



Rowner Junior School

Newsletter 9 - June 2023

Well done to **Kyra** in her recent dance competition where she came away with two silver medals. A number of our children have taken part in karate gradings this month, so congratulations to the following: **Stephen, Harley and Cody**. It has been a pleasure seeing your improvements in this sport over the years. A big shout out to **Ollie D's grandparents** who have very kindly donated some money to the Dance Live team for next year's performance (yes, Mrs Knoll and the team have put in their application and ideas are already brewing!) Thank you so much for your support and generosity.

DATES FOR April: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change	
PE/outdoor learning days - PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DAYS FOR PE	
Year 3 - Miss Dymond and Miss Finn	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Wednesday and Friday
Year 4 - Miss Pollitt and Miss Winzar	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Monday and Friday .
Year 5 - Mr Corlett and Miss Daly	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 6 - Mrs Southern and Mrs Walton	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; Thursday Year 6 will also be doing swimming lessons on a Monday this half term . Please see information below about these days.
Key dates for June	
Monday 5th June	1. Return to school 2. Year 6 swimming
Tuesday 6th June	Indian Dance Workshop for Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 7th June	St Mary's Church assembly
Thursday 8th June	Year 5 Spinnaker Trip sleepover
Friday 9th June	Additional transition session for specific pupils attending Bay House (not all pupils)
Monday 12th June	Year 6 swimming
Friday 16th June	Additional transition session for specific pupils attending Brune Park (not all pupils)
Monday 19th June	1. Year 6 swimming 2. Year 4 Beach visit

Tuesday 20th June	Lego League Showcase morning
Thursday 22nd June	Hampshire Sports G Festival at Winchester (you will receive more details if your child is chosen)
Friday 23rd June	Additional transition session for specific pupils attending Bay House (not all pupils)
Monday 26th June	Y6 swimming
Tuesday 27th June	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baycroft transition day 2. Y2 Parent meeting in the hall 14.30 -15.30
Thursday 29th June	Cams Hill Transition day
Friday 30th June	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional transition session for specific pupils attending Brune Park (not all pupils) 2. Cams Hill Transition day 3. RJS Summer Fayre - times to be confirmed.
Upcoming dates for July (<i>Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter</i>)	
Monday 3rd July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y6 swimming 2. Redwood Transition at St Mary's 3. Y2/3 Transition breaktime
Tuesday 4th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y2/3 Transition breaktime & Afternoon Taster session 2. Sycamore Transition at St Mary's 3. RJS Sports Morning (more details to follow)
Wednesday 5th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y6 Alver Valley walk 2. Y2/3 Transition breaktime 3. Autism Hampshire meeting 13.30 - 14.30
Thursday 6th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RJS Whole School Day out 2. Baycroft Transition 3. Autism support group 13.00 - 15.00
Friday 7th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Y3 Beach day 2. Y6 Hunger Games Day 3. Y2/3 Transition breaktime
Tuesday 11th July	Cat Protection League visiting Y3
Wednesday 12th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report's home to parents 2. Book Fair
Thursday 13th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RJS Transition day (Y2 to join RJS and children moving to new class in school) 2. Bay House and Brune Park Transition days 3. Baycroft Transition 4. Book Fair
Friday 14th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bay House and Brune Park Transition days 2. Book Fair
Monday 17th July	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year 6 Fort Purbrook 2. Book Fair
Tuesday 18th July	Year 6 camp over
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 picnic

Thursday 20th July	1. Y6 Leaver assembly 2. END OF TERM
Friday 21st July	INSET DAY

Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Our attendance for the year is currently **94%** which is in line with the national average. Following on from our recent Ofsted and the Department of Education's drive on improving attendance, attendance remains a high priority at Rowner Junior School.

We pride ourselves on working alongside our parents/carers in ensuring that their child(ren) attends school regularly, but understand that sometimes there may be barriers to this. The protocols that the school follows for non-attendance are there to be as supportive as possible. Our intention is to identify and address the challenges that are resulting in the poor attendance.

As part of our attendance protocols we do the following:

- Keep parents/carers updated on attendance via letters, newsletters and our websites
- Report to parents/carers on how their child is achieving in school and how their child's attendance is impacting on this
- Monitor individual learner attendance
- The Pastoral Team will make contact with parents to offer support and advice regarding attendance. This might be if your child's attendance is below 90% and they are absent or if there are issues around the child not attending school.
- Review attendance on a regular basis and identify any learner falling below 90%. If your child's attendance is below 90%, we identify, monitor and review trends and patterns in attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 90% you will be notified of this in a letter. In most cases, we will monitor this, however in some cases you might be invited in for a meeting to complete an attendance plan. In an attendance plan we will look at what the barriers to school are from the school's parents and pupils perspective and draw an action plan to amend this. This will be reviewed regularly.

We hope that the supportive process above will lead to improved attendance. However if the poor attendance continues then a referral will be made to the Legal Intervention Team, who will work with families on overcoming the barriers to their child's poor attendance.

Christmas (yes, you read that correctly)

We know, we have not even had our summer holidays but we are already thinking about Christmas! In the past couple of years we have used a company that turns your child's festive drawing into cards, wrapping paper and a range of gifts. Whilst we will not be completing this until **September/October**, we wanted to take this opportunity to give you a rough guide on costs for these items so that families can plan ahead. Please note these prices are subject to change.

A6 12 cards	£5.00
A6 24 cards	£9.00
A6 36 cards	£12.00
A6 postcards x 16	£3.00
Sticky gift labels x 20	£3.00
Wrapping paper x 6 sheets	£5.00
Value pack - 12 cards, 6 sheets of wrap, 20 labels & 16	£13.00

postcards	
Fridge magnet	£2.50
Keyring	£2.50
Chocolate bar	£3.50
Notebook	£4.50

For your information:

Designs created and sent home to parents by: Friday 29th September

Parents return forms & payment to school: Friday 6th October

Coronation Picnic

A big thank you to you all for joining our joint Coronation celebration with the infant school. Despite the threat of impending rain, we went ahead and we are so glad that we did! The laughter, the dancing ensemble, the smiles, the music... so many special memories were made that day. It reflected what an amazing community we are and what we can achieve when we come together. Both the infant and junior school are keen to have further shared events, so please watch this space!



CALENDAR/INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023	Spring Term 2024	Summer Term 2024
<p>Start: Friday 1 September (Inset Day)</p> <p>Finish: Friday 15 December</p> <p>Half term: 23 – 27 October</p>	<p>Start: Tuesday 2 January</p> <p>Finish: Friday 28 March</p> <p>Half term: 12 – 16 February</p>	<p>Start: Monday 15 April</p> <p>Finish: Tuesday 23 July (Inset days 22 & 23 July)</p> <p>Half term: 28 May – 31 May</p>

Nb Y3, Y7 and Lower Sixth GFM learners will return to school Monday 4 September as part of their transition. Whole school to return to GFM sites on Tuesday 5 September 2023

The following days are the INSET days for the academic year 2023-24

- Friday 1 September 2023
- Monday 30 October 2023
- Friday 9 February 2024
- Monday 22 July 2024
- Tuesday 23 July 2024

Expectations on school site

As a school, we have a responsibility to keep our pupils, staff and community safe, especially whilst on the school site and we work hard to develop strong relationships with our children and their families. We expect adult behaviours to model; kindness, care and high challenge, and place high value on mutually respectful, supportive relationships. This is done in partnership with staff, with pupils and families to advocate positive behaviours.

To support this, parents have a responsibility to support the school's vision, aims, values and maintain a respectful and responsible manner whilst on the school site to all pupils/parents/visitors and staff.

Can we also remind you of the following:

- The junior **school site is not open until 8.40** and there should be **no pupils or parents on the school site until that time**;
- Whilst on both the junior and infant sites, you are **responsible** for your child and should be **supervising** them accordingly at both the start and end of the day;
- On the **infant site**, children are **not to play in the learning areas** e.g. reception forest school, play area etc;
- If children play on the **junior gym area**, they must be **supervised by their adult**;
- Bikes and scooters should be walked whilst on school site (*a reminder that these should also be locked*);
- Families should aim to leave the school sites as soon as possible.

Both the RIS and RJStears thank you for your cooperation with this.

Friends of Rowner - Whole school day trip and Summer Fayre

On **Thursday 6th July**, the Friends of Rowner will be taking the whole school on a day trip to **Moors Valley Country Park**. The funds that they have raised throughout the year will be used to cover the cost of the trip.

More information will be shared with you all in the coming weeks, but we would like to extend our thanks to those current members of the Friends of Rowner who, without their support, would not enable events like this to take place.

As we move into the new academic year, we are keen to recruit new members. If you are interested in joining us, please make contact via enquiries@rowner.gfmat.org In order to get more of you to join the Friends of Rowner, we are looking to have some meetings after school hours and are keen to gauge the best time for these to take place.

For those members of the Friends of Rowner that are moving on, we would like to thank you for all of the support and fund raising that you have done over the years. It really is appreciated.

In June we are hoping to hold a summer fayre. We are looking for people within our community who would like to have a stall. If you are a crafter or maker and would like a table during our event on Friday 30th 2-4pm, please email Deb Sewell using the following email address: dsewell@gfmat.org. Tables will be charged at £10 each and evidence of liability insurance will need to be seen. More details regarding the fayre will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

Multiplication Tables Check - Year 4

After half term, year 4 will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Checks (MTC). The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

The checks are due to take place from Monday 5th June to Friday 16th June. All children will take part in these assessments and the results will be shared with parents in the end of year reports.

The year 4 children have been practising and working towards this throughout the year and we know that they will all try their very best!

Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Harding and Mrs Scott to the RJS teaching team. Whilst they will be officially joining us in September, they will be visiting us on the transition day on Thursday 14th July where they will be spending time with their new class. A reminder that children will find out new classes in the end of year report on Wednesday 12th July.

We are also thrilled to share some exciting news, whereupon our RJS team will soon be joined by some 'mini' members as Mrs Baker Le-Cras and Miss Woods are due to give birth towards the latter part of the year.

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform includes:

- Maroon jumper/cardigan/ (ideally with school logo) with a maroon or white polo type shirt with a collar.
- **For boys:** Grey or black trousers or shorts and short white, grey or black socks.
- **For girls:** Grey or black trousers, shorts or culottes or **dark red** gingham dresses, or playsuits or gingham blouse and skirt to be worn as a two piece, long or short white, grey or black socks.
- Sensible black shoes (**no trainers** unless all black and shoe like) or sensible/supportive black or white sandals (these must have a back on them) and trainers for PE days.
- Light weight sensible coat.

Our PE kit includes:

- Plain black shorts or cycling shorts – no logos
- Plain white round neck t-shirt
- Maroon jumper/cardigan (ideally with school logo) zipped baseball sports jacket with Team Rowner lettering on the back
- Socks (barefoot for indoor PE)
- Trainers
- Tracksuit bottoms or leggings in black (no text or logos) for winter months
- Black base layers

Our school uniform expectations can be found on our website <https://rowner.gfmat.org/for-parents/school-uniform-2/>
A reminder that **make-up, fake nails etc should not be worn in school** and that our policy surrounding jewellery is:

Jewellery: Children should not wear any jewellery (with the exception of watches) apart from a single or pair of **stud earrings** in pierced ears. The school cannot accept any responsibility or liability for mislaid personal jewellery. To help keep your child safe, earrings need to be removed for PE lessons. We suggest they are not worn at all on PE days.

Sun Safety



We are looking forward to the sun shining and children thoroughly enjoying being outside. To help keep them safe in the sun, please remember sun safety messages: 'slip, slop, slap'. Sun safety experts recommend:

- **Slip** on sun protective, pale clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
- **Slop** on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, at least 20 minutes before sun exposure.
- **Slap** on a sun hat that shades your face, neck and ears. We do not mind what colour this is.

We have been made aware that some Nivea sun creams now contain almond oil and we do have some pupils in school with nut allergies - please bear this in mind when applying sunscreen for school - thank you.

Swimming

Year 6
Second PE day - Thursday

Monday 5th June, Monday 12th June, Monday 19th June, Monday 26th June, Monday 3rd July,

Our swimming programme is well under way. 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.

Wishing You Happy Half-term

We do wish you all a relaxing and safe half term. The weather is set to be fine. Although it has been a short one, we have had a busy half-term and recognise that Team Rowner, big and small, need some rest.