



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

9th January 2026

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a fabulous Christmas. It has been lovely to have the children back in school and hear all about their holidays. They have all come back well rested, happy and ready to learn about their new projects for this term. It has been a busy week with the launch of these projects as well as the Y5/6 swimming gala.



Information about the learning projects for this term has been sent home via email and can also be found on the year group pages of our website <http://romanby.n-yorks.sch.uk/children/>. This includes detailed knowledge organisers for each key project.

Staffing

Congratulations to Mrs. Clarke and Mrs Slaney who both had their babies over the holiday period. Mrs Clarke had a baby boy and Mrs Slaney had a baby girl. They are all doing well and we are looking forward to seeing them soon.

Swimming Gala

Last Wednesday was the Y5/6 swimming competition. There were five schools in total. It was mostly individual but some races were done in teams. Romanby did very well and won lots of medals. In the team were Oliver S, Elliott W, Harrison, Toby, Zoe, Catherine, Emelia A and Aoife.

By Oliver



Attendance

Despite the illnesses before the holiday we continue to have a good attendance level. Please remember that we can't authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are exceptional.

We know it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. This link provides some really helpful information about all sorts of illnesses. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

“From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts”

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Children in Year 4 will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Further information for parents is available at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/690cb4ebb5e5a06aefd46b58/Multiplication_tables_check_information_for_parents.pdf

Report from the Children's Commissioner

The Children's commissioner has recently published a new guide, "What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives."

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

The report can be found on the link below.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Dangers of Frozen Water – Stay Wise – North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Attached to this newsletter is a poster from North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service reminding people about the dangers of frozen water.

Worried about the cost of living?



If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction. You'll find information about emergency support with everyday living costs, benefits, energy bills, food, free adult learning courses and managing your debt all in one place at www.northyorks.gov.uk/costofliving

North Yorkshire Council's cost of living web page also has information about schemes to help families including free school meals, help with childcare and healthy start as well as free school holiday activities for eligible families.

If you're less confident with technology and have friends or family who might be able to help you understand what support is available, please ask them to look at the web page with you. You can also go into any North Yorkshire library or North Yorkshire Council office.

If you're not sure who to turn to, you can call North Yorkshire Council's customer service centre on 0300 131 2 131 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 5pm, Wednesday 9:30am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4:30pm asking for 'cost of living help' when prompted.

Special Menu

On Thursday 15th January we will be having a special menu and would like to encourage all children to have a school dinner on this day. While the weather is cold it is beneficial for the children to have a hot meal at lunchtime. If your child does not normally have a school dinner they are able to make their menu choice at morning registration.



Diary Dates

• 5 th January	Professional Training Day – School Closed
• 6 th January	School Opens
• 7 th January	Y5/6 Swimming Gala
• 16 th January	Y5/6 Polar explorer visitor to school
• 21 st January	KS2 Cross Country Event
• 23 rd January	Pantomime Visit, 6.00pm
• 26th January	Reception “Stories and Rhymes” pyjama day
• 28 th January	HDT Dental Screening for 5-year olds
• 9 th February	Reception 'Stay and Play', 9.10am
• 10 th February	Young Voices Concert, Sheffield
• 11 th February	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Event
• 11 th /12 th February	Parent/Teacher Meetings
• 16 th February	Half Term
• 27 th February	Y3/4 Mount Everest VR experience
• 27 th February	Y5/6 Frozen Kingdom VR experience
• 3 rd March	KS1 Fun Run Event
• 11 th March	Y3/4 Tchoukball Event
• 13 th March	Reception visit to Baydale Farm
• 18 th March	Y5/6 Dodgeball Event
• 20 th March	Red Nose Day
• 23 rd March	Reception 'Stay and Play', 9.10am
• 23 rd March	Y5/6 Parent theme event afternoon, 2:45pm
• 25 th March	Y3/4 Parent theme event afternoon, 2:45pm
• 26 th March	Y1/2 Parent Art Workshop, 2.30pm
• 27 th March	Professional development training day: School Closed
• 30 th March	Easter holiday begins

Term dates for 2026-27

Professional development training day: Monday 7 September 2026 (School Closed)

Autumn term starts: Tuesday 8 September 2026

Professional development training day: Friday 23 October 2026 (School Closed)

Half term holiday: Monday 26 October 2026 to Friday 30 October 2026

Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027

Professional development training day: Monday 4 January 2027 (School Closed)

Spring term starts: Tuesday 5 January 2027

Half term holiday: Monday 8 February 2027 to Friday 12 February 2027

Professional development training day: Friday 19 March 2027 (School Closed)

Easter holiday: Monday 22 March 2027 to Friday 2 April 2027

Summer term starts: Monday 5 April 2027

Bank holiday: Monday 3 May 2027

Half term holiday: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

Term ends: Friday 23 July 2027

Professional development training day: Monday 26 July 2027 (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 in our last two celebration assemblies:

Mis Jenkin's class	Emily, Nelly
Miss McNally's class	Robin, Teddy
Mrs. Whittaker's class	Imogen, Josh
Mrs. Weeks' and Mrs. Crocker's class	Violet, Joshua, Omar
Mrs. Seal's class	Theo, Nancy
Mrs. Hugill's class	Max, Nirmol
Mrs. Webster's class	Aria, Oliver
Mrs. Howe's class	Naziv, Ella
Mrs. Holme's and Mrs. Mayhew's class	Hayden, Harriet, Callie

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.



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.