



Rowner Junior School

July 2022 newsletter

June has been an exceedingly busy month for celebrating success. Well done **Kyra Wood** and her aerobic gymnastics team in coming 6th in the Heathrow International Competition. **Nathan Wingfield** has been going from strength to strength with his horse riding, where he came fourth in his very first horse riding competition. At the beginning of June, **Ollie Doel** not only passed his ballet exam, but also achieved an honours. Jackson Fogwill participated in a Jiu-Jitsu competition where he won gold. Some of our children took part in a tennis tournament at Alverstoke Tennis Club where they did amazingly well, with one of the children being offered a scholarship for training in the sport. Four of our year six children became **radio stars** on Radio Solent where they provided clues for a number of famous people. Our **Lego League club** represented RJS at the UTC in Portsmouth where they were awarded 'The Best Ideas Award for models, concepts and poster' - absolutely amazing achievement. And finally, some of our learners across the school represented our school at the **Winchester Commonwealth Games Festival**. It was absolutely fantastic hearing about personal fears being overcome and the achievements of the day. Well done to all of you!

If you, or your child, would like to share something that they have been successful with outside of school, please inform us so that we can share them in our newsletters.

TES Awards for Community Engagement Initiative



Having been shortlisted for **two** Tes Awards this year, representatives from the GFM attended an awards ceremony on Friday 17th June in London.

We are **REALLY** proud to announce that the GFM won the award for [Community Engagement Initiative of the Year](#). Judge Sir Tim Brighouse said: "They demonstrated all sorts of data showing that they were bothering to see not only what they did but whether it had an impact."

To receive an award as a Trust is amazing, but to receive one that truly encompasses all that we are trying to achieve was absolutely amazing!

Jubilee Event

A big thank you to you all for joining our joint Jubilee celebration with the infant school. After the past two years of isolation and separation, it was a heartwarming moment seeing our communities come together for the afternoon. 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!



Sports Morning

From one community event to another, unfortunately one with less sunshine, thank you to those who attended our first sports morning/afternoon since 2019. Once the torrential downpour ended, it was great for all of the children to be able to compete and for you to be part of that. Well done to all of the children for demonstrating teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship and a special congratulations to Australia who were the winning team.



Absences and Attendance

If your child is not going to be in school it is important to use the correct channels for informing us. Please do so via our absence link on our [website](#), leaving a message on our answer-phone or emailing enquiries@gfmat.org. Our teaching staff do not always get the opportunity to pass on any messages to the office and it is the office staff who will be following up any absences. Ideally any medical or dental appointments need to take place outside of the school day. If you are unable to do this you will be required to provide evidence of the appointment time and day.

Staffing

Your child will shortly be finding out which class teacher they will be with next year. This information will be emailed to parents/carers on 11th July. Teachers will be located in the following year groups:

Year 3: Miss Dymond and Miss Finn

Year 4: Miss Winzar and Miss Pollett

Year 5: Miss Daly and Mr Corlett

Year 6: Mrs Southern, Mrs Walton and Mr Reed.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Pollett and Mrs Sewell who will be joining our team from September. Miss Pollett will be teaching in Year 4 and Mrs Sewell will be joining Miss Tuckley in their new roles as Assistant Heads across the GFM Primary Phase.

Miss Stevens, who has been working in Year 5, will be finishing her time with us at the start of July due to the completion of her course. Miss Weaver will be continuing her inclusion role within the wider Inclusion team across the MAT. This will mean that she will be working across all schools in the MAT to support our young people, both on their primary and secondary journeys. Whilst she will no longer have her home base at Rowner, due to the very nature of her role, she will still very much be part of our community.

Christmas

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. These prices are subject to change.

12 cards	£5.00
24 cards	£8.00
36 cards	£11.00
A6 postcards x 16	£2.50
Sticky gift labels x 20	£2.50
Wrapping paper x 6 sheets	£5.00
Value pack - 12 cards, 6 sheets of wrap, 20 labels & 16 postcards	£12.00

Fridge magnet	£2.00
Keyring	£2.00
Chocolate bar	£3.00
Notebook	£4.50

Transition

Transition is a major event not only for a young person but also for the family members that support their child. It is therefore our aim to ensure that the transition journey is enjoyable, informative and exciting. Whether your child is moving to a new school or moving year group, transition is a significant time for any family. To support the process, RJS have begun meeting with the secondary schools to speak to them about our Y6 children, meetings between RJS and the infant school are also taking place and once our new classes are finalised our teachers will be passing on key information to ensure a smooth transition for our remaining children. All transition dates are on the key date calendar below.

Uniform

As we approach the summer holiday, we thought it would be a pertinent opportunity to remind our community of our uniform expectations for the new academic year. A letter will be coming out next week regarding purchasing school uniform ahead of the academic year and potential ways in which families can be supported with this.

Winter Uniform	Summer Uniform - welcomed after Easter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maroon jumper/cardigan (ideally with school logo) with a maroon or white polo type shirt with a collar. For boys: Grey or black trousers and short white, grey or black socks. For girls: Grey or black trousers, skirt or culottes and/or pinafore, long or short white, grey or black socks or black or grey tights. ● Sensible black shoes (no trainers unless all black and shoe like), trainers for PE days and a sensible coat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 blue 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 and trainers for PE days. ● Lightweight sensible coat

PE Uniform

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

Please remember that **from September, the hoodie will no longer form part of our school uniform.** Instead, there is an option to purchase a zipped baseball jacket from skool kit.

For our full uniform expectations, including jewellery, make-up and hairstyles etc, please visit our website:

<https://rowner.gmat.org/for-parents/school-uniform-2/>

School expectations on the 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. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Can we also remind you that the school site is not open until 8.40 and that there should be no pupils or parents on the school site until that time.

Year 6 Parents

The News have recently come into school to take photos of our year six pupils for their Year 6 leavers' souvenir edition. This will be available on Thursday 14th July and will feature full colour pictures of Year 6 leavers' classes from schools across the area. This is a great keepsake to mark the end of your child's Primary/Junior schooling, and The News are delighted to offer you the chance to order copies of the newspaper at a discounted price.

You can order copies by calling their contact centre on 0330 403 3004 or via their event partner [website](#) at a reduced cost of 85pence per copy (not £1.10). There are fees applicable to website payments which are controlled by Eventbrite but The News have worked hard to minimise these fees if you wish to buy multiple copies. Ordering by phone considerably reduces this.

The News would be grateful if you would complete their order no later than noon on Monday July 10, 2022. Their phone lines are open 8.30am- 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am-12noon Saturday.

All the papers that are ordered will be delivered directly to the school on the day of publication for your child to bring home.

Dates until the End of term

PE timetable for the summer term

Year 3	PE: Monday and Wednesday
Year 4	PE: Monday and Friday
Year 5	PE: Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	PE: Monday and Thursday

Key dates for July:

Date	Event
Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July	Fareham Academy transition days
Wednesday 5th July - Monday 11th July	Book Fair at RJS. Children will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day and it will also be open to our community after school. Weather permitting, we will be open on the main playground from 15.00 - 15.30
Wednesday 6th July	Hazel class attending Football Festival at Gomer Junior School.
Wednesday 6th July - Thursday 7th	Year 6 Hunger Games at RJS

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Monday 11th July	Please note a revised date. End of year reports sent home. New class teacher information provided to parents and pupils.
Monday 11th July - Tuesday 12th July	Crofton transition days
Monday 11th July - Friday 15th July	Bridgemaury Transition days
Thursday 14th July	RJS transition day, Y2 pupils to begin their journey at RJS by joining us for transition. Year 3, 4 and 5 In-house transition day.
Thursday 14th July - Friday 15th July	Brune Park and Bay House transition days
Monday 18th July	Y6 'VicFest'
Wednesday 20th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly - 1pm End of term. School closes at 14.00.