Rownhams St John's CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2026



Brains, Brushes and Brilliant Ideas!

This week on the blog: Fireworks, Seafaring, 'Matchstick People' and Science!

It's been another busy week across the school, with plenty of exciting learning taking place! Team R have been getting creative, using paints and different materials to make their own colourful firework displays while developing their skills. Team 1/2 travelled back 550 years to explore historic seafaring, discovering how sailors navigated the oceans and comparing ships from the past and present. Team 3/4 took inspiration from artist L.S. Lowry, experimenting with charcoal and chalk to recreate his famous matchstick people. Meanwhile, Team 5/6 became scientists, investigating reversible and irreversible changes by mixing materials with water and exploring how mixtures can be separated. So much curiosity, creativity and discovery across our school! For pictures and more click here to view our blog webpage.

Our Bible Verse this week:

'Do not forget to do good to others. And share with them what you have. These are the sacrifices that please God.' Hebrews 13:6

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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**
Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day **See poster below**	Monday 16th - Friday 20th November Monday 16th November	Whole School
No Keyboard Lessons	Tuesday 17th November	Select Students
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
'Be Bright Be Seen'	Friday 20th November	Whole School
No Taekwondo	Friday 27th November	Select Students
Year 6 SATs Information Evening	Tuesday 1st December 5 pm	Year 6
Last Karate Lesson	Monday 7th December	Select Students
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
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

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No Guitar Lessons	Wednesday 16th December 2026	Guitar Pupils
Winter Warmer (Days have swapped)	Wednesday 16th December 9.15-10.00 Oak Thursday 17th December 9.15-10.00 Ash	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**
First Day of Spring Term	Monday 4th January 2027	Whole School
First Karate Lesson	Monday 11th January	Select Students
Year 6 Height & Weight	Wednesday 20th January 2027	Year 6
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
RSA (PTA) School Disco	**Thursday 11th March 20267 Year R 2.15-3.00 pm KS1 3.15-4.15 pm**	**Whole School**

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Event	Date/Time	Who for
	KS2 4.30-5.30 pm	
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
Transition Day	Wednesday 7th July 2027	Whole School
RSA (PTA) School Disco	**Wednesday 8th July 2027** **Year R 2.15-3.00 pm**	**Whole School**

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	KS1 3.15-4.15 pm **KS2 4.30-5.30 pm**	
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 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



Pageticker - Reading Matters

Reading is one of the most valuable things you can do to support your child's learning at home. Just a little time each day can make a huge difference to their vocabulary, confidence, imagination and progress.

Have you activated your Pageticker account yet?

We have reissued login details to those that haven't, but please remember these have an expiry date, so don't miss out!

Remember, reading comes in all forms:

- Read a book together.
- Enjoy reading aloud to your child – even older children love being read to!
- Listen to audiobooks – these count too!
- Talk about stories, characters and new words.

Every story counts. Every day makes a difference. Happy reading

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Some Health Noticest

Head Lice

We have recently been made aware of a case of head lice in school. Please could we ask all parents and carers to check their children's hair carefully and regularly.

If you do find head lice or eggs, please treat them promptly before your child returns to school. Your cooperation helps us to keep head lice under control and ensures all our children remain comfortable and focused in class.

Threadworm

We have also been made aware of a case of threadworm. Threadworm is very common in young children and easily treated, so there is no need for alarm.

Please be mindful of symptoms such as itching around the bottom, particularly at night, and disturbed sleep. If you suspect your child has threadworm, please seek advice from your local pharmacist.

We would also encourage regular handwashing, keeping fingernails short and clean, and changing underwear daily to help prevent the spread.

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

With the support of

Andy and the Odd Socks

This Anti-Bullying Week we are holding

Odd Socks Day on

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2026

Odd Socks Day

Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#BreakTheSilence

If you're worried about bullying please speak to:

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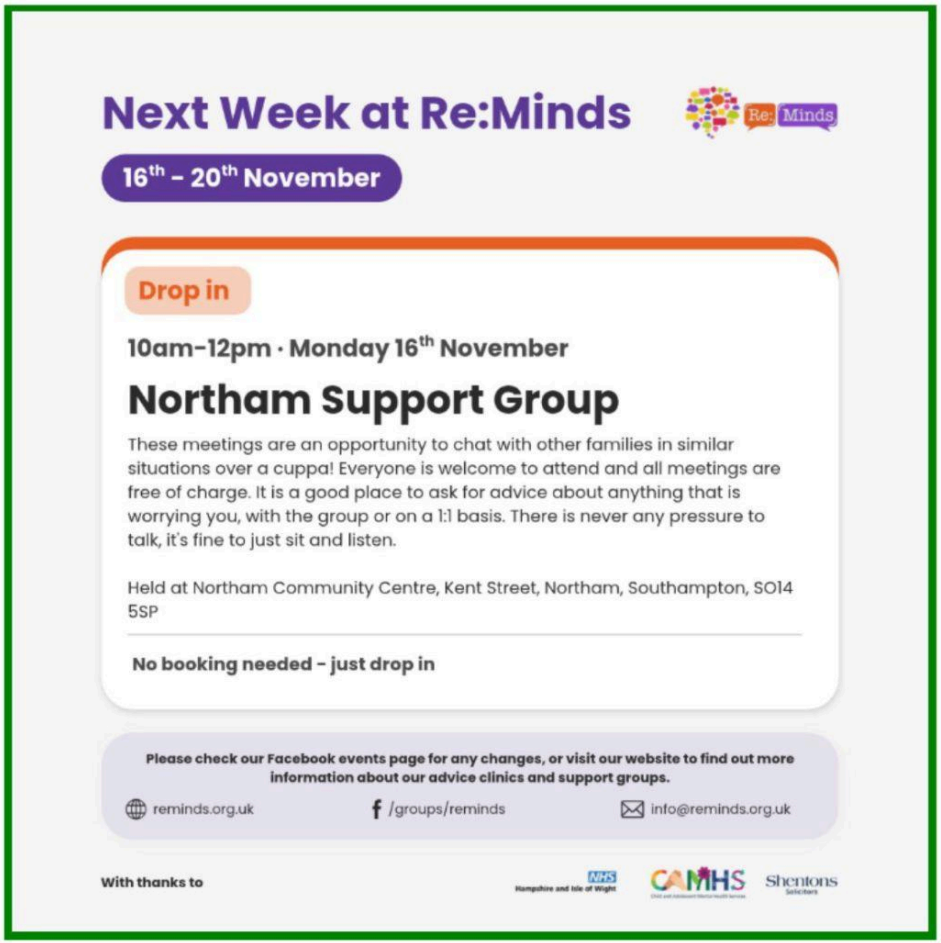
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ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE ORGANISER

Andy and the Odd Socks PARTNER

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Local events and information:



Next Week at Re:Minds

16th – 20th November

Drop in

10am–12pm · Monday 16th November

Northam Support Group

These meetings are an opportunity to chat with other families in similar situations over a cuppa! Everyone is welcome to attend and all meetings are free of charge. It is a good place to ask for advice about anything that is worrying you, with the group or on a 1:1 basis. There is never any pressure to talk, it's fine to just sit and listen.

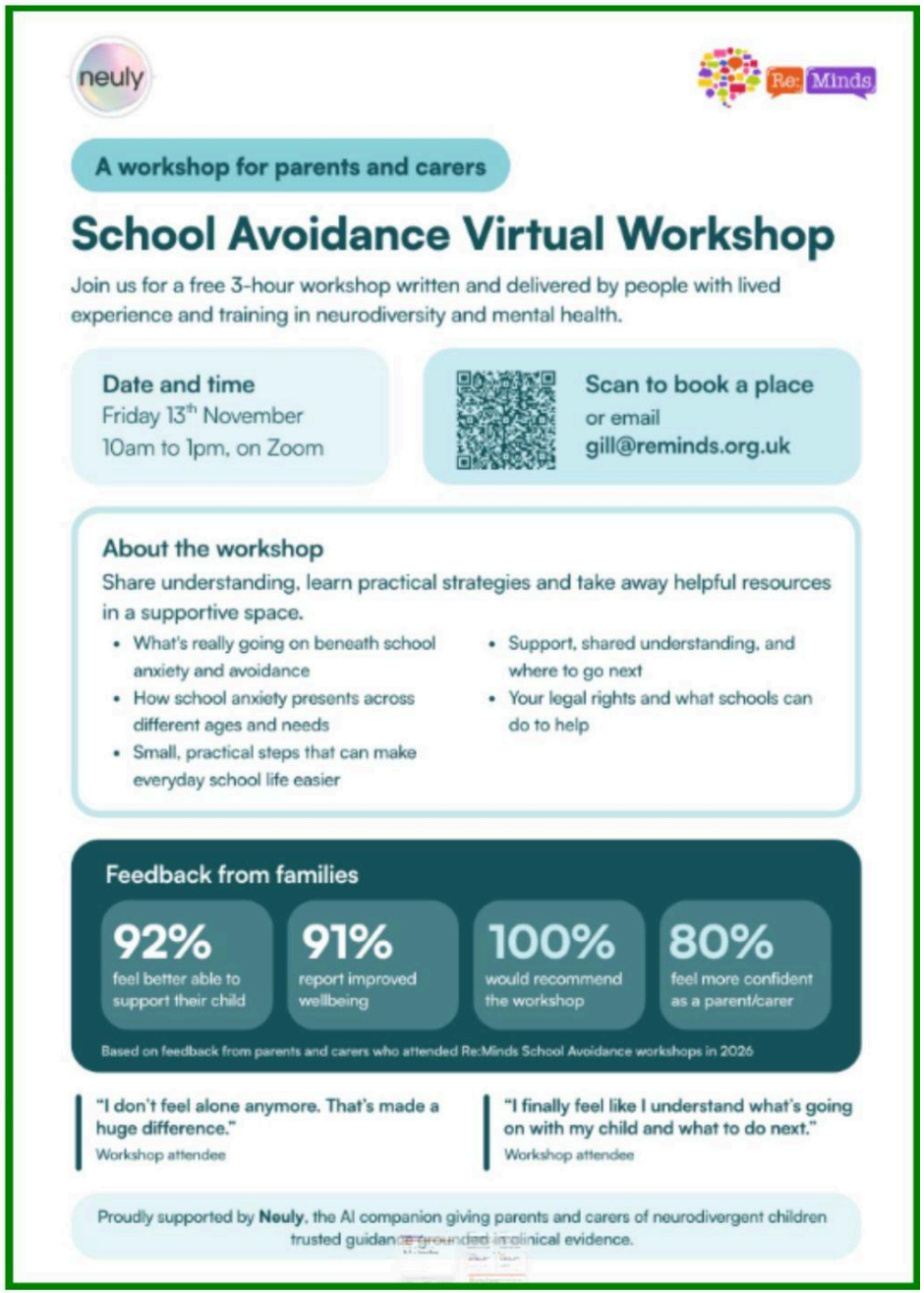
Held at Northam Community Centre, Kent Street, Northam, Southampton, SO14 5SP

No booking needed – just drop in

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.

reminds.org.uk /groups/reminds info@reminds.org.uk

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A workshop for parents and carers

School Avoidance Virtual Workshop

Join us for a free 3-hour workshop written and delivered by people with lived experience and training in neurodiversity and mental health.

Date and time
Friday 13th November
10am to 1pm, on Zoom

Scan to book a place
or email
gill@reminds.org.uk

About the workshop

Share understanding, learn practical strategies and take away helpful resources in a supportive space.

- What's really going on beneath school anxiety and avoidance
- How school anxiety presents across different ages and needs
- Small, practical steps that can make everyday school life easier
- Support, shared understanding, and where to go next
- Your legal rights and what schools can do to help

Feedback from families

92% feel better able to support their child

91% report improved wellbeing

100% would recommend the workshop

80% feel more confident as a parent/carer

Based on feedback from parents and carers who attended Re:Minds School Avoidance workshops in 2026

"I don't feel alone anymore. That's made a huge difference."
Workshop attendee

"I finally feel like I understand what's going on with my child and what to do next."
Workshop attendee

Proudly supported by **Neuly**, the AI companion giving parents and carers of neurodivergent children trusted guidance grounded in clinical evidence.

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OUR VENUES

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5 DAYS

- CUPERNHAM JUNIOR SCHOOL: 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- ANDOVER LEISURE CENTRE: 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- GOSPORT LEISURE CENTRE: 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- CRESCENT PRIMARY SCHOOL: 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- ITCHEN COLLEGE: 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- BEECHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL: 8:30AM - 5:30PM

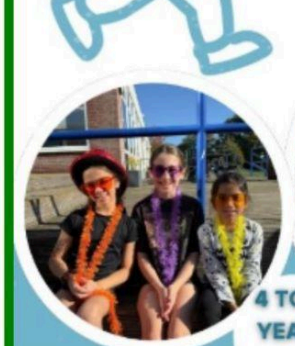
3 DAYS

- HARESTOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL: 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- PAVILION ON THE PARK: 9AM - 3PM
- WINKLEBURY SCHOOL: 9AM - 3PM
- ST PETERS PRIMARY SCHOOL: 8:30AM - 5:30PM
- QE2 RECREATION GROUND: 9AM - 3PM
- TESTWOOD SCHOOL: 8:30AM - 5:30PM

ALL CAMPS ACTIVE FROM DECEMBER 21ST - 23RD WHILE ONLY 5 DAY CAMPS INCLUDE DECEMBER 29TH & 30TH

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