



Friday 22nd May 2026



Free Swimming for Under-16s at Abbey Stadium

Children under 16 who live in Redditch can now enjoy **free swimming** at the Abbey Stadium Sports Centre, thanks to a Redditch Borough Council initiative. To take part, parents or guardians must register their child **in person** at the centre and bring proof of the child's date of birth along with proof of a Redditch address.

What Families Need to Know

Age eligibility — Free sessions are available for all children aged **15 and under**.

Adult supervision rules —

- Children aged **4–8** must be accompanied *in the water* by an adult.
- Children under **4** are subject to a strict adult-to-child ratio (usually one adult per one or two children).

How to register — Visit reception at Abbey Stadium, Hitchcock Way, Redditch, B97 6BE.

Session availability — Free swimming applies to **general public swim** and **family bubble** sessions.

You can check available public swim timetables directly on the [Swimming at Abbey Stadium](#)



Early Years — Seaside Topic


Early Years will be diving into an exciting **seaside topic** when we return after half-term. To help bring this learning to life, we would be very grateful for any **donations of buckets, spades, or other seaside-themed items** that you may be able to spare.

Your support makes such a difference to our children's experiences, and we truly appreciate anything you can contribute.

Walk, Don't Ride on the Playground

To keep everyone safe, please make sure children **do not ride bikes or scooters on the school playground**. We kindly ask all families to **dismount at the school gate** and walk them through the grounds. Thank you for helping us prevent accidents and keep our playground safe.

Arrow Valley's Half Term Reading Challenge




Read a book with a one word title.


Read a book with a number in the title.

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Read a book with your parents.



Read a book to a sibling or a friend.




Re-read your favourite book.




Read a book that begins with the same letter as your name.

A

Read a book upside down.



Read an upside down book.



Bring your card back to school to win prizes!

Name: _____
Class: _____

This half term, your child will be bringing home a **Reading Challenge** designed to keep them engaged and excited about books while school is closed. When they return, they'll have the chance to **win prizes** for taking part and celebrating their reading achievements.

Reading regularly has a powerful impact on children's learning. It helps build **confidence**, strengthens **vocabulary**, boosts **imagination**, and supports progress across every subject. Your encouragement at home makes a huge difference, whether that's listening to them read, sharing a story together, or simply talking about what they've enjoyed.

Thank you for supporting a love of reading — it's one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.

AWARDS



	Star of the week	Valley Values
Mice	Seth	Luna
Squirrels	Tessa	Viktor
Hedgehogs	Imogen	Alexander
Foxes	Oliwia	Jaxon
Mallards	Eli	Piper
Owls	Ava	Betty


ATTENDANCE

Mice	Squirrels	Hedgehogs	Foxes	Mallards	Owls	Whole School
83.08%	98.18%	88.18%	90.69%	95.77%	100%	95%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term 2026

-  **Half Term** – Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
-  **Term Ends** – Friday 17th July
-  **Staff Training Day** – Monday 20th July

 Please note: Staff training dates are subject to change.

Have a wonderful half term and see you all on Monday 1st June.