



# Rowner Junior School

Newsletter 9 - May 2023

Back in March, **Kyra W** came third in her bench routine in Gymnastics. A number of our pupils took part in a dance competition on the Isle of Wight and congratulations to them all for their effort in their individual dances. **Pippa P** came second place in a national duet and third place in her character dance. **Ollie D**, who is normally wowing us with his awards in his dance competitions, has now taken up Jujitsu and passed his grading for his red belt. Well done each and every one of you.

<b>DATES FOR April:</b> The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change	
<b>PE/outdoor learning days - PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DAYS FOR PE</b>	
<b>Year 3</b> - Miss Dymond and Miss Finn	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; <b>Wednesday and Friday</b>
<b>Year 4</b> - Miss Pollitt and Miss Winzar	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; <b>Friday</b> . Year 4 will also be doing <b>swimming lessons on a Monday this half term</b> . Please see information below about these days
<b>Year 5</b> - Mr Corlett and Miss Daly	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; <b>Wednesday</b> Year 5 will also be doing <b>swimming lessons on a Thursday this half term</b> . Please see information below about these days.
<b>Year 6</b> - Mrs Southern and Mrs Walton	Children are to wear their PE kit into school on their PE day; <b>Wednesday and Thursday</b>
<b>Key dates for May</b>	
<b>Monday 1 May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY - School closed
<b>Thursday 4th May</b>	Y5 swimming
<b>Friday 5th May</b>	RJS & RIS Coronation picnic (if weather does not permit the picnic, this event has been rescheduled for Friday 26th May).
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY - School closed
<b>Tuesday 9th May</b>	Y6 SATS Spelling and Grammar Test
<b>Wednesday 10th May</b>	Y6 SATS Reading Test
<b>Thursday 11th May</b>	1. Y6 SATS Arithmetic and Mathematics Reasoning Paper 1 Test 2. <b>NO Y5 swimming</b>
<b>Friday 12th May</b>	Y6 SATS Mathematics Reasoning Paper 2 Test

<b>Monday 15th May</b>	1. Walk to School week begins 2. Year 4 swimming
<b>Tuesday 16th May</b>	BAE Roadshow at Brune Park - whole school to attend
<b>Wednesday 17th May</b>	Autism Support meeting in The Drey
<b>Thursday 18th May</b>	1. Y5 swimming 2. Bay House transition meeting 14.00-15.00 3. Brune Park Transition Meeting 16.30-17.30
<b>Friday 19th May</b>	Y3 Sleepover
<b>Monday 22nd May</b>	1. Y4 swimming 2. Y6 swimming
<b>Thursday 25th May</b>	Y5 swimming
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	1. Back up RJS & RIS Coronation picnic date 2. School finishes for half term
<b>Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June</b>	HALF TERM
<b>Upcoming dates for June (Please note dates will be added to this list in the next newsletter)</b>	
<b>Monday 5th June</b>	1. Return to school 2. Year 6 swimming
<b>Tuesday 6th June</b>	Indian Dance Workshop for Year 3 and 4
<b>Wednesday 7th June</b>	St Mary's Church assembly
<b>Thursday 8th June</b>	Year 5 Spinnaker Trip sleepover
<b>Friday 9th June</b>	Additional transition session for specific pupils attending Bay House (not all pupils)
<b>Monday 12th June</b>	Year 6 swimming
<b>Friday 16th June</b>	Additional transition session for specific pupils attending Brune Park (not all pupils)
<b>Monday 19th June</b>	Year 6 swimming
<b>Tuesday 20th June</b>	Lego League Showcase morning
<b>Thursday 22nd June</b>	Hampshire Sports G Festival at Winchester
<b>Friday 23rd June</b>	Additional transition session for specific pupils attending Bay House (not all pupils)
<b>Monday 26th June</b>	Y6 swimming
<b>Friday 30th June</b>	1. Additional transition session for specific pupils attending Brune Park (not all pupils) 2. RJS Summer Fayre - times to be confirmed.

### BAE ROADSHOW

**The roadshow** returns and the whole school will be walking to Brune Park on Tuesday 16 May. MGA are proudly working in collaboration with BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force and The Royal Navy to deliver an engaging theatre roadshow celebrating STEM during the Summer Term 2023. Aligned to the National Curriculum, the 50-minute performance intends to inspire and engage our learners. The theme of the 2023 show is 'From the depths of the

oceans to outer space.' The show will examine the engineering challenges that are faced when travelling to the most inhospitable places and discover some of the innovative solutions to these problems.

### CALENDAR/INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023	Spring Term 2024	Summer Term 2024
<p><b>Start:</b> Friday 1 September</p> <p><b>Finish:</b> Friday 15 December</p> <p><b>Half term:</b> 23 – 27 October</p>	<p><b>Start:</b> Tuesday 2 January</p> <p><b>Finish:</b> Friday 26 March</p> <p><b>Half term:</b> 12 – 16 February</p>	<p><b>Start:</b> Monday 15 April</p> <p><b>Finish:</b> Tuesday 23 July</p> <p><b>Half term:</b> 28 May – 31 June</p>

**Nb** Y3, Y7 and Lower Sixth GFM learners will return to school Monday 4 September as part of their transition. Whole school to return to GFM sites on Tuesday 5 September 2023

The following days are the INSET days for the academic year 2023-24

- Friday 1 September 2023
- Monday 30 October 2023
- Friday 9 February 2024
- Monday 22 July 2024
- Tuesday 23 July 2024

### Dance Live! Finals

Thank you for supporting the cake sale for funds towards Dance Live. Your generosity raised £377.21 that went towards vital resources for the finals. After months of rehearsals, hard work, a LOT of hairspray and tons of face make-up Team RJS went to the Portsmouth Guildhall for the Dance Live finals on Thursday 27th April. The children looked amazing, performed fantastically and demonstrated great sportsmanship as they clapped the performances of the other schools. The finals were the end of a very long journey and they should all be incredibly proud of their personal and shared achievements. Thank you to all of you for supporting us throughout. The Dance Live team dedicated their performance to Elizabeth, who was a key member of our Dance Live team for the past two years.

### Friends of Rowner - Parent Association

In the spring term the following events were held to raise funds for the Friends of Rowner.

**Spring Disco:** £400

**Easter Raffle:** £459

Thank you to those members of our community who regularly support the Friends of Rowner in these events, but we really do need more of you to support our Parent Association. Without parental and school collaboration it becomes increasingly difficult to run events and to maintain 'The Friends of Rowner'

The Friends of Rowner are currently in the process of organising the following events:

- Summer Fayre
- Summer disco

If you are able to support these and/or would like a more active role in the Friends of Rowner, please contact Ms Sewell.

We are also excited to announce that the Friends of Rowner are in the process of organising a whole school day out towards the end of this year for all of our pupils. More information to follow about this.

## NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER or SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER

This national day of celebration is Thursday 21 June. Team Rowner are grateful for each other, their GFM colleagues and for colleagues that teach and support their own children in and around Gosport. The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. The campaign exists to celebrate the professionalism, passion and commitment of schools all around the country. So, if you would like to send a free card (anonymously or signed) to any member of staff working in any educational establishment you can do so by visiting [here](#). Messages received are valued by the recipient very much.

## SEND Parent Forum

This half term the focus will be on 'Strategies to support Speech, Language and Communication Needs'. These are free to attend and are held at The GFM Community Hub, which is located on the Brune Park School site. The next session is going to be held between **4pm and 5pm on Tuesday 23 May**, parking is available on site. The forums are free to attend and you are welcome to turn up on the day - no booking is required. The session usually includes an information presentation from our GFM SEND Leaders plus local professionals, then an opportunity for you to share and ask questions. Handouts and refreshments are provided free of charge.

## Staffing

As we draw towards the end of the academic year, we can see staff members move onto pastures new. At the end of this academic year, one of our longest members of staff, Mr Corlett, will be leaving RJS. We know you will join us in wishing him all the very best of luck in his new endeavours.

## Summer Uniform

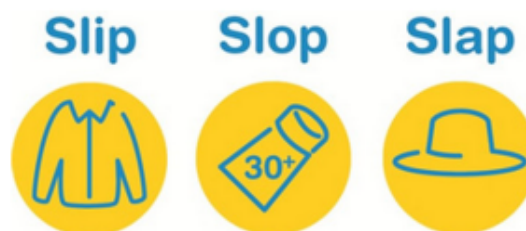
Summer uniform includes:

- 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** 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 (these must have a back on them) and trainers for PE days.
- Light weight sensible coat.

A reminder that **make-up, fake nails etc should not be worn in school** and that our policy surrounding jewellery is:

**Jewellery:** Children should not wear any jewellery (with the exception of watches) apart from a single or pair of **stud earrings** in pierced ears. The school cannot accept any responsibility or liability for mislaid personal jewellery. To help keep your child safe, earrings need to be removed for PE lessons. We suggest they are not worn at all on PE days.

## Sun Safety



We are looking forward to the sun shining and children thoroughly enjoying being outside. To help keep them safe in the sun, please remember sun safety messages: 'slip, slop, slap'. Sun safety experts recommend:

- **Slip** on sun protective, pale clothing that covers as much of your body as possible.
- **Slop** on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen, at least 20 minutes before sun exposure.
- **Slap** on a sun hat that shades your face, neck and ears. We do not mind what colour this is.

We have been made aware that some Nivea sun creams now contain almond oil and we do have some pupils in school with nut allergies - please bear this in mind when applying sunscreen for school - thank you.

## Swimming

Year group	Swimming schedule day
Year 4 Second PE session - Friday	Monday 15th May, Monday 22nd May,
Year 5 Second PE session - Wednesday	Thursday 4th May, Thursday 18th May, Thursday 25th May
Year 6 Second PE day - Thursday	Monday 22nd May, Monday 5th June, Monday 12th June, Monday 19th June, Monday 26th June, Monday 3rd July,

Our swimming programme is well under way. Please see the table above for your child's swimming schedule. This will form part of the PE curriculum for the summer term and will take place at Brune Park school. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum and therefore **all** children are expected to take part. Children need to have the appropriate swimwear, **not beachwear**, boy's trunks should be above the knee in length and girls must wear a one piece swimming costume. Goggles are permitted if your child would prefer to wear them. Long hair needs to be tied back and we encourage jewellery to be left at home – no earrings please on the days when they are swimming. We encourage children to wear swimming caps. Children will also need to bring a towel and waterproof bag to bring their kit into school. If children wear their swimming costumes to school as it is a morning session, please ensure they have underwear to change into. All swimming kit and school uniform needs to be named.

## Transition Matters

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 reassuring, informative and exciting. A move to a new school is a significant time for any family. For some, transition will be an exciting time. For others, this will be a time of nervousness. Our Year 2s will receive a warm welcome and opportunities to learn more about us, our approach and have opportunities to preview KS2 learning during the Summer Term. Our Year 6 will also be supported by us here at Rowner and their new schools after the May half term through a variety of activities. Transition days are planned for all year groups on July 13 and 14; more details will follow nearer the time. Parents/carers of children in year 2 or 6 who require additional transition support, will be contacted individually.

## Year 6 SATs

**SATs** have been scheduled for Year 6 by the government this year commencing the week beginning 8th May, however with the bank holiday on Monday 8th May, the assessments will now run from Tuesday to Friday. The school is committed to ensuring pupils make progress throughout their learning journey at Rowner and can account for this accordingly. We will share attainment information with Y6 parents/carers in our annual reports (July) and liaise closely with secondary schools to inform them about Year 6 respectively. Year 6 children are invited to arrive at school each day from 8.10am for a SATs breakfast. Children are to arrive at their classroom where they will be provided with some breakfast options e.g. pain-au-chocolat, fruit, croissants, crumpets etc. If your child does not want to have breakfast with us, they are still able to join us at this time.

Date	Test
Tuesday 9 May 2023	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English Reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Friday 12 May 2023	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

**How you can help your child with the build up to and during SATs week:**

- Plan a relaxing weekend before the SATS - perfect due to the Coronation extended weekend
- Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep during SATs week
- Talk to your child about how they are feeling
- Find small things that can help your child relax during the week
- Make sure they are in school with plenty of time - rushing can add to feeling unsettled
- Remind them that they are awesome and SATs are only a snapshot of who they are