

# RJC WEEKLY

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WEEK ENDING

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026

## THIS WEEK AT RJC

A quick look back at some highlights of the learning, achievements and moments that made us proud this week.



### A Message from the Head Teacher Ms Campbell

It has been another busy week across Rothsay Joint Campus, with pupils enjoying a range of outdoor learning opportunities, taking part in **Snack-tember** activities and learning about

healthy lifestyles, and our **Primary House Leaders** launching this year's exciting House Challenge rewards. Looking ahead, we are also excited to share details of our **Pizza and PJs** event, the launch of our new **Study Café** after the October break, and some important staffing updates. 🌟

### 🏠 Primary House Challenge 🏠

Our Primary House Challenge is underway, encouraging pupils to demonstrate our school values of **Respect, Kindness, Resilience, Creativity and Ownership** while earning points for their House.

★ **20 points** – Pyjama Day

🏠 **40 points** – 2.30pm playground celebration with games and equipment

🎬 **60 points** – Film afternoon

🎉 **Overall Winning House** – House Disco organised by our House Leaders

🐾 This year, our House Leaders have chosen to support a wildlife or animal charity. After the October holidays, we will hold a bake sale, with each House purchasing its own mascot from the proceeds and the remaining funds being donated to the chosen charity. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to show kindness, take ownership and make a positive difference to others. 🍰 🤝

🍕 📺 Pizza, PJs & Bookbug Night! 📺

We're delighted to invite all of our **P1–P3 children and their families** to a special **Pizza, PJs & Bookbug Night!** Our p2/1b class made a video to invite you all. See it on our [facebook page](#).

📅 **Thursday 22nd October in the School Hub**

🕒 **5.30pm–6.30pm**

Please complete the [booking form](#) before Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September to let us know if you're able to attend, so we can make sure there's plenty of pizza to go around!

📺 **Study Café - Save the Date!**

**Wednesday 21 October - S4-S6 pupils and parents/carers**

🕒 **3.40pm–4.40pm**

Join us for the launch of our new **Study Café**, featuring pizza and practical study tips to help support success in the senior phase.

More information will be shared next week, but for now please **save the date!** 📺 📅 🌟

🍎 **Snack-tember at Rothsay Academy**

Throughout September, our secondary pupils are taking part in **Snack-tember**, encouraging healthier snack choices and helping young people learn more about nutrition.

🥗 **Healthy Snack of the Day** suggestions throughout September

👩 **Home Economics activities** exploring healthy and nutritious snacking

🥗 **Healthy Eating Tables on Thursday 1 October**, where pupils can sample a range of different snack foods.

For more ideas, take a look at the **British Nutrition Foundation Parent/Carer Snacking Guide** and find out more about the campaign on the **Snack-tember website**. 🍌 🥥 🥗

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## SOME OF OUR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS - Spotlight on Outdoor Learning at RJC

### Archaeological Dig with Archaeology Scotland

Academy pupils enjoyed an archaeological dig at Balnakailly with Archaeology Scotland, learning excavation skills and uncovering artefacts including pottery, a clay pipe and a hinge from a settlement believed to be 200 to 300 years old.



### Academy Fishing competition aoch Fad

Stage 1 of the competition saw our Academy pupils fishing for trout at Loch Fad. Next week, our primary pupils cast their lines!



### Horticulture Harvest

This week's harvest by our Horticulture students from our polytunnels included cucumbers, tomatoes and fresh herbs



### Pre-5 Cycling

Our pre-5 have been demonstrating their balance skills on their bikes



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## Duke of Edinburgh class Volunteering in our Pre-5 Garden

Our S3 Duke of Edinburgh pupils have been lending a helping hand in the Pre-5 garden, working together to develop an exciting outdoor learning space for our youngest learners. Through their volunteering, pupils have been demonstrating leadership, teamwork and responsibility while creating an engaging environment where children can explore, play and learn outdoors. This project reflects our school values in action, with older pupils making a positive contribution to the wider school community. 🌱 🤝 😊



## P7/6 Forest Schools



Primary 7/6 enjoyed exploring our school values through interactive challenges and discussions. They carefully considered how each activity reflected our values and why these are important to our school community.

## Dare to Venture

Super skills shown by our Primary pupils taking ownership of areas of the school grounds. Very responsible use of tools while improving the space for our users.



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## Staffing Updates

### Staff leaving us...

- Mr Kerr – Physics Teacher is leaving to take up a new teaching post in Midlothian.
- Miss Livesley – Support Assistant left us on 18<sup>th</sup> September to move to Helensburgh and a new job as a carer.
- Wendy Charker – Early Education and Childcare Worker left us on 25<sup>th</sup> August.
- Mr Cameron – Support Teacher is leaving us to take up a new post as Depute Head Teacher at Arran High School.
- Stephanie Charker – Early Education and Childcare Worker is leaving us to take up a new post as a Pharmacy Assistant.

**We wish them all the very best of luck in their new roles. We will miss them!**

### New Appointments

- We have appointed new PE Teacher Mr Reid who will take up post after the October holidays.
- We are currently recruiting to fill vacant posts for:
  - Physics Teacher
  - Support for Learning Teacher (Peripatetic)
  - Two Support Assistant positions
  - Early Learning and Childcare Worker

## NEXT WEEK AT RJC

Everything families need to know for the week ahead — at a glance.

| DAY / DATE                                 | WHAT'S HAPPENING?                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | WHO?                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Reading Challenge Starts</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All primary pupils</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P6 &amp; P7 Cross Country</li> <li>• Academy Cross Country</li> </ul>                                                                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P6 and 7 pupils</li> <li>• All interested Academy pupils</li> </ul>                                                                                                   |
| <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for Sponsored Walk Money</li> <li>• Academy S4-S6 VR Trip</li> <li>• Academy Orchestra Trip to Oban</li> <li>• p7/6 Forest Schools</li> <li>• Primary Fishing Competition</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All</li> <li>• S4-6 pupils studying Computing</li> <li>• S1-S6 musicians</li> <li>• P7/6</li> <li>• P2-7 interested Primary pupils</li> </ul>                         |
| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Careers Fair</li> <li>• Restart a Heart Live</li> <li>• P3 visit to Mount Stuart</li> <li>• Pre-5 Grandparents Day</li> </ul>                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P7-S6 pupils</li> <li>• All Campus</li> <li>• P3 pupils</li> <li>• Grandparents of pre-5 children are invited to join us for activities throughout the day</li> </ul> |
| <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We finish for the October holidays at normal time.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-5, Primary, Academy and Learning Centre</li> </ul>                                                                                                                |

### CANTEEN MENU - NEXT WEEK – week 1 menu

SEE Primary lunch menu [here](#)

SEE Academy lunch menu [here](#).

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**Assembly focus for week = Celebrating all our Achievements**

*Slides will be on our school website after the assembly [Primary Assemblies](#) [Academy Assemblies](#)*

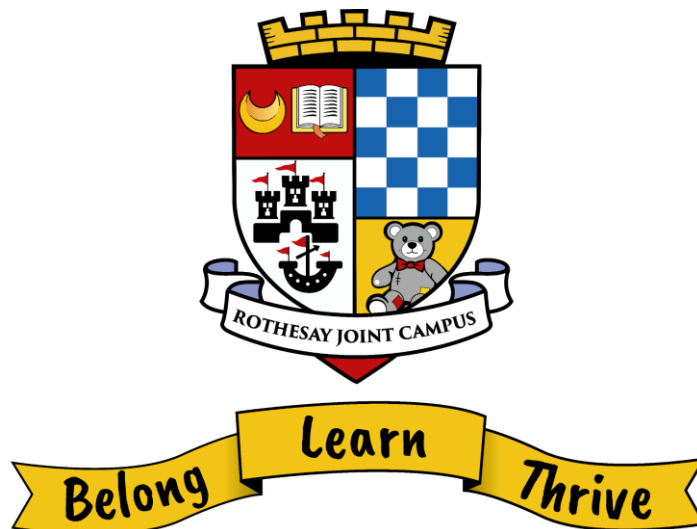
**DON'T FORGET**

- A friendly reminder that all remaining sponsorship money from our Sponsored Walk should be returned to school by **Wednesday 30 September**.
- Thank you for your fantastic support. Funds raised will be shared between **UNICEF** and school funds, helping to support trips, experiences and activities for all pupils across the campus.
- Together, we are making a difference both locally and globally. 🤝 🌍

**LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD**

**Return for term 2 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at 9am (Academy) and 9.10am (Primary).**

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Council Meeting** 5.00pm - 6.30pm (Focus – Reporting and Mobile Phone Policy). All welcome.
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Pizza and Study Cafe** for Pupils & Parents (Academy) 3.40pm-4.40pm
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - P6 Forest Schools**
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Pizza and Pyjamas – p1-3 children & their families.**
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October -S4 parents evening –3:45-5:45pm**
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October – save the date - Halloween discos pre-5, Primary & Academy**
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Tempest Photography Academy S1/S3/S5/S6 individual photos and S1/S6 Year Group Photos**



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