

ROWAN SCHOOLS

NEWSLETTER



The
ROWAN
Schools

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18th September 2026

Macmillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon

We are hosting Macmillan Coffee events at The Rowan Schools

Rowan Park School Friday Morning 25th September at 10:00am

The Rowan Tree Friday Afternoon 25th September at 2:00pm

This is a perfect opportunity for our parents to come into school, meet new parents or catch up with friends eating cake and sweet treats. Not forgetting raising as much money as we can for this wonderful charity.

The idea of a Coffee morning/afternoon is fabulous, although, not every site can facilitate hot drinks, stuffing our faces with cake is the best bit by far!!

This is where we need your help to make our Macmillan Coffee events extra special; the days before the events we would love to have cakes, biscuits or other treats to be donated to the schools. They can either be home made or shop bought items. If you are unable to donate at this time, we would still love to see you at the events.

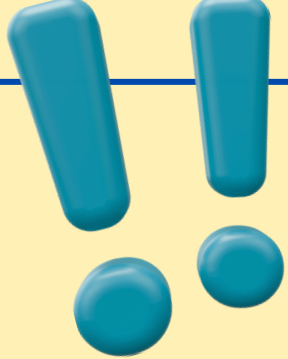
**IMPORTANT ALLERGY ALERT: AT THE ROWAN TREE WE CAN NOT ACCEPT ANY DONATIONS THAT CONTAIN NUTS, SEASAME OR MUSTARD.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

**IMPORTANT ALLERGY ALERT: AT ROWAN PARK SCHOOL WE CAN NOT ACCEPT ANY DONATIONS THAT CONTAIN STRAWBERRIES, NUTS AND TOMATO.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**



Important Dates

- Macmillan Coffee Morning – Rowan Park – Friday 25th September at 10am
- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – The Rowan Tree – Friday 25th September at 2pm
- Pupils Break Up – Thursday 22nd October
- Pupils Return – Monday 2nd November



Important Information

Holidays

If for any reason you are thinking of taking your child on holiday during term time. You will need to ask permission from
The Rowan Schools Head Teacher; Karen Lynskey
This request can either be hand written or emailed to school.
You will need to state the reason why you feel it necessary to take your child out of school.

The Rowan Tree:
Adminrt@rps.mvlt.co.uk

Rowan Park School:
Adminrp@rps.mvlt.co.uk



Contact Details

If you have recently changed your contact details, including your mobile phone number or email address, please let the office staff know as soon as possible.

We also kindly ask that you update any emergency contact names and phone numbers. Keeping this information current is vital so we can reach you regarding your child or in the case of an emergency.



Reporting a school absence or arriving late

If your child is ill and will not be attending school that day you must call the school office to report their absence.

If you have messaged your teacher via Dojo or told transport, this is **not** reporting a pupils absence.

Please report the absence or if you will be late by **9:15am**

Rowan Park School: 0151 222 4894

The Rowan Tree: 0151 928 3010

Please leave a message if the phone line is busy.

Thank you



EHCP Annual Reviews

The Pupils EHCP Annual Reviews are due to start again very soon.

For those of you who are new to the school, we hold Annual Review Meetings with Parents/Carers/Guardians for every child. This is to maintain, and update their EHCP's as they are on their educational journey through school.

These meetings are very important and are a great opportunity to update school with the developments of your child in regards to their EHCP.

For there to be a meeting held for every child, we have planned a schedule for The Rowan Schools that starts from October 2026 through to Easter 2027.

A letter will be sent home with the details of your meeting. The letters will be sent out to parents on a termly basis.

If your Child is in:

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6, Year 11 and Year 14 your meetings are being held this term, and you will receive a letter soon with your appointment date and time.

We can only reschedule appointments in exceptional circumstances, as we are sure you can appreciate. Ensuring that every child has the opportunity to have their meeting can be challenging, and our schedule is already very tightly arranged, making it difficult to accommodate changes at short notice.

Approximately 3 weeks before your meeting you will receive an email inviting you to school to attend the Review Meeting. We aim to give you plenty of notice (letters and email) for you to prioritise your scheduled meeting in school.

Please inform the school office if your email address has changed recently, as we will email your invite to the email address we have on file for you.

Thank you

Allergy Questionnaire

To help us keep our records up to date and ensure we have accurate and up-to-date allergy information, we kindly ask that you complete our Allergy Questionnaire for your child, even if they have no known allergies.

Please can you complete even if you have done one previously.

Please scan the QR code

We would be grateful if you could complete it as soon as possible.
Thank you for your continued support.

Student Allergies and sensitivities
2026/2027



Free School Meals

Free School Meals from September 2026

New Eligibility Categories (from 1 September 2026)

From September 2026, there will be two categories of Free School Meals eligibility:

1. Targeted Free School Meals

- For children in households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income of £7,400 or less
- These children will also qualify for additional support, including Pupil Premium funding and other related benefits
- This category reflects the current FSM system

2. Expanded Free School Meals

- For children in households receiving Universal Credit with an annual income above £7,400
- Children in this group will be entitled to free school meals only
- They will not qualify for additional support such as Pupil Premium funding or extra benefits (e.g. holiday food vouchers)

Applying for Free School Meals

All applications must be made directly through the Local Authority. Once your application has been processed, both you and the school will be notified of the outcome.

You can find further information and apply using the links below:

Sefton Council – Free School Meals Information: [Free school meals information](#)

Application Form: <https://forms.sefton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>

Please note:

You must apply every year, your application will not roll on to the following year even if you have been entitled to FSM in the past. Please, reapply.

Mobile Phone Policy

To our Students and Parents/Carers, Mobile Phone Policy – Updated Guidance (2026)



In line with the most recent UK Government guidance on mobile phones in schools (Released Spring 2026), The Rowan School's is reinforcing its policy on the use of mobile phones and smart devices during the school day. This policy is designed to promote focus on learning, safeguard students' wellbeing, and maintain a calm and respectful school environment.

Rationale:

The 2026 government guidance makes clear that limiting mobile phone access in schools:

- Improves behaviour and concentration
- Reduces online bullying and misuse of technology
- Supports students' mental health and wellbeing
- Encourages positive social interaction

Our policy reflects this guidance and ensures a safe, focused learning environment for all.

Mobile Phones Not Permitted

- Mobile phones, smart watches, and similar devices are not allowed on site for students
- We understand that a great deal of pupils use devices for their journey to and from school, therefore, phones or ipads (not used as communication aids) can be handed in on arrival to school.

Term Dates 2026 – 2027

Autumn 1

INSET DAY (Trust)– TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2026

INSET DAY – WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2026

Pupils Return - Thursday 3rd September 2026

Pupils Break up - Thursday 22nd October 2026

Half Term Break

Autumn 2

Pupils Return - Monday 2nd November 2026

Pupils Break up - Friday 18th December 2026 (Finish at 2.00 p.m.)

Full Term Break Christmas Holidays

Spring 1

INSET DAY – MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2027

Pupils Return - Tuesday 5th January 2027

Pupils Break up - Friday 12th February 2027

Half Term

Spring 2

Pupils Return - Monday 22nd February 2027

Pupils break up - Thursday 25th March 2027 (Finish at 2.00 p.m.)

(Good Friday 26th March 2027, Easter Sunday 28th March 2027 & Easter Monday 29th March 2027)

Full Term Break Easter Holidays

Summer 1

Pupils Return - Monday 12th April 2027

Pupil off for May Day - Monday 3rd May (Day) 2027

Pupils Break up - Friday 28th May 2027

Half Term Break

Summer 2

Pupils Return - Monday 7th June 2027

Pupils Break up - Friday 16th July 2027 (Finish at 2.00 p.m.)

Full Term Break Summer Holidays

INSET DAYS – MONDAY 19th JULY 2027, TUESDAY 20th JULY 2027 & WEDNESDAY 21st JULY 2027 (to be worked as TWILIGHTS)



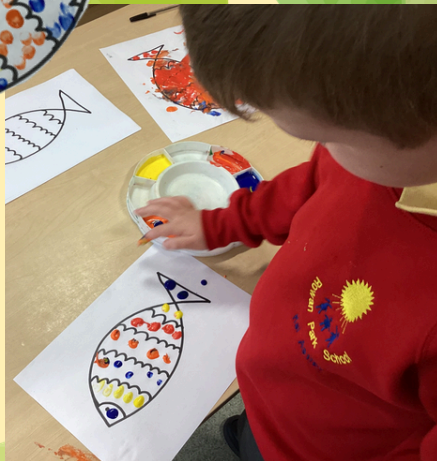
Class News at The Rowan Tree

In Caterpillars Class

This week, Caterpillars have been introduced to baking in their cookery sessions. They had so much fun with sensory play by exploring flour, sugar and "eggs". This will give our little Caterpillars a good head start to baking real cakes this term!

Our topic this term is, 'Big Wide World', so we have been reading, 'The Snail and the Whale' and been practicing our handwriting skills and learning how to characters are. We've been working very hard!

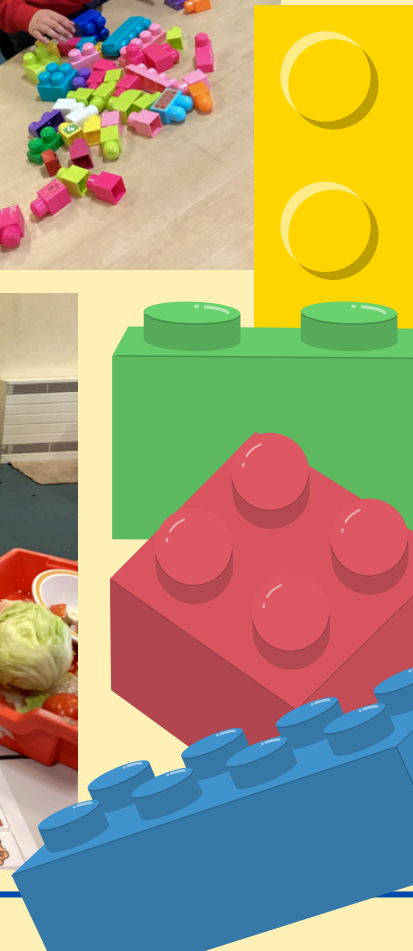
We have also been finger painting in art this week! We finger painted some fish and enjoyed exploring the different colours.



Class News at The Rowan Park School

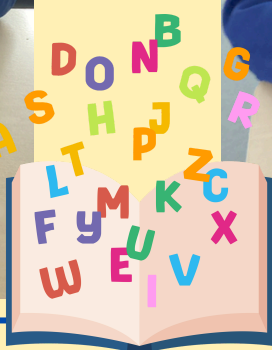
In Ladybirds Class

Ladybirds have been focussing on settling in these past two weeks, we have been trying to navigate our way around our new school! This has included trips to the RAP, the light room and ball pool too! In cookery we have been exploring making salads and developing our shopping skills!



In Catbells Class

Catbells have settled back wonderfully after the summer holidays. We have been busy working in the cafe, working on our customer service skills, working the till and making sure our customer get the correct change! In Maths this half term, we are focusing on number and tuck shops. So, pupils have been doing stock counts in the cafe to make sure there is enough product to sell! In English, we are looking at biography's and autobiography's, so we have started by telling each other information about ourselves and drew some wonderful self-portraits.



Rowan Schools Liaison Officers

TEAM AROUND SCHOOLS

COME ALONG AND CHAT WITH OUR AGENCIES FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE !!!

PARENT DROP IN COFFEE AFTERNOONS!

Team Around school and Rowan Park Family Liaison Team coffee afternoons!

Thursday 17th Sept 1.30pm till 3pm
at Rowan Tree School

Thursday 24th Sept 1.30pm till 3pm
at Rowan High School,

Thursday 1st Oct 1.30pm till 3pm
at Rowan Park School

Thursday 8th Oct 1.30pm till 3pm
at Rowan Tree School

Thursday 15th Oct 1.30pm till 3pm
at Rowan High School

Thursday 22nd Oct 1.30 till 3pm
Rowan Park School

SEE YOU THERE!
CLAIRE, NATALIE AND RACHAEL



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TAS Team

The TAS Team and our Liaison Officers are here to help, you can come to any of the Rowan Schools on the schedual

WHAT WE DO!

Our coffee afternoons are hosted across all 3 Rowan sites.

Families can have the opportunity to speak to our team, professionals, the team around school and other parent carers for support and guidance.



FOLLOW OUR SOCIALS!

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REFERRALS

- Early Help
- Aiming High
- MHST
- Riding The Rapids
- School Health
- Children With Complex Needs
- Continence Team
- CAMHS
- Transport
- Community Paediatrician
- SALT
- Sefton Carers
- Sefton Young Carers
- SWACA
- Sefton Family Hubs

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE

A Big Well Done to:

Grasshoppers and Sparrowhawks Classes

Who achieved **100%** Attendance this
week at The Rowan Schools

100% PUPIL ATTENDANCE

There are **146**
pupils who
have **100%**
Attendance this
week at The
Rowan Schools

Well Done to the Classes with **95%** and above attendance:

**Dragonflies, Otters, Owls, Kingfishers, Scafell, Catbells
and Tryfan Classes**

**Have a great
weekend
everyone, see
you all on
Monday
morning!**

Executive Headteacher:

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Head of Schools:

Katie Jones

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