



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

"Making Every Moment Matter"

3rd July 2026

Over the last fortnight the children across school have enjoyed a range of new learning opportunities and experiences. The Y1/2 children shared some of their recent learning in their parent open afternoon. The Y4/5 children enjoyed a production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at Bedale High School while the Y5/6 children gave fantastic performances of Darwin Rocks.

Staffing

In September, we will be welcoming back to school Mrs Clarke, Mrs Slaney and Miss Hillary who are all currently on maternity leave. This means that at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Miss McNally and Mrs Webster who have been teaching in Y1 and Y5/6. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Howe at the end of term as she is also leaving school. Mrs Howe has taught in Y5/6 for a number of years and has been a highly regarded member of staff. Miss Stubbs who has worked as a teaching assistant in Y3/4 will also be leaving school at the end of term. We would like to thank all those staff who are leaving for their hard work and wish them every success in the future.

In the school office, Miss Fisher has also moved out of the area so will not be returning to her role next year. We are pleased to say that Mrs Kidd will continue working in the office with Mrs Loughlin.

Y6 Residential Visit to London

Well done to the Y6 children who visited London this week. For some of them this was their first time in the capital and for others it was the first time that they had experienced some of London's sights and sounds.

As part of the visit, the children went to the Tower of London and the Hard Rock Café on the first day. The following morning started at the Imperial War Museum followed by a walk via the graffiti tunnel for a flight on the London Eye before a boat trip along the Thames. After a walk past the Houses of Parliament, Downing Street and Horse Guards Parade (just in time to see the guards) and Buckingham Palace the second day finished with tea at Pizza Express and by watching a performance of Wicked at the theatre. The final morning involved a visit to the Science Museum including a Wonder Show performance where the children found out more about forces, light and materials.

Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to take the children and helped them to have such a memorable visit.

EYFS/KS1 Sports Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children for the EYFS/KS1 sports afternoon. It was great to see the children taking part with such enthusiasm and enjoying the activities. The ice lollies at the end were also popular! Well done to Water who were the winning team.

Gymnastics

This year's gymnastics competition took place on Tuesday 23rd of June. There were many schools which took part. From Romanby, two pupils won individual methods but everyone put in 110%. Everyone was encouraging each other and no one gave up. Everyone did amazing!

By Isla C and Pippa R



School Meals

We have been informed by our catering provider that the cost of a school meal from September 2026 will be £3.69.

Free School Meals

We have now been given further information regarding the changes to free school meal entitlement. Please see the letters attached to this newsletter email.

PE kit from September

Following the parent survey we have added a plain red T-shirt to the options for PE kit alongside a plain white T-shirt. Either of these colours can be worn for PE along with dark coloured shorts.

Annual Reports/Transition Days /Open Evening

Annual reports will be sent home next Tuesday (7th). Information has been sent to the parents of children in Y6 regarding the national delay of publication of SAT's results. Next Thursday and Friday morning we will be holding our transition sessions for new classes where the children get to work with their new teachers and classmates for next year. We also have an Open Evening on Thursday 9th July, 3.30pm – 6.00pm, where parents can discuss annual reports or look at the work the children have completed this term.

Weather forecast for next week

If the forecast is accurate and we see some more hot weather next week then the children can come to school in their PE kit if they want to just as we did last week. Please can we ask that children come in their school PE kit and not football kits etc. Please don't forget hats and water bottles!

Keeping Children Safe Around Water

Please find on the link below an important safety communication from North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service.

[Keeping Children Safe Around Water](#) - focuses on helping parents and carers speak to children about staying safe around water, highlighting key risks such as cold water shock and providing simple, potentially life-saving advice like "float to live."

Fully-funded summer holiday activities with FEAST

We have issued FEAST vouchers to all families whose children/young people receive benefits-related free school meals. These vouchers entitle your child to fully-funded places on FEAST activities this summer holiday, where they'll also receive a free healthy meal. You should have received this voucher via email or text, from a platform called HolidayActivities. Follow the link to redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area.

If you believe your child is eligible and you have not yet received your voucher, or you have lost it, please contact the school office.

To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility and how to manage your bookings, visit the website.

Join the free 2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat at your local library or online



We are facing a national crisis in children's reading. Recent research shows that only 1 in 3 children and young people now enjoy reading (Clark, et al., 2025), and 1 in 4 children in the UK cannot read well by age 11. The Reading Agency and public libraries are working to change this with the Summer Reading Challenge – a FREE, UK-wide programme. Last year, over 575,000 children took part with nearly 12 million books being read. Sing from the rooftops! We're so thrilled that the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2026 will be music.

Your child (aged 4–11 years) can join the Summer Reading Challenge this summer. It's fun, free and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays!

- set a reading goal
- read whatever they like – books, eBooks, audiobooks, picture books, and more
- join in with library events
- Earn stickers, rewards and even a certificate

Starts 4 July and ends 5 September. It's a great way to boost confidence and make reading fun! For fun digital activities and book recommendations, take a look online: summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

You can take part online for free or go to the library.

Please join the challenge and keep your child reading this summer!

Updated Diary Dates

- 7th July Annual Reports go home for parents
- 8th July Y1/2 Multi Skills event
- 8th July Y3/4 Parent Open Afternoon, 2.45pm
- 9th July Transition morning
- 9th July Open Evening for parents, 3.30pm – 6.00pm
- 10th July Transition morning
- 15th July Y5 at Northallerton Festival, Northallerton School
- 15th July Reception trip to the seaside
- 16th July Leavers' Assembly, 9.20am
- 17th July End of term

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	Neve, Henry, Albie, Isla
Miss McNally's class	Arlo, Ruby, Lottie, Tabby
Mrs. Whittaker's class	Georgia, Lily, Cici, Aimee, Josh, Lochlan
Mrs. Weeks' and Mrs. Crocker's class	Ella, Lukas, Leo, Olivia, Joshua
Mrs. Seal's class	Nancy, Libby, Daisy, Max, Oliver
Mrs. Hugill's class	Harper, Lola, Nirmol, Archie, Gigi
Mrs. Webster's class	Harry T, Poppy, Seth, Scarlett, Ellouise
Mrs. Howe's class	Aria, Sophia, Seth, Aria, Emily
Mrs. Holme's and Mrs. Mayhew's class	Callie, Benjamin, Sophie, Emelia

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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