



# Redkite Special Academy

## 22nd July 2025

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of this academic year I would like to thank you all for your continued support in working together with us for the best outcomes for all your children and young people. It's been a fabulous year with so many wonderful learning experiences taking place.

We held our first **Leavers Prom** on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. This was a truly magical event and there were lots of happy tears from staff and families as our young people arrived. Our young ladies looked beautiful and our young men looked handsome and it was great to have this opportunity to celebrate their time at Red Kite.

I would like to say a final goodbye and wish all our leavers in Year 11 and Year 13 lots of success in the next stage of their education and adult life. They will all be truly missed and we hope to see them at our Leavers Coffee Events in the future.

It has been lovely to see lots of families in school over the last two weeks both visiting classes to celebrate your children and young people's achievements and last Wednesday when some families came in to meet new class teams. It was also lovely to welcome lots of our new families to the end of term disco last Thursday.

We ended last week with our **Red Kite Festival**. This was a truly joyous day and our children and young people enjoyed and experienced a range of activities including having fun with the Bubble Lady, bouncing on the inflatables, having ice-cream and making some moves with SENDsational Dance. The school was an array of colours with our Festival Vibes outfits for both staff and pupils.

### **Dodford Farm Primary Residential 2025**

*A note from Suzy who organised and led the trip.*

*We took 14 of our year 5 and 6 pupils on a Residential last week and had the most fabulous time!*

*We stayed on a farm on the outskirts of Birmingham which was originally founded up by the Cadbury family.*

*The farm had its own indoor play barn, outdoor paddling pool, outdoor play area and a variety of animals including pigs, donkeys, sheep, ponies, guinea pigs, rabbits, tortoises, ducks and chickens.*

*We went on a lovely walk through the woods, fed and petted the animals, played in the soft play and park and even had a splash about in the paddling pool!*

*We enjoyed it so much we are already booking for next year!*

### **Houses of Parliament Visit**

Last Monday, myself and Emma were very privileged to be invited to attend a SEND Roundtable event in Parliament. This was hosted by Lee Baron MP for Corby and East Northants. This was a multi-agency, cross sector event bringing together both parents and professionals from health, education and employment. The purpose of the session was to discuss key areas around the current SEND crisis with a solution focused approach, identifying good practice in this area. The ideas collected will be presented to the Education Select Committee who are continuing to gather evidence to inform subsequent government plans for SEND reform. This was an amazing opportunity and great to be able to be part of the bigger picture around supporting children and young people with special educational needs

### **A message from our Pastoral Team**

*As we head into the summer break, we'd like to wish all our wonderful families a fantastic and restful holiday! Thank you so much for all your support and the lovely messages you've shared with us throughout the year — they truly mean a lot to our team.*

*Just a reminder that I'm still available during the holidays if you need to reach out for any support or advice either on DoJo or on email [samantha.sawyer@redkite.school](mailto:samantha.sawyer@redkite.school)*

*Don't forget to book onto the Stay-and-Play sessions available throughout the summer. These are on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August - details in the letter that we have sent out already. We're really looking forward to seeing as many of you as we can!*

*We're also excited for our **Friends and Family Red Kite Day**, please do come along with your families, join in the fun, and make some special memories.*

*And finally, The Kettle will be open on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September on our return, further dates to follow.*

*Have a brilliant summer! Love from Sam, Debs and Chris*

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the new school year on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Warmest wishes

Karen

# RED KITE COFFEE MORNINGS

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME  
TO COME ALONG AND  
BE SUPPORTED  
BY EACH OTHER



**Mondays**

**RED KITE CAFE  
OPEN TO FAMILIES  
9AM - 10AM**

**Tuesdays**

**THE KETTLE IS OPEN  
9AM - 10AM**

**Thursdays**

**THE KETTLE IS OPEN  
9AM - 10:30AM**

**Fridays**

**THE KETTLE IS OPEN  
9AM - 10AM**

**WORKSHOPS AND PARENT GROUPS WILL  
BE ADVERTISED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

## Join the Red Kite Friends and Family Committee – We Need You!



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We're looking for more volunteers to join our Red Kite Friends and Family Committee—a friendly group working together to support our children, families, and school through fundraising and events.

You don't need any special experience – just a little time and a big heart! Whether you can help plan events, share ideas, or simply lend a hand now and then, your support will make a real difference.

**Come along to our Family and Friends of  
Red Kite Coffee Morning  
on Wednesday 18th September, 9am-10am  
to find out more, meet the team, and  
see how you can get involved.**

Together we can do something amazing – for our children and for each other.

**Warm wishes,  
The Red Kite Team**



**Red Kite Academy**

## **School Term Dates 2025-2026**

**Term 1** School closed for Training Day Monday 01 September

School closed for Training Day Tuesday 02 September

School closed for Training Day Wednesday 03 September

Re-opens to pupils Thursday 04 September

Last day of term Friday 24 October

**Term 2** Re-opens to pupils Monday 03 November

Last day of term Friday 19 December

**Term 3** Re-opens to pupils Monday 05 January 2026

Last day of term Friday 13 February

**Term 4** School closed for Training Day Monday 23 February

Re-opens to pupils Tuesday 24 February

Last day of term Friday 27 March

**Term 5** Re-opens to pupils Monday 13 April

School closed for Bank Holiday Monday 04 May

Last day of term Friday 22 May

**Term 6** Re-opens to pupils Monday 1 June

Last day of term Friday 17 July School closed for

Training Day Monday 20 July

