Rownhams St John's CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2026



Small Acts, BIG Impact!

This week on the blog: Harvest, David Attenborough, Persuasive Writing & Rides!

It's been another wonderful week of learning, creativity and community spirit! Team R have explored harvest through beautiful paintings, while Team 1/2 celebrated Responsibility Day, taking inspiration from Sir David Attenborough to discover how we can care for our world. Team 3/4 have developed their persuasive writing skills through *A Tale of Two Beasts*, writing thoughtful letters in character. Team 5/6 combined design, technology and science to create exciting fairground rides, sharing their creations with families before visiting Paultons Park. We also came together for a special Harvest Festival, led beautifully by Year 2, celebrating gratitude, kindness and generosity. Thank you to everyone who donated to Southampton City Mission's Basics Bank. Together, we continue to live our school promise: **Me, my community, our world!** For pictures and more click here to view our blog webpage.

Our Bible Verse this week:

'God is the One who gives seed to the farmer. And he gives bread for food. And God will give you all the seed you need and make it grow. He will make a great harvest from your goodness.' 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

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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**
Autumn Half-Term	**Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026**	**Whole School**
Progress Celebrations **Book through Arbor**	YR & 1/2 Tuesday 3rd November Y3/4 & Y5/6 Wednesday 4th November	SEND Pupils
Book Fair in School **More details to follow**	Wednesday 4th - Monday 9th November 2026	Whole School
Parent Consultations **Book through Arbor**	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
D&T Project **Parent helpers sign up here**	Hazel Class: Monday 7th December 9:00am - 12:15pm Aspen Class: Wednesday 9th December 9:00am - 12:15pm Rowan Class: Thursday 10th December 9:00am - 12:15pm	Year 3/4
Nativity **More details to follow**	Wednesday 9th December 2026 2-3 pm	Year 2
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

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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
Carols by Candlelight **@Rownhams Church**	Tuesday 15th December 2026 6pm	Whole School
No Guitar Lessons	Wednesday 16th December 2026	Guitar Pupils
Winter Warmer	Wednesday 16th December 9.15-10.00 Ash Thursday 17th December 9.15-10.00 Oak	Year R
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**

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Prime VR Day	Wednesday 10th March 2027	Y3-Y6
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	Monday 21st - Friday 25th June 2027	Year 4

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More details here		
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

Please Park Safely and Considerately

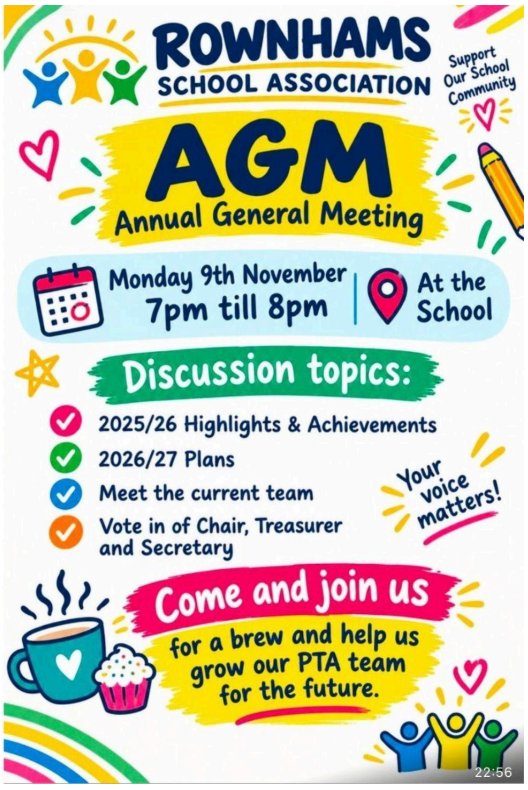
Please remember to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. Follow the Highway Code, keep school entrances and driveways clear, avoid obstructing pavements and be considerate of our neighbours and other road users.

Even a quick stop can create a hazard for children and pedestrians, especially when it's raining! Where possible, please use designated parking areas and allow a little extra time to park safely.

If you witness a parking contravention, you can find out how to report it to Hampshire County Council here: Report a parking contravention

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

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)

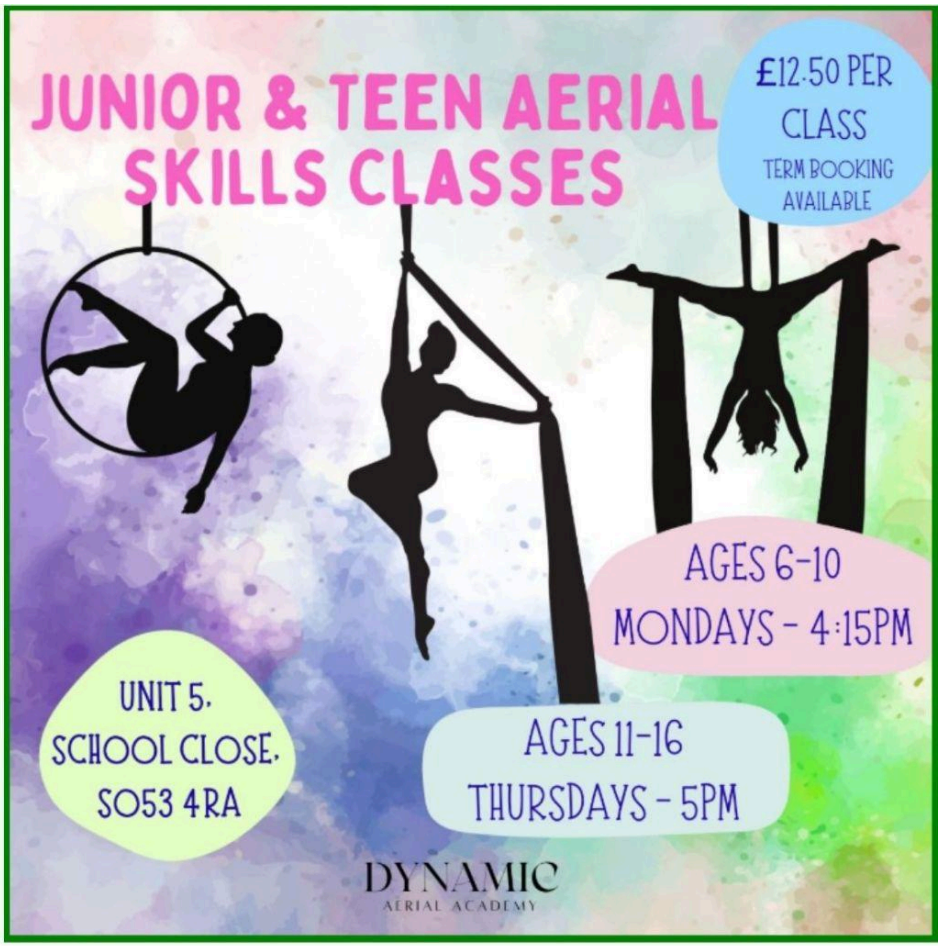
School Code

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

Local events and information:





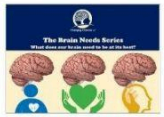
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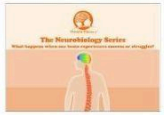
The Empowerment Approach is an innovative, research-based framework, providing children and the adults who care for them with clear, practical tools, resources and strategies for use in everyday life.

Upcoming courses in this series:



Course 1: Brain Needs

This coursepresentsastructureto understand the physical, emotional and cognitive needs we all have to be at our 'Brain Best'. It provides a set of tools to explore our unique needs along with strategies for meeting these well to feel great and do well in school, at home & within the community.



Course 2: Neurobiology

Course 2 aims to help all adults build children's understanding of neurobiology so they can learn what happens when the brain experiences success and struggles, how to manage the stressors of life and how to build resilience & keep going when life gets tough.



Course 3: Brain Skills

InCourse3, we explorethe role of Executive Function Skills in helping people to learn, socialise and live at their best. We look at how difficulties with these skills can hamper success and how to support people to do well, while shining a light on their strengths.



Course 4: Responding in the Moment

Course 4 guides participants through a structure for responding when things go wrong. It teaches the art of de-escalation - the best ways to help someone re-regulate and get back on track.



Course 5: Follow Up - Coaching for Progress

This course explains how to use coaching to help children make secure and sustained progress over time. Using evidence-based techniques, it teaches how to listen, question, share our own concerns, and collaboratively problem-solve.



Course 6: Follow Up - Repair

The final module in the series takes a look at the importance of following up with children to explore any amends needed as a result of unhelpful, antisocial or dangerous words or actions & how to support children in building the skills needed for repair.

GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT MORE

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- Are you looking for ways to help your child build the skills to thrive at home and at school?
- Do you want to better understand what is behind their struggles?
- Would you benefit from a clear structure and practical tools to support them in day-to-day life?
- Do you want to help to empower them to understand how their brain works and communicate their needs effectively?



JOIN OUR ONLINE 'BRAIN NEEDS' COURSE

The first in a series of training courses designed for parents and carers, our evidence-based approach will equip you with the knowledge, skills and practical resources to help your child understand their brain and learn ways to feel great and do well in life.



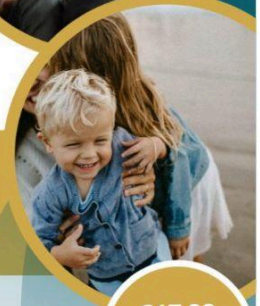
Course includes:



- A set of physical resources to use with your child
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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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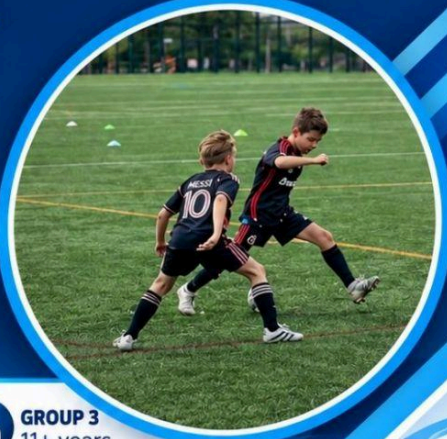
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- Attacking & finishing
- Games sessions



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

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