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Rowan Class Newsletter – Autumn 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum

This term our topic is '**Ancient Greece**'. For more information, please view our Topic Web, which will also be displayed on the school website.



Homework

Enriching learning sheets for our class will be posted on the school website and a copy will be in the children's homework books. The expectation is for completed homework to be returned to school on a **Monday**. Spelling homework will be handed out on **Friday** and will be tested on the following **Friday**. Reading records will also be checked every **Tuesday**.

P.E.

It is essential for the children to have their kit in school every day. All children should have indoor and outdoor kit, such as shorts, t-shirt and trainers for indoor use, and tracksuit bottoms, a long-sleeved top and trainers for outdoor sessions. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is clearly named. For Term 1, the children will have P.E.



on Mondays (swimming) and Wednesdays (dance). During Term 2, the children will have P.E. on Mondays (Paralympics) and Wednesdays (Forest School) where they will need a change of clothing for outdoor activities. A separate letter about this will follow.



Parents' Evening

There will be formal parent / teacher meetings on the 10th and 11th of November, when we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far and targets for the year. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.



Contact

If you wish to make contact with me, there are a number of ways that you can do this.

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you to pass on a message.
- Alternatively, I will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected and this would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.
- Please remember that emails should be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to me if necessary, and you can expect a response within 2 working days.

Important Dates

Thursday 10th September **Mike Mullen BMX Academy Assembly**

W/C 14th September – **NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Week**

Wednesday 23rd September – **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

Friday 2nd October – **Open Classrooms**

Tuesday 7th October – **Harvest Festival**

Wednesday 14th October – **Climate Action Day**

Friday 23th October – **INSET – School closed to pupils.**

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October – **Half-Term**

W/C 2nd November – **Culture Week**

W/C 9th November – **Anti-bullying Week**

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th November – **Parents' Evenings**

Friday 13th November – **Children in Need**

W/C 16th November – **Maths Week**

Tuesday 15th December – **Christmas Service and Lunch**

Thursday 17th December – **Singing Around The Tree and Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 18th December - **Last day of Term**

News on further events will be communicated with you via email. Please see the school website for dates for the whole academic year.

Reminders

- Water Bottles – Please make sure children have a clear, named water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. Please note we only want water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).
- Outdoor Footwear – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm waterproof coat in school.
- Pencil Cases – Children do not need to have a pencil case in school, but if they would like one, it needs to be small enough to fit in their trays.



Kind regards,

Miss Barrett



Below are reminder sheets to help encourage independence in your child. You could put it on the fridge or your child's bedroom door so they can ensure they have everything they need each day.

Term 1

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Swimming Kit Reading Record Water Bottle Homework Book	PE - Swimming Homework Checked
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Speed Tables Reading Record Checked
Wednesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	PE - Indoor
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle Art Apron	Spelling Test Art - Pottery

Term 2

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle Homework Book	Homework Checked PE - Indoor
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Speed Tables Reading Record Checked
Wednesday	PE Kit– Change of Clothes Reading Record Water Bottle	Forest School
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle Cooking Apron	Spelling Test D&T - Cooking