



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

19th September 2025

Our school has signed up with national charity the Children's Book Project to receive donations of good quality, gently used books from local families or businesses. These will be used across the school. Please share with anyone you think may be able to support us. Books can be dropped at the school office. Thank you.



Could You Be Our Next Parent Governor?

We are looking for a passionate and committed parent to join our Governing Body as a Parent Governor. Information was sent out on the last newsletter or contact the school office for further details.

Arbor Parent Portal/App

Thank you to everyone who has now registered accounts with the Arbor Parent Portal/App. Invites have now been resent to anyone who has not yet registered. Please can we stress the importance of checking your child's account to ensure all contacts are correct, medical information such as whether your child needs an inhaler in school is correct and consents are up to date. All children must have at least 2 emergency contacts on their account. This platform is now being used for all school related communications and activities including Payments, Team Points and Parent Consultations. We have stopped using the Marvellous Me and Parent Pay apps and have moved to Arbor to try and simplify things for parents so that school things are all in one place.

As part of the system all communications from the school will now come from the office or the Senior Leadership Team which is Mr Foxwell, Mrs Mayhew or Miss Jenkins. Class Teachers will no longer be contacting parents directly. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher please contact the school office via admin@romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk or 01609 781178 and the message will be forwarded on. Mr Foxwell is currently absent from school and therefore any communications should be sent to the school office and it will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff in his absence.

Guardian Consultations – Y1 EH

The Guardian consultations for Y1EH have now gone live on Arbor and any parents/#Guardians can now go on the system and book a time to meet with Miss Hillary.

Funding

Children will be benefiting from the Universal Free School Meal initiative in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, but there are some advantages for the school and for your child from additional funding known as the Pupil Premium Grant for those children who would be entitled to a statutory free school meal.

The Government introduced the Pupil Premium to help children reach their full potential and to achieve their best at school. The level of funding that the school will receive for 2025/26 is £1515 for each child that is registered as meeting the statutory free school meal criteria.

If you get certain benefits, your child could also qualify for free school meals during all school years, Year 3 and beyond. To qualify you must be receiving:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Therefore, even though your child will automatically receive a free school meal, if you fulfil any of the following criteria we would appreciate your support in completing the online form on the NYC website [Synergy - Enquiry \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](http://northyorks.gov.uk).

Diary Dates

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| • 22 nd September | Reception Fire Service Visit |
| • 24 th September | Y5/6 Quicksticks Hockey |
| • 24 th September | Y5 East Barnby Information Evening |
| • 24 th September | Open Evening at Bedale High School |
| • 25 th September | Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents |
| • 25 th September | Open Evening at Thirsk School & Sixth Form College |
| • 1 st October | Y3/4 Quicksticks Hockey |
| • 7 th October | Individual photographs |
| • 8 th October | Y5/6 Girls Football |
| • 15 th October | Year 5/6 Eden Camp Visit |
| • 20 th October | Reception Stay and Play |
| • 22 nd October | Y5/6 Boys Football |
| • 22 nd and 23 rd October | Parent/Teacher Meetings |
| • 24 th October | Professional development training day: School Closed |
| • 27 th October | Half term holiday |
| • 10 th November | Anti-bullying Week |
| • 12 th November | Y6 Crucial Crew |
| • 13 th November | Flu Vaccinations |
| • 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 | Year 3/4 Christmas party |
| • 17 th December | Year 5/6 Christmas party |

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	Milana, Alfie, Isla, Imogen
Miss Hillary’s class	Nahla-Rose, Lottie, Chase, Rain
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Isabella, Isla, Eddie, Dougie,
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Olivia, Elliott, Omar, Kai
Mrs. Seal’s class	Rosie, Archie, Layla, George
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Harper, Matthew, Luca, Archie
Mrs. Slaney’s class	Lincoln, Darcy, Aoife, Omra
Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Mayhew’s class	Oliver, Isla, Aria, Amelia
Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Holme’s class	Erica, Amelia-Rose, Harrison, Sophie

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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If you would like this information in another language or format please let us know.