



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

"Making Every Moment Matter"

5th December 2025

Everyone is getting excited by the build up to Christmas! It was lovely to see the children's reaction to their Christmas Hoop decorations that are hanging in the hall. This is a tradition that goes back many years in school. They also had fun decorating the Christmas tree. There has been a lot of music filling the corridors as the children are practising for various carol events in the community as well as nativity performances. They have also found out more about the history of various Christmas traditions over the years. Good luck to all the children taking part in various events over the coming two weeks.

Staffing

Best wishes to Mrs. Slaney who is starting her maternity leave next week and welcome back to Mrs Webster who is teaching the class while Mrs. Slaney is absent from school.

Welcome as well to Mrs Stubbs who is working as a teaching assistant in Y3/4 and Miss Smith who is working as a teaching assistant and midday supervisor.

Road Safety Assembly

We had a visit from the local road safety team earlier this week to remind the children about the importance of road safety.

Think, Stop, Listen and Look were the four instructions that the man who came in told us. Along with that he told us to take out our ear pods, take off your headphones and stop looking at your phone before crossing. He mentioned how important it is to wear bright clothing when walking about in the dark so drivers can see you. He also talked about checking that your bike or scooter are safe to ride before you get on them. (Harrison)

Arbor

Thank you for your patience and understanding of our recent MIS move to Arbor, this system is new to us all and we are getting to grips with ways it can be utilised to help improve communication in our school community.

As you know, the majority of information we send out is communicated to parents through email. In the first instance, we will continue to use emails as our main way of sending out information. However, Arbor has the functionality to send In App messages to parents, which we feel may be useful to use for reminders. For example, to remind you of an upcoming menu change or non-uniform day.

Therefore, in future please lookout for these reminders coming through via the In-App messages on your Arbor App. Please be advised you WILL receive a notification on your device when an In-App message is received. In order to receive the In-App messages from school, please can you turn on notifications from Arbor and log in to your app.

We are really frustrated that Arbor does not yet support notifications for Team Points or visits. This is something we have requested be added and we will notify parents as soon as we have an update on this.

Thank you for your support.

12 Days of Christmas Writing Challenge.

There are still a few days to enter Mrs Clarke's writing challenge for the whole school (see the details sent out via Arbor). Submit your best piece (or more!) to your class teacher by Friday 12th December. There will be one winner from each class, who will receive a special prize in the final assembly of term!

Also, don't forget Mrs. Clarke's festive reading challenge as a fun way to enjoy reading something different.

Maths Advent Calendar 2025

After Mrs. Clarke's Christmas Writing Challenge, we thought we would share a Maths activity. Here are twenty-four problems, which we hope will tap into your mathematical curiosity. There is one for each day in December, during the run-up to Christmas. We hope you enjoy working on them! [Advent Calendar 2025 - Primary | NRICH](#)

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to the FoRS Christmas Fair! We hope you all had a fantastic time. Thanks to your amazing support, we raised an incredible £3,615.23 (includes Barclays Match Funding of £1000) and every penny will go directly towards benefiting the school and our children.

The raffle has now been drawn, and the winners have been announced on our Facebook page - take a look to see if you were one of the lucky ones!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas from everyone at FoRS.

Attendance

We know that there are a lot of colds and flu like illnesses going around at the moment (we have also had cases of Scarlet Fever and Hand, Foot and Mouth in school). It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, when they're unwell. This website is helpful [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



We are seeing more requests for holidays in term time which unfortunately we can't normally authorise. Our current school attendance rate is just above the national average and although a few days out of school may not seem a lot at the start of a new term or half term this is often when we introduce new projects and children can miss important learning.

Online Safety

The children in Y5/6 have been designing online safety posters this week and with the technology market ever growing, many children will be unwrapping new devices this Christmas, including virtual reality headsets, smartphones, tablets, gaming consoles, and more.

While these gifts offer exciting opportunities and the possibilities of entering new worlds, they can also bring about new risks. So, here are some key tips and resources to help keep children safe online:

- Set Up Devices Together: Explore privacy settings, parental controls, and safe search options with your child.

- Learn Together: You children may know more than you do about the online world so let them teach you what they know.
- Talk About Online Safety: Discuss online behaviour, cyberbullying, and what to do if something worries them.

Use Trusted Resources:

- [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)
- [Bullying | Get help and advice | YoungMinds](#)
- [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](#) Report Online Images
- [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](#) Online Safety
- [Resources for 3-11s - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Safety Cards - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)
- [Safeguarding Children - Get Safe Online](#)

Most importantly stay involved and encourage children to share their online experiences, good and bad, and reassure them that they can come to you with any concerns.

Little Princess Fundraising

Olivia in Y3/4LH has had her lovely long hair cut and donated it to The Little Princess Trust – a wonderful charity that makes real-hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment and other conditions. Olivia hopes her donation will help bring a bit of confidence and a smile to someone who really needs it. Each wig costs around £700 to make and fit so she is trying to raise as much as she can to help the charity cover these costs and hopefully get as close as possible to funding a full wig. If you are able to make a donation that would be very much appreciated.



<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/olivias-hair-raising?edit=page>

Diary Dates

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| • 5 th December | Singing Group at Christmas Tree Festival |
| • 8 th December | Y1/2 Lights, Camel, Action performance, 10.30am |
| • 9 th December | Reception Nativity performance, 9.30am |
| • 9 th December | Y1/2 Lights, Camel, Action performance, 6.00pm |
| • 10 th December | Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day |
| • 10 th December | Year 5/6 Theme open afternoon for parents, 2:45pm |
| • 12 th December | Year 3/4 Theme open afternoon for parents, 2.45pm |
| • 15 th December | Y3/4 Visit to Jorvik |
| • 16 th December | Year 3/4 Christmas party |
| • 17 th December | Year 5/6 Christmas party |
| • 18 th December | Year 1/2 Christmas party |
| • 19 th December | Reception Christmas party |
| • 19 th December | Last Day of Term |
| • 5 th January | Professional Training Day – School Closed |
| • 6 th January | School Opens |

Dates are also on our website [Calendar < Romanby Primary School](#)

Stars of the Week

Every Friday we have a special celebration assembly when staff give out awards that link to our “Secrets of Success”. Congratulations to the following children who received the “Star of the Week” award in our in our last two celebration assemblies:

Mis Jenkin’s class	Benjamin, Elisa, Neve, Kallie
Miss McNally’s class	Robin, Alaia, Hunter, James T
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Laith, Rowan, Alaia, Mohamed, Daisy
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Joshua, Elsa-Mae, Ruby T, Maisie E
Mrs. Seal’s class	Thomas, Evie, Zak, Layla
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Marnie, Max, Lola, Luca
Mrs. Slaney’s class	Charlie, Lleyton, Qiyaam, Poppy
Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Mayhew’s class	Edie, Ted, Ethan, Riley
Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Holme’s class	Declan, Erica, William, Benjamin

Safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child at our school, please speak to one of our Safeguarding Leads or email dsl@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mr Foxwell and Miss Jenkins.



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