

Monday 9th December 2024

Our half term Core Value is
Community



This week:

- News from Rowan Class
- Information about clubs next half-term
- Goodbye and a big thank you to Mr Kenward
- Wellbeing and SEND support from Mrs Jaggard



Rowan class have been getting into the festive spirit last week with two exciting projects. They are looking at the wonderful book *The Polar Express* and using it to write their own Christmas adventure stories. In addition to this, they are exercising their engineering and problem solving skills showing innovative thinking. Santa has got stuck up the chimney (too many mince pies) and they are having to save Christmas by designing a pneumatic system that will pull him out. Some weird and wonderful creations have been made ready for testing!

Mrs Byrne, Rowan Class teacher and English Lead.

A heads up that **sign-up information for clubs** next half-term will be sent out this week. Clubs will commence in the second week back after the holidays. Please keep an eye on your inbox for further details. In addition, we will be sharing information about our wraparound care survey and our plans moving forward in the new year. Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to enhance our services and meet the needs of our families.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year. Mr Caswell

Upcoming Dates

Monday 16th December - Deadline for Snow Globe Competition

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Church Service (2.00pm-3.00pm)

Thursday 19th December - Celebration Assembly (9.00am)

Friday 20th December -Class Xmas parties

Friday 20th December– 2pm Finish

Tuesday 7th January - First day back for pupils

Wraparound Care

Every day from 7.45am with breakfast option until 8.30am.

5.00pm pickup available Mon - Wed

Afterschool clubs until 4.05pm

Monday: Archery

Tuesday: Tri Golf

Wednesday: Gymnastics

Thursday:

No clubs this Thursday

Thank you and goodbye to Mr Kenward



We also say farewell to **Mr Kenward** as he will be leaving his position as Teaching Assistant at the end of this term. We want to acknowledge the positive impact he has had on our school community. His dedication and hard work have greatly enriched the experiences of our pupils and staff and he will be greatly missed. He starts a new position as a youth support worker in January.

Although Mr Kenward will be leaving his role as a Teaching Assistant at the school, we are pleased to share that he is hoping to be able to run an after-school club for our pupils. Additionally, he will still be around as a parent - we look forward to seeing him at drop off and pick up, school events and activities.

We understand that changes with staff members can be unsettling and we want to assure you that we are committed to maintaining the high standards of support for our pupils. The process of finding a suitable replacement is already underway. An advertisement will be shared soon and we will be conducting interviews in January.

In the interim, we will ensure that there is adequate cover so that our pupils continue to receive the support they need during this transition period.

We wish Mr Kenward all the best with his future endeavours and thank him once again for his invaluable contributions to our school.

Mr Caswell

Well-Being and SEND parent support



This week I am signposting to a parent led organisation 'Somerset Parent Carer Forum'. All the people leading the work have a child or young person between birth to 25 years with additional needs and/or disabilities.

[Somerset Parent Carer Forum CIC Ltd \(not for profit\) company no. 10227489](#)

As part of their service, they offer parents workshops.

Workshops for Information, Support and Education (WISE)



Being a parent carer of a child or young person with additional needs can bring extra situations which are challenging to know how to handle. To help support parent carers navigate these we have created a range of workshops based on the subjects you have told us would be helpful.

You will find the calendar with upcoming workshops (face-to-face and online) along with information about each one via the link below.

[WISE Up Workshops](#)

Remember you can get in touch with requests for this support section via the school office:

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Ellie Jaggard, SENDCo and SMHL (Senior Mental Health Lead)