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Rowan Science Week – CSI and VR Workshop – Science Oxford Visit

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Science Week next term, an exciting range of activities have been planned for Rowan Class to take part in.

Giant Journeys Workshops

The week will start with two engaging, immersive workshops: a Crime Scene Investigation Workshop and a Virtual Reality Journey through Space Workshop, delivered by Giant Journeys. This will take place on **Monday 9th March 2026**. The workshops will take place **in school and during normal school hours**.



During the CSI workshop, children will investigate a mystery titled *"It Was the Perfect Crime."* Overnight, gems worth an estimated £32 million were stolen from a high-security vault, leaving the world-famous Venus Diamond missing by morning. Pupils will learn about DNA, fingerprints, footprints and fibres before entering a mock crime scene, where they will collect evidence and decide which of the eight suspects is responsible. This interactive session shows how science is used in real-world investigations.



In the second workshop, children will step into the shoes of astronauts, explore the vastness of space and learn about planets, stars and galaxies through an immersive Virtual and Augmented Reality experience, linked to our Science unit *'Earth and Beyond.'*

Science Oxford Visit

The week will end with a visit to Science Oxford on Friday 13th March. At the centre, the children will be able to take part in a wide range of fun and exciting Science experiments in the 'Exploration Zone'. They will then have a planetarium show all about space and the solar system. The day will end with a workshop about changing materials and their states of matter.



The coach will leave school at 9:15 a.m. and arrive back to school at 2:45 p.m. This means that normal drop off and pick up times will apply. Pupils should bring a packed lunch, drink and snack in a small bag.

The cost of all of the various workshops and visit is £20.00 combined, which we feel is great value for such rich and exciting learning experiences. We would like to thank the School Association for heavily subsidising this workshops and visit, in order to keep costs down for parents in the times of spiralling travel prices.

Payment and consent will be required via Scopay by **Friday 27th February**. This payment is a voluntary contribution and no child or family will be discriminated against for not contributing. Costs will be covered by the school for families in receipt of Income Support or Job Seekers Allowance; in this case, parents should contact the school office with the relevant up-to-date documentation. **However, should insufficient voluntary contributions be received, we may unfortunately have to cancel the workshop.**



Thank you, once again, for your continued help and support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Barrett

