

Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

23rd January 2026



National Year of Reading 2026

As part of the National Year of Reading, the Department for Education (DfE) and the National Literacy Trust have launched the [**'Go All In' campaign**](#), encouraging people of all ages to rediscover reading for pleasure. This follows data revealing only one in three 8 to 18 year olds saying they enjoy reading.

The campaign aims to bring together families, schools, libraries, businesses and other community organisations to connect reading with everyday passions such as football, music, food, film and gaming. Activities will include national events, local community programmes, volunteer opportunities and new resources for parents and schools.

We have some exciting ideas planned to encourage all children to read for pleasure and we know lots of children are already keen readers.

Making the curriculum come to life

We try to make lessons as engaging and relevant to real life as we can. Visits play a part in this but we also value the support we get from our local community and further afield. A big thank you to one of our Reception parents for coming into school with their new baby as part of our current EYFS learning project. The children in Y5/6 were able to gain a much better understanding of polar environments with a visit from Dr Rosie Chance from York University who shared examples of her scientific work in these environments.

Cross Country

The dull, damp, cold and muddy conditions earlier this week provided challenging (and what many people remember as typical) conditions for the local school's Cross-Country event. Well done to all the children who took part.

Our annual cross country took place on Wednesday 21st January where many schools participated, both large and small.

There were 11 year 3 and 4 children and 15 year 5 and 6 who took part from Romanby. We received many medals within the school.

By Isla Year 6



Adult courses in maths, English and digital skills

Next Tuesday we are hosting a pop-up stall after school from North Yorkshire's Multiply programme. This programme offers free, friendly adult courses in maths, English and digital skills, helping people build everyday confidence without feeling like they're back at school. Using real-life scenarios, from cooking and gardening to job applications and online tasks, the sessions support anyone who missed out on key skills, whether you're improving literacy, brushing up on numeracy, or getting to grips with apps and digital tools. With no exams, no pressure and options for learners aged 19 to 64, Multiply focuses on practical knowledge that makes life easier, boosts employment opportunities and strengthens day-to-day independence, with an app available for flexible learning

Visit the pop-up stall next week or find out more at [Adult Numeracy, Literacy & Digital Skills](#)

Jewellery

Please can we remind parents that children should not be wearing jewellery such as necklaces or hoop earrings in school.

Snacks

Please can we remind you that if you are sending snacks for break time they should be healthy snacks such as fruit, babybel, cereal bars. Can you also ask that there are no nuts included in snacks or packed lunches.

Parent/ Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings are scheduled for the 11th and 12th February from 3.30pm -6.00pm. Booking can be made on the Arbor app and opens on Monday 26th January at 8am.

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.

Diary Dates

• 26 th 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
• 24 th March	Y3/4 Performances of "You are Special", 9.20am and 6.00pm
• 23 rd March	Y5/6 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](#)

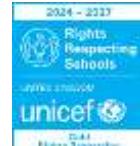
Stars of the Week

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 last two celebration assemblies:

Mis Jenkin's class	Kallie, Henry, Hamdullah, Jenson
Miss McNally's class	Maira, Izabella, George, Alaia, Harry
Mrs. Whittaker's class	Daisy, Charlie, Adejoke, Imogen, Lochlan
Mrs. Weeks' and Mrs. Crocker's class	Lukas, Alina, Ruby, Athena-Rose
Mrs. Seal's class	Gracie, Ember, George, James, Wren, Archie
Mrs. Hugill's class	Jimi, Harper, Gigi, Tabbi
Mrs. Webster's class	Lucy, Harry, Jayden, Jessica
Mrs. Howe's class	Oliver, Isla, Joshua, Charlotte
Mrs. Holme's and Mrs. Mayhew's class	Daniel, Charlie, Ethan, Emily

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.