



Rownhams St John's Church of England Primary School Starting School 2021



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Welcome



Mr Tim Woodford
Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to our lovely school. I passionately believe that your child will thrive here, especially if they are part of an effective partnership between us, the school and you, the parent.

I know that your child will be very happy during their time at Rownhams St John's. Your child is about to embark on seven years of fantastic learning and skills development. During their time with us, we will support your child to become a great learner who also develops as a happy and confident individual who is able to demonstrate our core Christian values of Love, Joy and Responsibility.

I understand that whilst it is an exciting time, it can also be a worrying time as you learn about how we work and begin to get to know us.

At any time you are welcome to come in and share your excitement and concerns.

Best wishes,

Mr Tim Woodford
Summer 2021

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Things your child will need for school

Uniform — all items clearly labelled

Boys:

- Dark green jumper
- White/green polo shirt or shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts
- Grey/black socks
- Suitable black shoes
- A spare pair of pants
- Warm/waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Wellington boots
- Hat for sunny days

Girls:

- Dark green jumper/cardigan
- White/green polo shirt or shirt **or**
- Green checked pinafore
- Grey trousers/skirt/dress
- Grey/black socks
- Suitable black shoes
- A spare pair of knickers
- Warm/waterproof coat
- Wellington boots
- Hat for sunny days
- Waterproof trousers

PE Kit — all items clearly labelled

- Plain black shorts/leggings
- Teal PE t-shirt
- Jogging suit (plain colour)
- Plimsolls/trainers

Bookbag

Your child will need a book bag (available to buy from Skoolkit in Totton). We provide a reading diary and books to share, these should be kept in the book bag which needs to be brought into school every day.

Lunch and Snacks

A hot school lunch is provided free of charge daily for all children from Year R to 2 or your child may bring in a packed lunch from home. Milk is available each day for free while children are 4 or can be purchased in advance via www.coolmilk.com, once they turn 5. A piece of fruit or vegetable is available to all children in Key Stage 1 each day and they may also bring in their own snack (fruit or cheese, no nuts please) in a small container if they would like to. Each child will also need a named water bottle.

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Getting to know each other

Zoom Presentation

Thursday 15 July 4-5pm



Virtual home visit

Monday 6 September - Wednesday 8 September AM

Book a time to meet your child's teacher online.



Welcome Session for children

Monday 6 September - Wednesday 8 September

1.30-2.45PM

On the same day as your virtual home visit, this session will allow your child to come in to school on their own to become familiar with the Early Years environment and meet staff and peers.



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Subject to further guidance from the government—more details to follow in September,

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Starting school in September

We understand that lots of children have been settled in pre-schools and nurseries and regularly spend whole days there.. The children are welcome to begin school full time with us too from Thursday 9th September. However, starting school is a big step for children and many benefit from a gradual increase in the length of time they spend with us. This table sets out the entry to school we suggest for your child if they would like a longer transition process. Please speak to us at your virtual home visit about the hours you think would suit your child best.

Week Commencing	Day	Hometime
06.09.21	Thursday 9 September Friday 10 September	Home before lunch at 12.00pm
13.09.21	Each day	Home before lunch at 12.00pm
20.09.21	Each day	Home after lunch at 1.30pm
27.09.21	Each day	Stay all day. Home at 3.10pm

Your child may arrive at school via the EYFS classroom door (entrance through playground) between 8.35-8.45am. If your child goes home at 12.00pm or 1.30pm they will leave via the front office entrance to the school. If they are full time and stay all day, they will leave at 3.10pm via the classroom doors (entrance through playground).

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Administration

- Please ensure your details are kept up to date. Any changes can be sent to adminoffice@rownhams.hants.sch.uk. This includes changes to family situations, moving house and especially telephone numbers.
- Sickness - If your child is ill please call 02380 736417 and leave a message on the absence answer phone.
- At the start of term you will be given login details to the school online payment scheme. This will enable you to pay for school trips and (from year 3) school dinners online.

Communication

- Class Dojo App - At the start of term you will be given a login to access your child's Dojo scheme. This is the reward scheme used throughout the school.
- Tapestry - Keep up to date with your child's learning in school by accessing their online journal. More details to follow.
- Newsletter and School Blog- Every Friday the school newsletter is emailed directly to you and up to three others. Please ensure we have your correct email addresses.
- Letters - Please check your child's bag daily and ensure slips, when needed, are returned to us asap. Please check the newsletter for what you should have received that week.

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Term dates

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2020	3 September 2020	18 December 2020
	Half term 26 October- 30 October 2020	
Spring 2021	4 January 2021	1 April 2021
	Half term 15 - 19 February 2021	
Summer 2021	19 April 2021	23 July 2021
	Half term 31 May – 4 June 2021	

[More details HERE](#)

Inset Days

Teachers in Local Authority schools have five days each year when they work in school without the children present. These 'In Service Training' days are called 'INSET days' for short.

2021/2022

Thursday 2 September 2021

Friday 3 September 2021

Friday 26 Nov (as per Mountbatten) 2021

Friday 18 Feb 2022

Monday 20 June 2022(as per Mountbatten)

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