



Our Motto is:

'To be the best 'me' I can be.

Our Vision

Through a welcoming, inclusive environment and immersive curriculum, we empower all children to be compassionate individuals and resilient, confident learners who strive for success.

Our School Values: FIDES.

Loyalty—Focus on Family
Tenacity—Insist on excellence
Kindness—Do good as you go
Courage—Embrace Innovation
Brilliance—Seize Success

The children and staff have had a very busy start to the half term and are working away at their challenge packs. As well as the learning that takes place on a day to day basis, we had a visit on Wednesday last week by the charity Stafford Lions – they spoke to the children about how they do good as they go and donated some books to the school that teach children about climate change and how to look after the planet. They also bought their lion mascot with them that the children loved!

As well as that, on Thursday, the children attended their first whole trust assembly led by our CEO, Mrs Philpott – there were 10 schools in attendance. This was to share a whole trust art project – please see information and pictures below of what the project was and what Rowley Park shared with the other Trust schools. We are looking forward to many more whole trust events and communications between our children, it makes being part of a trust exciting.

Today, we have launched the week with an assembly focused on Anti – Bullying week and the theme 'Reach Out' - we discussed who children can reach out to in school and ways that they can do this. We talked about how it is everybody's responsibility to keep our school safe by standing up for what is right and reaching out when we need it.

To continue to support our families and pupils, we would like to remind you that if there are any families that struggle to access homework due to internet or devices, then please contact the front office as we may be able to help you via our Tech loan scheme that is overseen by Mrs Smith.

As we know at this time of year, we are all thinking of Christmas. Christmas is coming and this year, now that we can, we would like to hold some fun events for the children including events such as: a Christmas disco, Christmas movies, Nativity, Christmas Fayre etc.... and more. You will receive letters or emails of dates and how to book for these events separately so please keep an eye out for these. There is a list of dates below. We are looking forward to a festive end to the term.

Mrs Beaumont



Community and Wellbeing

At Rowley Park Academy, we recognise that our school is made up of more than our children. We know that there are times when families may benefit from support and advice in order to thrive and ensure a happy and safe school community. As a result, we have added a community and wellbeing page to the parent's section of our website. This provides information for families to a range of agencies and community groups that can support with a range of issues from homelessness, health, financial, behaviour, safeguarding groups and more.

In school, Mrs Mayo is your point of contact for family support – you can request support via the school office or speak to the class teacher and they can make Mrs Mayo aware.

We hope that you find this page helpful and informative.

Christmas Dates

Please see upcoming dates for events that are taking place on the run up to Christmas. There will be separate information and booking sent for some events on the list.

- Wednesday 7th December - EYFS Nativity Performance 9.30am (parents invited)
- Friday 9th December - Christmas Fayre and Winter Wonderland (parents invited)
- Monday 12th December - Year 1 – 6 Pantomime (for children)
- Tuesday 13th December - Year 1 – 6 Christmas Performance (for children)
- Wednesday 14th December – EYFS Trip to see Santa at Amerton Farm (for children)
- Thursday 15th December – EYFS Christmas Party (for children)
- Thursday 15th December – Christmas Disco (for children)
- Friday 16th December Christmas sing a long and Zone Assembly. (for children)

Please note that school finishes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 16th December at 12.00pm. There will be no after school club or wraparound club this day.

Children will return to school on Wednesday 4th January.

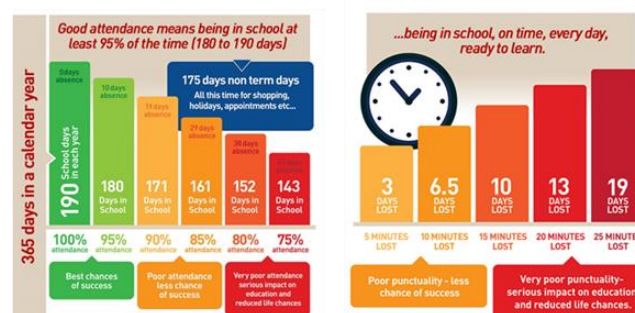
Tuesday 3rd January is an inset day.

Attendance Matters.

We are receiving an increasing amount of term time -holiday and leave of absence requests that do not have exceptional circumstances.

Term time holidays will not be authorised and may result in a penalty notice from the local authority. Leave of absence requests should be submit for planned absences. These will only be authorised under exceptional circumstances.

Should you need support with attendance or wish to discuss your child's attendance, please speak to the class teacher, Mrs Smith or Mrs Mayo.



OFSTED REPORT

We continue to be a GOOD school!

Thank you for all of your continued support – we hope you enjoyed reading the report that was sent out via email. This will be uploaded onto our website and will be available on the OFSTED website within a few weeks.

Queen's Commemorative Art Project – Victoria Academy Trust.

As a trust, we were set the task of completing a whole trust commemorative Art Piece to celebrate the legacy of Queen Elizabeth II. Each trust school were given a decade to represent – we had 1996-2006. Each class was given an event from that decade to represent through art, we then used these pieces to produce a whole school collage.



EYFS UNIT

The building work on our new EYFS unit is just about complete and being handed over to us to add final touches and complete the big job of getting it set up and ready for Nursery and Reception children.

We are excited to move the children over to the new area and get them settled into the new environment.

We are aiming for children to be in the new classroom in 2 weeks' time – we will confirm this towards the end of next week.

Once the unit is open, we will be holding open days for next year's admissions to Nursery and Reception, so if you know of anybody looking for a place next September or this year for reception, please let them know about us,

Turn Our School Spotty!

Friday 18th November is Children in Need.

For children in Need, pupils will remain in school uniform and we will be completing an activity with the children to raise awareness of what the charity does and how we can help. Children will be asked to turn the school spotty by designing their own spot in school so keep your eyes out at the end of the school day!

If you would like to donate to Children in Need you can do via the front office or you can do this via the following link!

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Please keep in touch:

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Please call or pop into the office anytime.

