

Romanby Primary School Newsletter

"Making Every Moment Matter"

5th September 2025

Welcome Back!

It has been great to have the children back in school again and we have all thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the children's different experiences over the summer. Once again there are some changes for the children to get used to, but everyone has settled very quickly, adapted to the new routines and worked hard. We are particularly delighted to welcome our new Reception children into school along with the other new children who have joined us over the summer.

Along with this newsletter is some curriculum information from each year group about our new Learning Projects for the term (this information, and lots more including Knowledge Organisers for the projects, is also on our school website). This curriculum content is organised into a range of main and mini subject-driven projects. Our English work continues to follow the Talk 4 Writing approach and links with key stories and non-fiction texts. The Maths curriculum follows the White Rose Maths termly projects. All this work links to our strategic priorities for this year that are shown at the end of this newsletter.

Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Hillary who is expecting a baby in a few weeks' time. In the next couple of weeks, we will be welcoming Miss McNally to the staff team who will be teaching in Y1 and working with Miss Hillary before she goes on maternity leave. Congratulations as well to Mrs Slaney and Mrs Clarke who are also expecting new arrivals towards the end of this term. Details of their maternity cover positions will be shared once finalised.

Building work

If you passed school in the summer holiday you will have seen a lot of work going on to the building. The EYFS/KS1 part of the building has been reroofed and a new heating system has been installed. Hopefully this will keep school warm and dry and be more efficient.

School Facebook Page

This year we will continue to keep you updated on school life using our school Facebook page. Here is the link to access it: [\(16\) Romanby Primary School | Facebook](#). If your child is new to school, please send us a 'Friend Request' and state which class your child is in. Please do answer the membership questions to ensure you are added to the school group.

Extra-curricular activities

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be restarting some of our afterschool activities. Mr Bullock will be running a KS2 Multi Skills Club on a Tuesday and a KS1 Multi Skills club on a Thursday starting next week. Private music lessons are also restarting next week. Piano lessons will be on Thursday morning and guitar lessons will be Friday morning.

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. Please find attached to this newsletter email further information regarding this vacancy.

Food in school

Please can we remind everyone that we have a number of children in school who have a food allergy. We particularly ask that children do not bring nuts into school and that packed lunches do not contain

nuts. Please can you also remind your children that once they have ordered their school meal in the morning they can't change their choice when they get to the serving trolley in the hall as we will not be able to give everyone their chosen meal if they do this. We operate a sitting system for the children so if they are last in for lunch, they will not be happy if they don't get what they have asked for.

Uniform

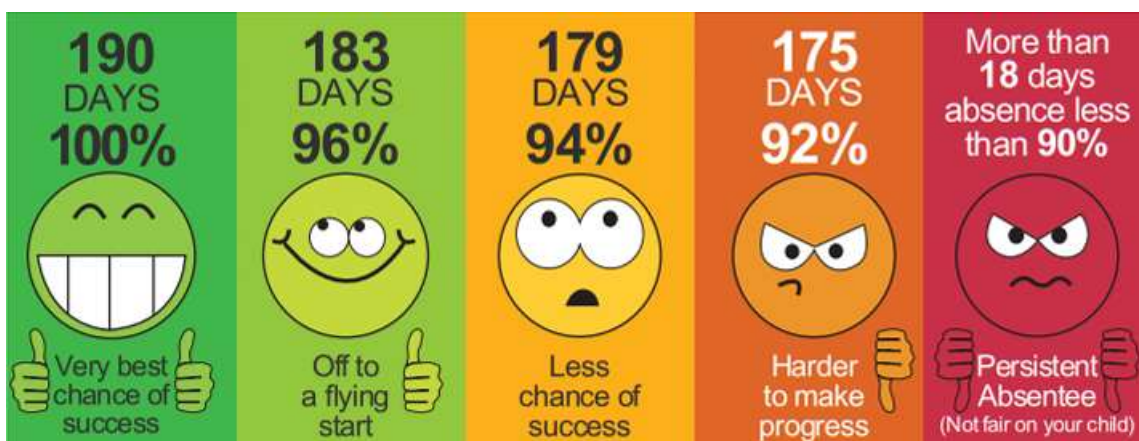
It has been great to see everyone coming to school in their school uniform, thank you for your support with this. Please can we remind you to put your child's name in all clothing so that it can be returned if it is misplaced.

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 creating an account as this platform is now being used for all school related 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.

Attendance

It is so important to stress how important good attendance is for your children. We know that children who attend regularly, do better, achieve more, and have better chances of success than those who don't. We are aiming for at least 96%.



The evidence shows that children with poor attendance are unlikely to succeed academically and they are more likely not to be in education, employment or training when they leave school. Unfortunately, last term, we have had an increase of families taking holidays during term time. We really do understand the reasons that parents are more attracted to booking holidays during school time, however as a school, our ultimate responsibility and concern is the educational welfare and achievement of your children and we would urge families not to do this wherever possible. On the other hand, we are not saying send your children to school when they are ill! Longer term, this can be worse for your child's health (and others if contagious!) and they certainly will not learn well. However, all we ask as a school, is that you keep in mind how important school is for your child's achievements, particularly if you are unsure if they are really that unwell – and please be re-assured, that if they are, we will contact you to take them home for lots of TLC!

Illness

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. We have been asked to share the NHS' 'is my child too ill for school' guidance with parents and carers which has further information. Please follow this link for further details [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

School Meal Prices

A reminder that due to the increased cost of ingredients and staff wages, the price of a school meal has increased to £3.35 per day or £16.75 per week.

Jewellery in PE lessons

The wearing of personal effects, such as jewellery and watches, can present risks of injury to the person and/or others involved in an activity. The basic rule is that all jewellery should be removed. It is not safe to cover ear-rings / studs / sleepers with tape. Children should remove their own jewellery. If the child is unable to do this themselves, they should not wear any on the days that they do PE.

Playground

A reminder that no dogs are allowed on the playground and that there should be no smoking or vaping on the school site. The children have been reminded today about walking their bikes or scooters across the playground and not to use the adventure play equipment at the beginning and end of the school day.

Diary Dates

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| • 18 th September | Northallerton School Y6 Open evening |
| • 22 nd September | Reception Fire Service Visit |
| • 24 th September | Bedale High School Y6 Open evening |
| • 25 th September | Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents |
| • 30 th September | Flu Vaccinations |
| • 15 th October | Year 5/6 Eden Camp Visit |
| • 20 th October | Reception Stay and Play |
| • 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 |
| • 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 |

Term Dates

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| Professional development training day: | Friday 24 October 2025 (School Closed) |
| Half term holiday: | Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025 |
| Christmas holiday: | Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026 |
| Professional development training day: | Monday 5 January 2026 (School Closed) |
| Spring term starts: | Tuesday 6 January 2026 |
| Half term holiday: | Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026 |
| Professional development training day: | Friday 27 March 2026 (School Closed) |
| Easter holiday: | Monday 30 March 2026 to Friday 10 April 2026 |
| Summer term starts: | Monday 13 April 2026 |
| Bank holiday: | Monday 4 May 2026 |
| Half term holiday: | Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026 |
| Term ends: | Friday 17 July 2026 |
| Professional development training day: | Monday 20 July 2026 (School Closed) |

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 celebration assembly this week:

Mis Jenkin’s class	Beau, Jenson
Miss Hillary’s class	Oscar, Harry
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Thomas, William
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Elliott, Olivia
Mrs. Seal’s class	Ralphie, James
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Olivia, Marnie
Mrs. Slaney’s class	Arlo, La’Vaiyah
Mrs. Howe’s and Mrs. Mayhew’s class	William, Ryan
Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Holme’s class	Declan, Koby

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.



HIGH QUALITY TEACHING

To ensure access to high quality teaching, we plan to...

- Improve attainment and progress in phonics, grammar, punctuation, and spelling across EYFS, KS1, and KS2, ensuring all pupils meet or exceed age-related expectations.
- Improve the clarity and consistency of teacher modelling in mathematics so that all pupils are equipped to complete tasks independently and make sustained progress.

TARGETED ACADEMIC SUPPORT

To deliver impactful targeted support, we plan to...

- Strengthen the quality and impact of provision for disadvantaged pupils and pupils with Special Educational Needs by introducing and embedding new, evidence-based support strategies that promote inclusion, independence, and progress.

WIDER STRATEGIES

To remove non-academic barriers to attainment, we plan to...

- Promote regular attendance and address emerging patterns of absence.
- Maintain and further embed a strong safeguarding culture and ethos across the school, ensuring all staff are confident, vigilant, and proactive in promoting the safety and well-being of all pupils.

Strategic Priorities

2025 - 2026



RRSA: Article 28 – We have the right to a good quality education.

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