Rownhams St John's CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th October 2026



Blossoms, Blizzards and Browsers!

This week on the blog: Nature, Designing, 'Ice Bear' & Online Safety!'

It has been another exciting week of learning across the school! Our Year R children enjoyed exploring nature on a walk around the school grounds, hugging trees and spotting birds and flowers. Year 1/2 became designers and engineers, creating and testing their own sliding mechanisms, evaluating their work and making improvements. Meanwhile, Year 3/4 explored the fascinating world of polar bears through *Ice Bear* by Nicola Davies, creating colourful mind maps about Arctic habitats, adaptations and the author's use of language. Year 5/6 focused on online safety, learning about internet trolls and the impact of unkind behaviour online. They designed informative websites to help others stay safe and respond confidently to upsetting online experiences. What a fantastic week of curiosity, creativity and discovery! For pictures and more click here to view our blog webpage.

Our Bible Verse this week:

'Now, in Christ, there is no difference between Jew and Greek. There is no difference between slaves and free men. There is no difference between male and female. You are all the same in Christ Jesus.' Galatians 3:28

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IMPORTANT DATES 2026-2027

(click here for Hampshire Term dates)

Event	Date/Time	Who for
Autumn Term	**Tuesday 1st September - Friday 18th December 2026**	**Whole School**
WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH!	October	Whole School
Harvest Church Service	Tuesday 20th October 2026	Whole School
DT Open Afternoon	Tuesday 20th October 2026 2.30	Year 5/6
No Guitar Lessons	Wednesday 21st October	Guitar Students
Paultons Park **Sign-up open on Arbor. More details here**	Wednesday 21st October 2026	Year 5/6
INSET DAYS	**Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd October**	**Whole School**
Autumn Half-Term	**Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026**	**Whole School**
Progress Celebrations	Y1/2 Tuesday 3rd November Y3/4 & Y5/6 Wednesday 4th November YR Thursday 5th November	SEND Pupils
Book Fair in School **More details to follow**	Wednesday 4th - Monday 9th November 2026	Whole School
Parent Consultations **More details to follow**	Monday 9th November 2026 Thursday 12th November 2026	Whole School
RSA (PTA) AGM	**Monday 9th November 2026 7pm**	**Parents/Carers**
Flu Immunisations **See poster below**	Thursday 12th November 2026	Whole School
YR Open Morning **For pupils starting September 2027**	Friday 13th November 10 am Tuesday 24th November 10am Wednesday 25th November 10 am Thursday 3rd December 10 am	New Starters
No Taekwondo	Friday 27th November	Select Students
Year 6 SATs Information Evening	Tuesday 1st December 5 pm	Year 6
Christingle Church Service	Tuesday 8th December 2026	Whole School
Keyboard Concert	Tuesday 8th December 2026 2.30-3 pm	Hazel & Aspen
Nativity **More details to follow**	Wednesday 9th December 2026 2-3 pm	Year 2

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Nativity **More details to follow**	Thursday 10th December 2026 9.15-10.15	Year 2
Nativity Songs	Thursday 10th December 2026 3.15 pm	Year 1/2
Romans Workshop at Sea City Museum **More details to follow**	Monday 14th December 2026	Year 3/4
Carols Around the Tree	Tuesday 15th December 2026 3.15 pm	Whole School
No Guitar Lessons	Wednesday 16th December 2026	Guitar Pupils
School Christmas Lunch & Jumpers! **Please order via Swift Kitchen**	Wednesday 16th December 2026	Whole School
RSA (PTA) School Disco	**Wednesday 16th December 2026 Year R 2.15-3.00 pm KS1 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 4.30-5.30 pm**	**Whole School**
No Taekwondo	Friday 18th December	Select Students
Last Day of Term - 1.15pm finish	**Friday 18th December 2026**	**Whole School**
Christmas Holidays	**Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027**	**Whole School**
Spring Term	**Monday 4th January - Thursday 25th March 2027**	**Whole School**
Year 6 Height & Weight	Wednesday 20th January 2027	Year 6
First Day of Spring Term	Monday 4th January 2027	Whole School
Titanic Sea City Museum Workshop **More details here**	Tuesday 26th January 2027	Year 1/2
Year R Height & Weight	Wednesday 27th January 2027	Year R
'Love' Day	Friday 12th February 2027	Whole School
Year R Height & Weight	Wednesday 24th February 2027	Year R
Spring Half-Term	**Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027**	**Whole School**
INSET DAY	**Monday 22nd February 2027**	**Whole School**
Prime VR Day	Wednesday 10th March 2027	Y3-Y6

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RSA (PTA) School Disco	**Thursday 11th March 20267 Year R 2.15-3.00 pm KS1 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 4.30-5.30 pm**	**Whole School**
Musical Theatre Performances	Saturday 13th March 2027	Whole School
Parent Consultations **More details to follow**	Monday 15th March 2027 Thursday 18th March 2027	Whole School
Rock Your Socks - Down Syndrome Awareness **More details to follow**	Friday 19th March 2027	Whole School
Easter Holiday	**Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027**	**Whole School**
Summer Term	**Monday 12th April - Wednesday 21st July 2027**	**Whole School**
Year 6 SATs Week	Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May 2027	Year 6
Year R Height & Weight	Wednesday 21st April 2027	Year R
Bikeability **More details to follow**	Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th May 2027	Year 6
Sir Harold Hillier Gardens Trip **More details here**	Tuesday 25th May 2027	Year 1/2
'Joy' Day	Thursday 27th May 2027	Whole School
INSET DAY	**Friday 28th May 2027**	**Whole School**
Summer Half-Term	**Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027**	**Whole School**
'Growing & Changing' Week	Monday 7th June - Friday 11th June 2027	Whole School
Class & Leavers Photos	Tuesday 8th June 2027	Whole School
Swimming Lessons	Monday 14th - Friday 18th June 2027	Year 4
Year R Height & Weight	Wednesday 16th June 2027	Year R
Minstead Residential Trip **More details here**	Monday 21st - Friday 25th June 2027	Year 4

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Transition Day	Wednesday 7th July 2027	Whole School
RSA (PTA) School Disco	**Wednesday 8th July 2027 Year R 2.15-3.00 pm KS1 3.15-4.15 pm KS2 4.30-5.30 pm**	**Whole School**
PGL Residential Trip	Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th July	Year 6
Year 6 Leavers Service	Tuesday 20th July	Year 6
Last Day of Term - 1.15pm finish	**Wednesday 21st July 2027**	**Whole School**
Summer Holiday	**Thursday 22nd July - Tuesday 31st August 2027**	**Whole School**

Sports Events for the Autumn Term

Date & Time	Event	Year
Friday 6 November **1:30-4pm @ MB**	Tag Rugby Festival	Year 3/4 & 5/6
Friday 13 November **1:30-4pm @ MB**	Girls Football Competition	Year 5/6
Friday 20 November **1:30-4pm @ MB**	Multi Skills Festival	Year 1/2
Friday 27 Nov **1:30-4pm @ Romsey Sec. School**	Hockey Festival	Year 5/6
Friday 4 Dec, **1:30-4pm @ Romsey Sec. School**	Basketball Competition	Year 5/6

Reading Challenge

The winners for this week are:

Team 5/6	Elder
Team 3/4	Rowan
Team 1/2	Cedar



School Safety Reminders

As we raise awareness of Benedict's Law, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that **we are a nut-free school**.

To help keep all our children safe, particularly those with severe allergies, we kindly ask that no nuts or products containing nuts are brought into school, including in lunchboxes, snacks and treats.

Additionally, please remember to **leave space for others** to pass and move away from entrances particularly around tight spaces such as Cedar and Aspen drop area after dropping off or collecting your children. With the wet weather, please also **take extra care when using umbrellas around children**. Thank you for helping keep our school entrance safe and accessible for everyone!

Road Safety – Supporting Safer Choices



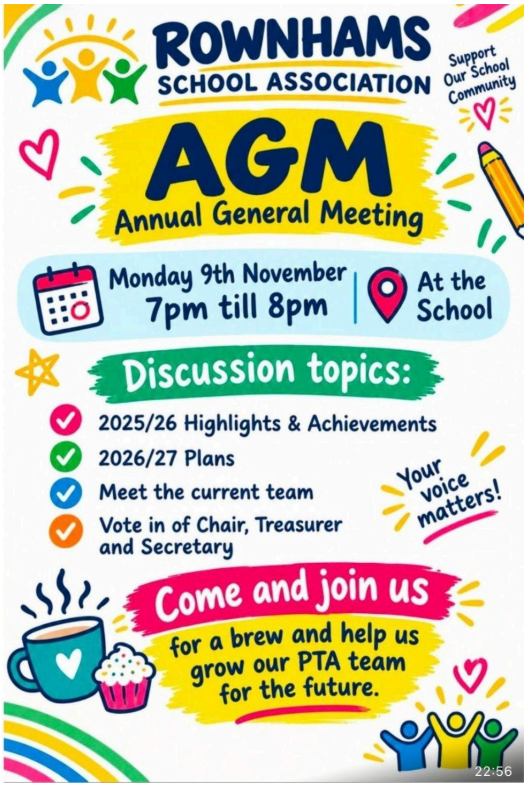
Our Road Safety Team is promoting a free lunchtime webinar for parents and carers during **Brake's Road Safety Week in November**. The webinar aims to help families set a positive example and encourage children to make safer choices when walking, cycling and travelling by car, both now and in the future.

For more information, please see the leaflet below:

Modelling Road Safety Behaviour – Parent/Carer Leaflet

We encourage all families to take a look and make use of this helpful resource.

Get Involved with Rownhams School Association - Our PTA!



There are lots of exciting things happening with our PTA this year! Keep an eye out for our upcoming events and find out how you can get involved in supporting our school community.

Our AGM is coming up soon, and we'd love to welcome new faces. Whether you can help regularly or just lend a hand when you can, every bit of support makes a difference.

Want to know what's happening with our PTA? Follow us on social media to keep up to date with upcoming events, fundraising activities, school community news and ways you can get involved.

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School Age Immunisation Service - Parent Newsletter

Annual Flu Vaccination Programme

All children are eligible to receive the flu vaccine. Parents and carers are sent a link to the online consent form between September and November, ahead of the school vaccination session.

The vaccine is usually given as a nasal spray. For children who cannot have the nasal spray due to medical or religious reasons, a porcine-free injectable vaccine is available. Details about how to request this are included on the electronic consent form.

Why should I get my child vaccinated? Flu is a highly infectious illness that children can catch and spread easily. For many children, flu can be very unpleasant and may lead to complications such as ear infections, bronchitis, or pneumonia. In some cases, it can result in serious illness requiring hospital treatment.

Vaccinating your child not only helps protect them from flu but also reduces the spread of the virus to others who may be more vulnerable to serious illness, including babies, pregnant women, older adults, and those with long-term health conditions.

What if my child misses their school vaccination session? If you provide consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine and they are absent on the day of the school session, you will automatically receive an email inviting you to book an appointment at a local community clinic, ensuring your child still has the opportunity to be vaccinated.

It's not too late to complete the consent form. Even if your child's school vaccination session has already taken place, submitting a form now will allow you to book an appointment at a local community clinic.

For contact details and further information about the School Aged Immunisation Service and the vaccination programmes offered, please visit:

https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/collections/school-age-immunisation-service/

School Age Immunisation Service

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Your child's Flu vaccine is due



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have. (A porcine free injection is available)
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare.

The Immunisation team will be in the school on

Thursday

12th November

Scan the QR code to complete a flu consent form
(even if you wish to opt out)

School Code

SH116311

For more information, visit our website:
www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

Local events and information:

Next Week at Re:Minds

19th-23rd October

Drop in

10.30am · Tuesday 20th October

CAMHS Autism Advice Clinic

Short, private advice appointments for parents and carers who are concerned about their child's mental health including where autism may be contributing to their needs.

Book a 10 minute virtual session with an experienced CAMHS clinician to talk through concerns about your child's behaviour, attention or day-to-day challenges at home or school. You'll come away with practical advice and guidance to help you better understand and support your child.

Book your slot: info@reminds.org.uk

Please check our Facebook events page for any changes, or visit our website to find out more information about our advice clinics and support groups.

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This Week at Re:Minds

12th-16th October

Book ahead

10am · Monday 12th October

CAMHS ADHD Advice Clinic

A private 10-minute virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about support for your child's mental health including where ADHD may be contributing to their needs.

Book your slot: info@reminds.org.uk

Drop in

10am–12pm · Monday 12th October

Northam Support Group

A safe, welcoming space to connect with other parents and carers who share similar experiences. Held at Northam Community Centre, Kent Street, Northam, Southampton

No booking needed - just drop in

Book ahead

From 12.30pm · Tuesday 13th October

SEND Legal Advice Clinic

A private 30-minute virtual appointment to discuss advice on EHCPs, school issues, appeals and tribunals, provision and placement concerns, and your legal rights.

Book your slot: info@reminds.org.uk

Book ahead

10am · Wednesday 14th October

CAMHS Advice Clinic

A private 10-minute virtual appointment with a CAMHS clinician about any issue covered by the service. Open to all Re:Minds members seeking general advice.

Book your slot: info@reminds.org.uk

Drop in **Millbrook Support Group** **10am–12pm · Friday 16th October**

A safe, welcoming space to connect with other parents and carers who share similar experiences. Held at All Saints Church, Sedbergh Road, Redbridge

No booking needed - just drop in

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FREE October Half Term Stage 1 Swimming Lesson Taster Sessions

Stage 1 lessons throughout October half term

26th October–1st November 2026



NO JOINING FEE

Book onto a taster lesson during half term and get no joining fee

26th October–1st November 2026

Book from 19th October with reception

Starting school in September 2027



If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2027, they can start school in September 2027

Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2026**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027**
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For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Hampshire County Council

hants.gov.uk

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THEMED WORKSHOP

This October Half Term!

A fun, high-energy two-day workshop exploring songs, dances and scenes from a hit show!

THE LIGHTS
ANDOVER
TUESDAY 27TH & WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
9AM – 3PM

ITCHEN COLLEGE
SOUTHAMPTON
THURSDAY 29TH & FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
9AM – 3PM

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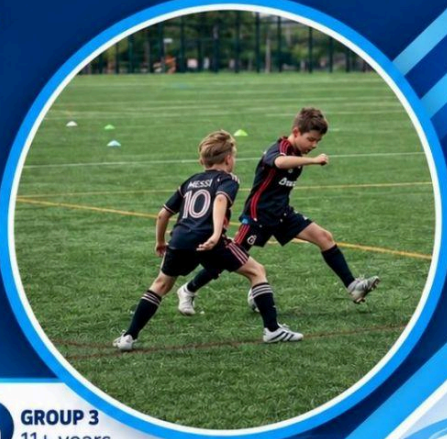
TIMINGS 9:00 - 3:00

ADVANCED TRAINING CENTRE

HIGH INTENSITY TRAINING DAYS TO WORK ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Daily Session Topics

- Receiving & retaining the ball
- Possession & defending
- Attacking & finishing
- Games sessions



DATES:
THURSDAY 29TH AND FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
TIMINGS: 9:00-3:00

GROUP 1 6 - 9 years | **GROUP 2** 10+ years | **GROUP 3** 11+ years

GANGER FARM SPORTS PARK
Ganger Farm Way, Romsey, SO51 0EE

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University of Southampton

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Arts and Humanities Day

Saturday 14th November 2026

10:30 – 16:30, Southampton Cultural Quarter

Free activities, workshops, talks, exhibitions, and live performances.



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