Rownhams St John's CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th November 2026



Bright Ideas, Beautiful Creations!

This week on the blog: Portraits, Impressionism, the Trinity and Big Questions!

It has been another busy and exciting week across the school! Team R have been developing their artistic skills by creating self-portraits. They have been looking carefully at their own features, exploring colours and shapes, and thinking about how to represent themselves through art! Team 1/2 have been exploring Impressionism, taking inspiration from famous French artist Claude Monet. After looking closely at his seaside paintings, the children experimented with colour, light and different brushstrokes. Team 3/4 enjoyed an interactive workshop with Southampton City Mission, exploring the Christian belief in the Trinity through drama, videos and creative activities. They also created wonderful three-panelled artworks. Team 5/6 have been tackling the big question: *Are creation and science contradictory?* They explored different Christian and scientific viewpoints, considered interpretations of Genesis and shared thoughtful ideas, supported by evidence and reasoning! For pictures and more click here to view our blog webpage.

Our Bible Verse this week:

'But the people who trust the Lord will become strong again. They will be able to rise up as an eagle in the sky. They will run without needing rest. They will walk without becoming tired.' Isaiah 40:31

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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**
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
Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day **See poster below**	Monday 16th - Friday 20th November Monday 16th November	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
'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
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

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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 (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**
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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Event	Date/Time	Who for
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 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



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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BREAK THE SILENCE #ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE ORGANISER

Andy and the Odd Socks PARTNER

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A BIG thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who has so generously donated so far. We really appreciate your kindness and support – it's all starting to look fantastic!

We're still on the lookout for a few more donations of:

- Lego / DUPLO
- Plastic dinosaurs
- Plastic animals

If you have any of these items that you'd be happy to donate, we'd be incredibly grateful. Please ensure all items are in like-new condition, with no broken or damaged pieces.

Thank you again for helping us bring everything together!





Southampton City Mission

Ref: Your Food Donations 2026

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for choosing to donate to Southampton City Mission's Food projects this year! We are so grateful for the donations we have received from your school.

SCM Basics Bank exists to meet short term food and clothing needs for anyone and everyone who requires it - free of charge.

All of the food you give us goes to ordinary families and individuals in need in Southampton. Anyone can have a sudden crisis that leaves them in need of a helping hand to get back on their feet. We have fed people 10,243 times and have provided clothes for 881 people already this year.

So a heartfelt THANK YOU for helping people who are struggling in our city!

Many thanks again for your kindness and generosity.

Ben Medway

Dep. Basics Bank Manager

Lost Property

We have introduced a new system for lost property this academic year to make it easier for students to find and reclaim any missing belongings.

Our lost property shed, located by the MUGA, will be open at the end of each school day for students and/or parents to check for missing belongings. Please also ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to help us reunite lost items with their owners.

We are also trying to reunite a student with their changing robe, which was lost at the end of last half term. Please see the photograph and check at home in case it has been picked up by mistake.

Thank you for your support!





Get Involved with Rownhams School Association - Our PTA!



Our AGM is next week, 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:

rownhamsschoolassociation

RownhamsPTA

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NHS Foundation Trust

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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Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

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

9th – 13th November

Book ahead

10am · Monday 9th November

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

Book ahead

From 12.30pm · Tuesday 10th November

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 11th November

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

6pm · Wednesday 11th November

Virtual Support Group

For parents and carers of children who are neurodivergent and/or have mental health needs. Meet others who understand, from the comfort of home.

Zoom link shared in our Facebook group

Drop in **Millbrook Support Group** 10am–12pm · Friday 13th November

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

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

10am Friday 13th November

To book a place, email:

gill@neuly.ai

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%+ confidence, up from 9%

"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

#MBSport

The Mountbatten School
Whitenap Lane
Romsey, SO51 5SY

The Mountbatten PE Faculty invites you to:

A Community Club Links Evening

Thursday 12 November 2026, 6.00pm - 7.30pm
in The Olympic Hall

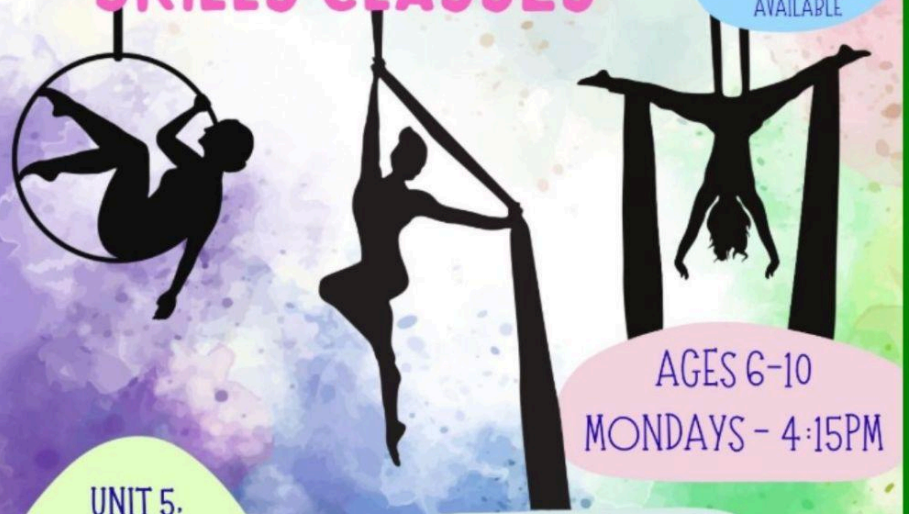
Come and explore the Sports Clubs and Physical Activity opportunities on your doorstep.

For more information, and to help us to keep track of numbers, please complete the Google Form via the QR code.

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AGES 6-10
MONDAYS - 4:15PM

AGES 11-16
THURSDAYS - 5PM

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SO53 4RA

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YOUR SPORTS EDUCATION
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ACTIVITIES
COOKING
CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS FUN!
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB
AT ROMSEY PRIMARY
NORTH POLE
MONDAY 21 DECEMBER TO WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER
8.30AM – 4.30PM
£30 ALL DAY (Mon - Tue)
£17.50 HALF DAY (Mon - Tue)
£35 ALL DAY (Wed Ho-Ho Holiday Spectacular)
AGE Yr1 to Yr8
MONDAY 21 DECEMBER
SANTA'S CRAFT WORKSHOP AND CHRISTMAS WOODLAND CHALLENGE
WOODLAND GAMES
NATURE CHALLENGES
TEAM ACTIVITIES
FESTIVE FUN!
Christmas crafts and decorations, followed by our exciting Christmas Woodland Challenge with nature games, team activities and festive fun!
TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER
ELF TRAINING AND CHRISTMAS BAKING
Take part in our Elf Training challenges and make and decorate delicious festive treats with biscuits, marshmallows and lots of Christmas baking fun!
WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER
HO-HO HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR
Christmas party, inflatables, games, music and a special Christmas picnic to finish the holiday club!
SUITABLE FOR YEARS 1–8
SAFE, FUN AND INCLUSIVE
ALL ACTIVITIES LED BY OUR EXPERIENCED YSE TEAM
Play · Create · Be Active · Make Friends ♡


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
DON'T MISS IT!
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For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/admissions
Hampshire County Council
hants.gov.uk

University of Southampton

Explore human experience

Arts and Humanities Day

Saturday 14th November 2026

10:30 – 16:30, Southampton Cultural Quarter

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



Book your tickets

www.southamptonartshumfest.co.uk

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