

ROWAN CLASS



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WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year and a warm welcome ...





EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

MINUTES LATE TO SCHOOL	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN 1 YEAR
5 MINUTES PER DAY =	3.4 DAYS MISSED 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES PER DAY =	6.9 DAYS MISSED 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES PER DAY =	10.3 DAYS MISSED 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES PER DAY =	13.8 DAYS MISSED 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES PER DAY =	20.7 DAYS MISSED 89.2% ATTENDANCE



Routine

- Doors open at 8:40am
- Speaking and listening activities
- Daily English and maths sessions
- Daily guided reading sessions
- Daily phonic sessions
- Topic sessions, R.E, P.E, Computing, HRSE



Information

- Information can be found on the school website under Rowan class and provides information about:
 - what we will do this term
 - what we have done each week
 - any school or class notices
- E-Safety monthly newsletter is sent out via email.



What is new?

- A key ring will be sent out each half term. These include high frequency words which will help the children with their writing.
- Different homework tasks may be set this term.
- Two reading books will be sent home.



National Numeracy Challenge

The National Numeracy Strategy is to help your child to enjoy maths through engaging activities that are **done together with an adult**.

How can you help?

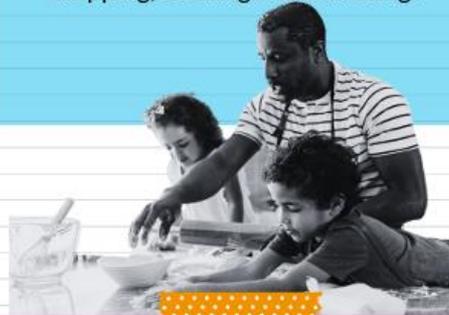
Our first impressions of maths and numbers were influenced by the grown-ups around us. We can make sure our children have a positive introduction to numbers even if we didn't. Here are the National Numeracy's Top Tips.

If you have any questions or feedback, please speak to your class teacher at the end of the meeting. Positive or negative comments are welcome as it helps us to report back to the National Numeracy Strategy team.

Top Tip 1:

Point out maths in the real world

Include your child in activities involving numbers and measuring, such as shopping, cooking and travelling.



Top Tip 2:

Be positive about maths

Try not to say things like "I can't do maths" or "I hated maths at school" – your child may start to think like that themselves.



Top Tip 3:

Praise effort, rather than talent

This shows them that by working hard, they can always improve.



Top Tip 4:

Improve your own confidence

With a little help from us, you can build your number confidence and skills and begin to feel more prepared for when children come to you for help. Take the first steps in just 10 minutes with the National Numeracy Challenge.





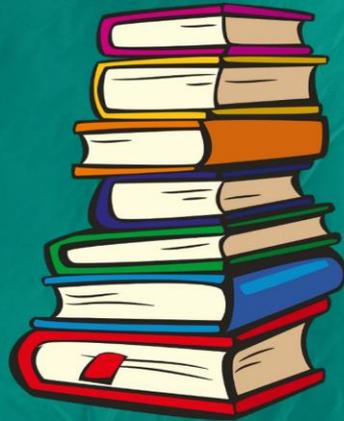
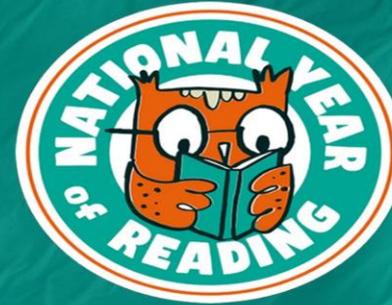
ST CLARE'S READING CHALLENGE

JANUARY 2026



**TAKE A PICTURE OF
YOURSELF READING
YOUR FAVOURITE
BOOK IN THE
CRAZIEST PLACE!**

**ADD A COUPLE SENTENCES
EXPLAINING WHY THIS IS
YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK.**



**GIVE YOURSELF A
CHANCE TO WIN A
BOOK VOUCHER. FOUR
ARE UP FOR GRABS!
(EYFS, KS1, LOWER KS2 AND
UPPER KS2.)**

**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY
23RD JANUARY**



Water Fun

- As a result of recent studies about the level of fitness and the lack of water safety for young children, we aim to tackle these problems with our water fun sessions.
- In March, we will take all children to Fulwood Leisure Centre for one week of 1 hour water fun sessions with qualified instructors. The sessions are aimed to improve fitness, help children become more confident in the water and aware of the need for safety around water.
- The children will be transported by coach.
- There is no charge for the sessions as school is subsidising the activity.
- The sessions will start the week of the Monday 23rd March and finish on Friday 27th March.
- An email will be sent home later this term, providing more details.



Dates for the diary

- Fun with Phonics (January – March)
- Tuesday 3rd February, Rowan Class, Maths Meeting 4.30pm
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day



How you can help at home?

- Read, Read, Read!
- Discussion
- Encourage children to speak in full sentences.
- Flashcards – show children sound cards, key words, build words, find sounds
- Maths more, less, counting on, addition and subtraction activities
- Handwriting practise sheets
- Sound books
- Dough disco strength activities



Questions

