



Rowde CofE Academy

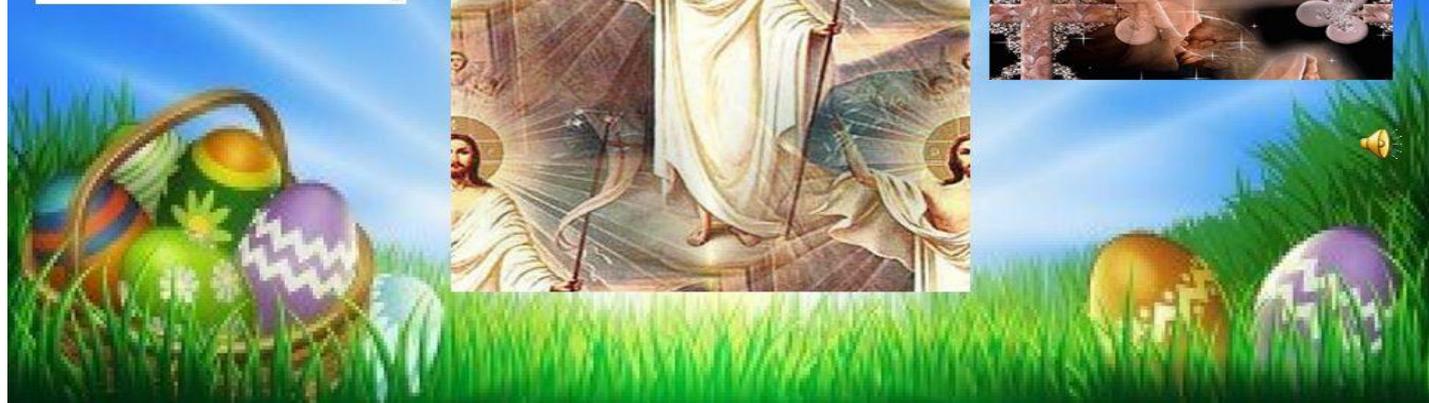
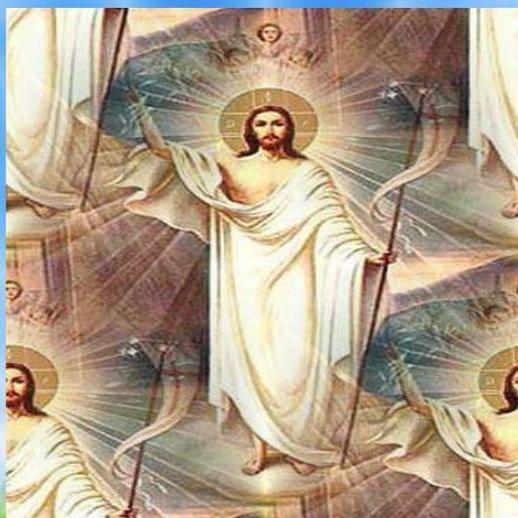
Head Teacher's Letter 25

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have news on our sponsored steps, Wednesday's non-uniform day, this week's Worship Winners, RAFT, The Lacock Relish Run and a timely reminder of our Covid-19 precautions covering the Easter break. But I would like to start by wishing everyone in the Rowde community a very Happy Easter.

Happy Easter!



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Sponsored Walk 2021 & Non Uniform Day

Well done everyone who has been counting their steps all term.

It's time to count your sponsor money!

Please collect any money you have raised and bring it to school in a sealed envelope together with the sponsor form and the total raised written on the outside of the envelope.

To celebrate our achievement this term, Wednesday 31st March will be a **non-school uniform day**.

Please bring in a suggested donation of £1 on Wednesday, wearing your favourite clothes.

Week ending 26th March

We are continuing on our journey through Lent and in Worship this week we were looking at Determination as a value.

At Rowde we are determined to keep going to be the very best we can be. We **persevere** with what we are doing, showing great **courage** and **endurance**. We are **compassionate** to those who need help when things become difficult and painful. We believe that God guides us through life and is always there for us. We try to work hard and never give up even when things are hard.

“Stand firm, and you will win life.” (Luke 21)

Every class voted for a class member who best demonstrated this value.

Well done to everyone, but a special well done to these children.

Birch	Caitlin
Willow	Jalen
Ash	Florence
Poplar	Jalen
Maple	Oscar
Cedar	Edward
Oak	Will

Jesus, friend and saviour, be with us in the storms of life. Encourage us to step out of our comfort zone. Help us to be open to new things and to grow in confidence. Help us to see ourselves as you see us, full of potential for good. Amen

At the end of this bulletin, you will find two letters. The first is a repeat from last week of the Acorn Covid Advice to cover the Easter break. The second is from Lisa Wills and covers the RAFT AGM. We are very keen that more parents become involved, and this is your chance!

Finally, Lisa will be sending out letters in May for the 1km Relish Race in Lacock on Sunday June 21st. Details will follow, but book it in your diaries if you want to take part (and have a laugh at me doing so as well). Entry will be £5, and we hope to have lots of us from Rowde there.

I wish you and your families a peaceful, relaxing and safe Easter break.



Jon Edy-Berry

Head Teacher

Term Date reminder:

**April 1st is an INSET day, so pupils start their Easter holidays at the end of the school day on March 31st.
Term 5 begins on Monday 19th April.**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we draw towards the end of term I would like to this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for your patience and support throughout the last academic year. It has been extremely challenging for all staff, pupils and our wider community to adapt and cope with remote learning as well as the day to day routines and systems we've had to initiate in school, due to Covid-19. Having the children back in school over the last few weeks has been wonderful and given us all real hope and positivity about the rest of this academic year and beyond. The children have had a lot to deal with, but they continue to demonstrate resilience and fortitude as well as displaying great enthusiasm towards their learning and their wider involvement in school life

We really want all of our staff and families to be able to relax and enjoy the Easter holidays. However, the virus takes no rest over the holidays and we do stress the need to adhere to the recent government guidelines <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> as well as practicing good hand hygiene, social distancing and the wearing of face coverings in public spaces.

It is really important for you to contact us if the situations outlined below arise over the holiday period.

If during the first six days of holidays (**Friday 2nd April to Wednesday 7th April inclusive**) anyone in your household or support bubble develops symptoms, it is really important that you all self-isolate and book a test at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>, or by calling 119. If that test returns positive and your **son/daughter** attended school in the last week of term, 48hrs prior to the onset of symptoms, it is essential that you contact us so that we can track and trace your son/daughter's movement in school during their infectious period and their possible contacts. We would also need to inform you of the earliest return to school date for your son/daughter.

If this situation arises please contact me on head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk at any time of day.

- The individual who tested positive will need to isolate for at least 10 days from the day after the first date of symptoms appearing
- All other household members must also stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble' – defined here - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>

Please note that if we are made aware of a positive case during the first six days of the holidays and the pupil was present during the last week of term whilst they may have been infectious, we would need to contact all of the parents of close contacts to inform them that their son/daughter would need to **self-isolate for 10 days** after the last point of contact with the infected person. If we do contact you, it is likely to affect the return to school date in April 2021 for your child.

During the last week of the holiday **9th April to 18th April inclusive**, it is also important that we are made aware of any student who tests positive, or is having to self-isolate if they have been identified by the Public Health Team as a close contact or has had close contact with someone awaiting a test result, as they will not be able to return to school on Monday 19th April along with the other students. In this instance please email me via head@rowde.wilts.sch.uk. We will then contact you on **Monday 19th April** to discuss the situation and confirm the earliest return to school date for your child.

It is Acorn Education Trust's utmost priority to ensure that all of their schools, which of course includes Rowde, are safe environments where students can continue their learning. Together we have implemented a wide range of health and safety precautions.

School will be open at the usual time on **Monday 19th April** and the same morning procedures we have adopted over the last term, will continue to apply.

However, should your son or daughter have any of the following symptoms, please **do not** send them into school during this first week and please contact us on **01380 723991**.

- High Temperature
- a new and continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell
- Cold like symptoms

- Headache
- Generally feeling under the weather

Despite all of the challenges this academic year, our children have all been brilliant and have adapted quickly and shown real character in all that they have had to cope with. Thank you for your ongoing support and I really do hope you can have a very happy Easter and that we see some sunshine. Please look after yourselves and stay safe.

Best Wishes

Acorn Education Trust

Dear Parents,

RAFT Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We would like to give notice of the RAFTs AGM to be held on *Wednesday April 28th at 7pm* via Zoom

RAFT plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, Friends and Carers are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect RAFTs Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please speak to *Lisa Wills* on *01380730078* or email lisawills@outlook.com As RAFT is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination form, please read the Charity Commission publication *'The Essential Trustee – What you need to know (CC3)'*. A copy of the booklet can be found on the Charity Commission website.

Please return the slips below as soon as possible, or by Monday 18th April at the latest to *Lisa Wills* at the school office or email lisawills@outlook.com

A Zoom code will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Wills



I/We shall/shall not be attending RAFT's AGM

Signed Print Name

NOMINATION FOR OFFICER/MEMBER OF RAFT COMMITTEE

Nominee

For position of: Chair/Secretary/Treasurer/ Ordinary Committee Member [Circle one]

Nominated by Seconded by
[Please sign and print name] [Please sign and print name]

I (nominee name) agree to my nomination for the position of

Signed Date