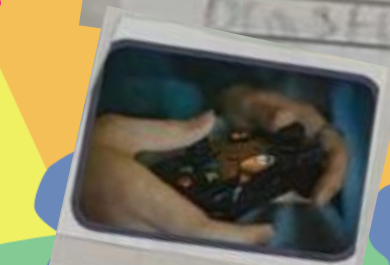




Year 2

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Year 2 have been enjoying our new topic "The Magic Toymaker" so far this term. In history we have been exploring how toys have changed over time and even created our own questionnaire to ask parents and grandparents all about their old toys! We enjoyed looking at all the different changes and even thought about what toys might look like in the future. We have also been learning all about inspiring women in our reading lessons as we read *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed The World* by Kate Pankhurst, focusing particularly on Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole and Emmeline Pankhurst and the impact they have had on our world. Finally to finish our learning around this book we took some time thinking about who inspires us and why.



Year 3 Trip to Eltham Palace

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Eltham Palace as part of our Travel and Tourism topic, exploring how it continues to be a popular local tourist attraction.



The children thoroughly enjoyed discovering the beautiful house and were fascinated by some of its original features, including a stunning gold bath and elegant Cartier brooches. After exploring the palace, we spent time sketching the building while enjoying our packed lunches, before finishing the day with lots of fun in the play area. The children represented the school brilliantly and showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the visit.



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The Year 4 children were very lucky to visit the Championship club, Charlton Athletic and watch an under 21 men's match. It was a great game, with lots of goals. The children behaved impeccably.



Sports Teams

The Year 6 boys football team, who were incredible this season, lost in a sudden death penalty shootout in the quarter finals of the Kent school cup. Both the girls and boys teams' season is coming to a close and we just want to congratulate them on how incredible they have been.



Year 1 Time Travellers

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Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our IPC topic, 'Time Travellers'. Throughout the unit, the children have been learning how we discover information about the past, the clues we can uncover and how evidence helps us understand what life was like long ago. To celebrate our learning, we created our very own time capsule as an exciting exit point. The children carefully selected and made items to include, before burying it in the school grounds for future Red Hill historians to discover.



Primary School



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Before half term, we were incredibly fortunate to receive a generous donation of 30 brand new laptops from the Friends of Red Hill.

After carefully setting them up and ensuring everything was ready to go, we are delighted to share that they are now being used across classrooms, and the children are thoroughly enjoying the opportunities they provide.

This donation will make a truly meaningful difference to our school. Having access to high-quality technology will allow us to enrich lessons, support a wider range of learning needs, and better prepare our children for an increasingly digital world. It is an investment not only in resources, but in the confidence, skills and future of every child at Red Hill.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Friends of Red Hill for their continued generosity and dedication. Their hard work and commitment to fundraising will have a direct and lasting impact on our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for all that they do to support our children.





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Spotlight on Mental Health

SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

Mental Health Foundation

Our website offers information on mental health, mental health problems, self-help and how to get help. www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Confidential help and support

The Samaritans provides emotional support 24 hours a day. www.samaritans.org

Email: jo@samaritans.org

Telephone: 08457 90 90 90

Counselling

The British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy www.bacp.co.uk

Email: bacp@bacp.co.uk

Telephone: 01455 883300

UK Council for Psychotherapy

www.psychotherapy.org.uk

Email: info@ukcp.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7014 9955

General health information

NHS 111 provides information 24 hours a day.

www.nhs.uk Telephone: 111

For free support for children, young people and their families, please contact <https://bromley-y.org/>

Parkruns are free, weekly community events which take place on Saturday and Sunday mornings in local parks. You can run, jog or walk your way around the 2k or 5k track with family and friends! To find out more, visit www.parkrun.org.uk

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) is a free service run by the NHS and is made up of medical and mental health professionals. If you have concerns about your child, please call 0208 315 4430 (Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm) or 0208 3228 5980 (Sat – Sun 9am – 10pm)

Simply Connect Bromley

<https://bromley.simplyconnect.uk/> shares everything happening in Bromley and is an easy way to connect you and your family to your local community. If you're looking for parenting services, youth services, hobby clubs, etc. this is your one stop shop!

For practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour, there is a wealth of information on the following website. From supporting children with homework, to help with peer pressure, to sleep issues ... there are short videos and texts to help.

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)

<p>How to manage and prevent overwhelm in children</p> <p>10 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>Problem-solving with Children</p> <p>5 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>My child says "I hate you!"</p> <p>2 min video 5 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>
<p>My child has trouble going to sleep</p> <p>2 min video 8 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>How do I get my child to listen?</p> <p>2 min video 4 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>	<p>Co-Parenting after a separation or divorce</p> <p>6 min read</p> <p>Read now</p>





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Thank you for your continued support

We are always looking for new members to come and join us, if you are interested then please contact us! And follow our socials:

Our contact details:

Facebook - Friends of Red Hill School (PTA)

Instagram - friends.of.red.hill.primary

Email - Friendsfredhill@live.co.uk

A chance to say thank you

Everyone enjoys receiving positive feedback. On the link below, we invite parents, carers, visitors, pupils and other staff to share experiences of a staff member who has gone above and beyond. All responses will be read by the senior leadership team who will share with staff. Thank you for taking the time to complete this.

<https://forms.gle/khoJZYia1o5NZAx5>

Positive Feedback

For more of an insight and photos of our school days please follow us on Instagram.

<https://www.instagram.com/redhillprimarytpa/?hl=en>