



Rowner Junior School

Newsletter 8 - April 2023

<p>DATES FOR April: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change</p>	
<p>PE/outdoor learning days - PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DAYS FOR PE</p>	
<p>Year 3 - Miss Dymond and Miss Finn</p>	<p>Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Wednesday and Friday</p>
<p>Year 4 - Miss Pollitt and Miss Winzar</p>	<p>Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Friday. Year 4 will also be doing swimming lessons on a Monday this half term. Please see information below about these days</p>
<p>Year 5 - Mr Corlett and Miss Daly</p>	<p>Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Wednesday Year 5 will also be doing swimming lessons on a Thursday this half term. Please see information below about these days.</p>
<p>Year 6 - Mrs Southern and Mrs Walton</p>	<p>Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Wednesday and Thursday</p>
<p>Key dates for April</p>	
<p>Monday 17th April</p>	<p>INSET Day</p>
<p>Tuesday 18th April</p>	<p>Children return to school</p>
<p>Wednesday 19th April</p>	<p>DfE/NFER reading assessment for Redwood class.</p>
<p>Thursday 20th April</p>	<p>Y5 swimming</p>
<p>Friday 21st April</p>	<p>Non-uniform day for a donation of up to £1 and a cake/bake sale, donations appreciated (nut free please) will be sold for 50p per item. The cake sale will take place at the end of the school day on the playground, if weather is bad they will be sold from the Enchanted Forest</p>
<p>Monday 24th April</p>	<p>Y4 swimming</p>
<p>Thursday 27th April</p>	<p>1. 2.Y5 swimming 2. Dance Live! Finals</p>
<p>Upcoming dates for May <i>(Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)</i></p>	

Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY - School closed
Thursday 4th May	Y5 swimming
Friday 5th May	RJS & RIS Coronation picnic
Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY - School closed
Tuesday 9th May	Y6 SATS Spelling and Grammar Test
Wednesday 10th May	Y6 SATS Reading Test
Thursday 11th May	1. Y6 SATS Arithmetic and Mathematics Reasoning Paper 1 Test 2. NO Y5 swimming
Friday 12th May	Y6 SATS Mathematics Reasoning Paper 2 Test
Monday 15th May	1. Walk to School week begins 2. Year 4 swimming
Tuesday 16th May	BAE Roadshow at Brune Park - whole school to attend
Wednesday 17th May	Autism Support meeting in The Drey
Thursday 18th May	1. 5 swimming 2. Bay House transition meeting 14.00-15.00 3. Brune Park Transition Meeting 16.30-17.30
Friday 19th May	Y3 Sleepover
Monday 22nd May	1. Y4 swimming 2. Y6 swimming
Thursday 25th May	Y5 swimming
Friday 26th May	1. Back up RJS & RIS Coronation picnic date 2. End of half term
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June	HALF TERM

Bay House Build Exhibition

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Bay House build project on Thursday 20 April from 16.00-19.00, in the Marine Centre at Bay House. To accommodate the new build, six buildings, two temporary classrooms and numerous stores and containers will be demolished, including various outbuildings and bin stores in front of Bay House; and they will be replaced with three new buildings, to allow for an enhanced landscape and more space for recreation. The new building will join up with existing retained buildings to provide a much more accessible school and college Environment. It is a very exciting project!



Catering Costs

CATERING COSTS will be increasing on the 1 April by 15p - each school meal will cost £2.65. The costs will increase again from 1 September to £2.80. The GFM have tried to keep the costs to £2.50 but can no longer sustain this. H3CS have been charging £2.80 since October last year - we are pleased to have kept costs as low as possible for the time that we have.

Coronation of King Charles

Planning is well underway for the Coronation of King Charles and we are set to celebrate with Rowner Infant School on **Friday 5 May**. Please send your child to school in red, white and blue clothing (there will be no PE on this day). You may like to send them to school with a tiara or crown - bought or homemade.

The afternoon's celebrations will include a shared picnic lunch, a musical ensemble of music from the coronation official playlist, but most importantly an opportunity to commemorate the King's Coronation by coming together as a community.

Whilst each school will be providing a picnic lunch for the children, families are requested to bring in their own picnics for both themselves and/or any children that do not wish to partake in the picnic lunch provided by school. If your child attends Rowner Junior School you will receive a Google Form to indicate what your child would like to eat.

Families are invited to arrive at Rowner Junior school from 12.15. Children from the junior school will be on the playground, where they can be collected from their teacher before collecting your infant school child (if applicable). The picnic will then take place on the field between both sites. The event will run **until 14.00** when you will be able to take your child home. To help ease this process, children will return to class at 13.45 to be registered and can then be collected by their parents from their class.

If the weather prevents this event taking place, then we have scheduled an **alternative day on Friday 26th May**.

Dance Live! Finals

On Tuesday 7th March, Rowner Junior School performed in their heats at Dance Live! After months of rehearsals, hard work and a fantastic performance we came second in the heats. Because of our placing in the top two, we will be returning to Portsmouth Guildhall for the finals on Thursday 27th April.

Rehearsals continue in earnest and we are so proud of all of the children that took part. They were amazing representatives and we know that you will join us all in wishing them all of the very best of luck in the finals.

To support the extra costs for Dance Live! Friday 21st April will be a non-uniform day for a donation of up to £1. We will also be holding a cake/bake sale, **donations appreciated (nut free please)** for 50p per item. These will be sold at the end of the school day on the playground, if weather is bad they will be sold from the Enchanted Forest.

Groundforce Day

A massive thank you to everyone who attended our first Groundforce Day of 2023. Our school grounds are looking very tidy thanks to all your hard work. It was great to see Rowner buzzing with activity and enthusiasm. We will be hosting another Ground Force Day this term - date to follow.

Internet safety

As a school we take the safety of our pupils very seriously including their safety while they access the internet. E-Safety is taught in each year group at an appropriate level and this approach to e-safety spreads to the home online environment too.

We recognise that the internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online.

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities, however communication between yourselves and your child is key in keeping your child safe online. Some simple actions can help to keep your child safe. For example:

- monitor the time they are spending online
- regularly check what they are viewing
- Have the computer/use devices in a communal area where it is easier to monitor what your children are viewing. Do not let children have webcams, or similar, in their bedroom. Remember any image, sound or text can be copied and viewed by everyone.
- Regularly discuss online safety and go online with your child. Communication is key to 'staying safe online'. Encourage your children to tell you if they feel uncomfortable, upset or threatened by anything they see online.
- Keep virus and firewall software up to date. Enable your 'browser safe' search option and/ or consider using internet filtering software, walled gardens and child-friendly search engines. Critically view all content as some websites are not what they appear.

We have also committed to monthly parent newsletters to support you in navigating online safety.

Helpful websites:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s>

For a parental guide to apps, including gaming apps and social media apps look at the following link as well as other general information on keeping safe online:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/>

Swimming

Year group	Swimming schedule day
Year 4 Second PE session - Friday	Monday 24th April, Monday 15th May, Monday 22nd May,
Year 5 Second PE session - Wednesday	Thursday 20th April, Thursday 27th April (if your child is taking part in Dance Live, they will not take part in swimming on this day) , Thursday 4th May, Thursday 18th May, Thursday 25th May
Year 6 Second PE day - Thursday	Monday 22nd May, Monday 5th June, Monday 12th June, Monday 19th June, Monday 26th June, Monday 3rd July

Our swimming programme begins after the Easter holiday. Please see the table above for your child's swimming schedule. This will form part of the PE curriculum for the summer term and will take place at Brune Park school. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and therefore **all** children are expected to take part.

Children need to have the appropriate swimwear, **not beachwear**, boy's trunks should be above the knee in length and girls must wear a one piece swimming costume. Goggles are permitted if your child would prefer to wear them. Long hair needs to be tied back and we encourage jewellery to be left at home – no earrings please on the days when they are swimming. We encourage children to wear swimming caps. Children will also need to

bring a towel and waterproof bag to bring their kit into school. If children wear their swimming costumes to school as it is a morning session, please ensure they have underwear to change into. All swimming kit and school uniform needs to be named.

Year 6 SATs

SATs have been scheduled for Year 6 by the government this year commencing the week beginning 8th May, however with the bank holiday on Monday 8th May, the assessments will now run from Tuesday to Friday.

The school is committed to ensuring pupils make progress throughout their learning journey at Rowner and can account for this accordingly. We will share attainment information with Y6 parents/carers in our annual reports (July) and liaise closely with secondary schools to inform them about Year 6 respectively.

More information about SATs and how parents can support them will appear in the May newsletter, however please see an overview of the week below.

Date	Test
Tuesday 9 May 2022	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Wednesday 10 May 2022	English Reading
Thursday 11 May 2022	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Friday 12 May 2022	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

You said / we did

A number of parents have been asking us about transition for their children in Year 6

Transition is a major event not only for a young person but also for the family members that support their child. It is therefore our aim to ensure that the transition journey is enjoyable, informative and exciting. A move to a new school and organisation is a significant time for any family. For some, transition will be an exciting time. For others, this will be a time of nervousness.

Our transition process is already well underway with our Year 6 pupils having been informed of their secondary school allocation and those children in Y2 having also been informed of their new junior school.

Our Year 6, as always, are well supported in the next stage of their journey - whether they are staying as part of the GFM in our 'school family' or attending other local secondary schools. Transition conversations have already started with our secondary colleagues and will continue to happen over the coming months.

Across our GFM schools, colleagues from Brune Park and Bay House are in school regularly to see what we do in the Primary Phase, this is from both an academic and personal and social perspective, so that they have a clear understanding of the whole child.

Our Year 2s will receive a warm welcome and opportunities to learn more about us, our approach and have opportunities to preview KS2 learning. For those transitioning to a new year group, there will be opportunities to meet the new teacher and learn a little about what life will be like in the new year groups. Your child's new teacher will be shared with you in their end of year report.

We will provide more information on transition in the coming months for Year 6, 3 and the rest of the school.