

ROWAN NEWSLETTER

HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026

TERM 3

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed some well-earned time together. We're excited to welcome everyone back and ready for a brand new year!

Although the Spring term is a little shorter than last term, we still have lots planned and plenty of learning to fit in. From exploring Ancient Egypt to learning all about coding in computing, it's shaping up to be a busy and exciting term ahead.

We're really looking forward to getting started and sharing lots of learning with you along the way!

HOMWORK

Homework is handed out on a Friday and collected the following Wednesday. You should now have the spellings for the whole term .

READING PRIZE

We really encourage home reading to support learning in school. If your child reads 4 times a week at home and it is recorded in their reading record, they will get a star on our display. At the end of each term the stars are put into a hat and a winner is selected, winning a £5 book voucher! **Congratulations to last term's winner, Kheseh!**

Water & Snacks

Please ensure your child has a full water bottle in school every day, especially as the weather can still be rather warm this time of year. We have easy access to refill them at regular intervals during the day. Children are no longer provided with a free snack in KS2 so you are welcome to send in some fruit for your child to enjoy at break time.

Get in Touch

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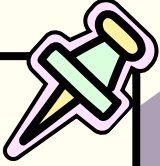
Ancient Egyptian Day

To celebrate our Ancient Egyptian topic this term, we're excited to be having an Ancient Egyptian Day on **Thursday 12th February**.

The children are very welcome to come to school dressed as an Ancient Egyptian, and we'll be spending the day enjoying lots of fun, hands-on Ancient Egyptian activities to bring our learning to life.

Please don't worry about anything too fancy – simple costumes are absolutely perfect. The most important thing is that the children have fun and enjoy the day.

Maths



In maths we will be continuing our work on Multiplication & Division, including multiplying and dividing a 2 digit by a 1 digit number. We will then move onto length and measure, including measuring in cms and mms, and calculating area and perimeter.

English

This term, we will be basing our fiction writing on alternative fairy stories, using the text 'The Egyptian Cinderella' by Shirley Climo. We will be continuing to include fronted adverbials, conjunctions and a range of punctuation in our writing to capture our reader's imagination! We will be basing our non-fiction writing on our history topic, The Ancient Egyptians. We will be writing a non-chronological report using relative clauses, topical language and sub-headings.

Foundation Subjects

History- Ancient Egypt

Computing - Coding

PE - Monday and Friday
PE kit must be provided for these sessions

French - 'On fait le fete'.
Months of the year, to speak about ourselves and congratulate others.

PSHE - Dreams and Goals

RE - What does it mean to be a Christian today?

Music - Glockenspiels.

Science - light

- Recognise that we need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light.
- Notice that light is reflected from surfaces.
- Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect our eyes and skin.
- Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object.
- Find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Diary Dates

5 th January 2026	First day of term
15 th January 2026	Year 6 trip to Folkestone Museum
29 th January 2026	PTFA quiz
6 th February 2026	Fire Safety Workshop
9-13 th February 2026	Children's Mental Health week
10 th February 2026	Internet Safety Day
12 th February 2026	Last day of term
12 th February 2026	Valentines Disco
13 th February 2026	INSET day