



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

19th June 2026

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!

Northallerton Library staff will be visiting school on 30th June to give more details to the children.

Calling All Creative Parents!

We are always looking for ways to enrich our children's learning experiences and would love to hear from any parents with artistic talents who might be willing to share their skills in school. If you have experience in areas such as painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, printmaking, or any other creative art form, we would be delighted to welcome you in to lead a workshop or activity. These opportunities make a huge difference to our pupils and inspire their creativity. If you are interested in helping us in the new school year, please do get in touch — we would love to hear from you!

Thank you.

Mrs. Weeks

Year 3/4 Tennis

A group of Y3/4 children took part in a tennis competition on Wednesday at Northallerton Tennis Club and had a fabulous time. They played against Mill Hill, Broomfield and Alverton developing new skills and having fun. They showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. We won a Trophy for coming first and also Toby won the skills medal and the Smiley face medal went to Esme.



Brownlee Mini Triathlon

A number of pupils from Y5/6 had a brilliant time at the Brownlee Mini Triathlon at Harrogate on Friday 5th June. They listened brilliantly to all instructions and really got involved with the swimming, cycling and running. They also got to see Olympic Gold medallist Alistair Brownlee!



Y5/6 Area Cricket Finals

On Friday 5th of July, the Y5/6 cricket team travelled to Thirsk High School to take part in the finals. There were nine schools in total and, after a brilliant performance, Romanby came away with a bronze medal.

Y5 Bikeability

The third group of Year 5 children have successfully completed their Level 2 Bikeability training following their two day course. Congratulations to them all for learning more about road safety.

KS2 Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children at our KS2 Sports Day yesterday. The afternoon is arranged to allow all the children to try new events, have an element of competition and most importantly have fun and enjoy physical activity.



Results

Well done to all children who took part in the KS2 sports day. There was a great mix of sporting skill and sportsmanship on display.

Pentathlon results:

Year 3 girls- 1st Gigi, 2nd Layla, Evie and Marnie, 3rd Maisie

Year 3 boys- 1st Zac, 2nd Thomas and Ralphie, 3rd Theo, Lukas and Matthew

Year 4 girls- 1st Esme, 2nd Lola, 3rd Olivia and Ruby T

Year 4 boys- 1st Flynn, 2nd Max, 3rd Jimi and Dylan

Year 5 girls- 1st Lucy, 2nd Eloise, 3rd Isabelle

Year 5 boys- 1st Lleyton, 2nd Harry P, 3rd Benjamin

Year 6 girls- 1st Catherine, 2nd Daisy, 3rd Amelia-Rose

Year 6 boys- 1st Elliott W, 2nd Elliot S, 3rd Harry

Relay team winners:

Mila, Ella R, Tabbi and Zuzanna

Coulson Sprint:

Girls- 1st Daisy, 2nd Isla, 3rd Sophie

Boys- 1st Elliott W, 2nd Hayden, 3rd Jayden

Grassam Long Distance:

Girls- 1st Annabel, 2nd Daisy, 3rd Catherine

Boys- 1st Elliot S, 2nd Lleyton, 3rd Elliott W

Fully-funded summer holiday activities with FEAST

FEAST is back this summer, offering holiday activities with food for children and young people across North Yorkshire. Better yet, if you're eligible for benefits-related free school meals, your place is fully-funded.

What's happening when?

From Monday 15th June – browse activities on the FEAST website or view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area.

Midday, Monday 22nd June – vouchers go live. Eligible families will receive a text or email from HolidayActivities to redeem their voucher and request places.

From Friday 24th June – activity providers begin allocating places.

Funded places are available for children who receive benefits-related free school meals (or who are eligible by exception – see the FEAST FAQs for details). Each activity you book includes a free healthy meal for your child.

If you believe your child is eligible and do not receive your voucher on 22nd June, please contact the school office.

Families who are not eligible for free places may be able to book paid places directly with providers.

Visit the FEAST website from 15th June to explore what's on this summer.

Have your say on holiday childcare in North Yorkshire!

North Yorkshire Council is inviting parents and carers of children aged 4–14 years to take part in a brief survey about holiday childcare. This should take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

For many families, school holidays can bring additional challenges trying to find childcare. North Yorkshire Council is trying to understand the needs of families during these periods.

We're asking **all** parents and carers of school aged children to complete the holiday childcare survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NorthYorkshire-SchoolAgeChildcareSurvey2026/> or use the QR code below.

Feedback is important and will inform future planning. Please could survey replies be submitted by **Friday 26th June 2026**.

Thank you in advance for your support.



NHS Togetherness Parent Wellbeing Newsletter

We have been asked to share the attached NHS Togetherness Parent Wellbeing Newsletter, which contains a range of free, evidence-based online resources designed to support families with children's emotional wellbeing, development, behaviour, and key life transitions.

The resources cover topics such as:

- Supporting children's mental health and wellbeing
- Transition to secondary school, including support for children with additional needs
- Toilet training and positive toileting approaches
- Understanding your baby and safe sleep guidance - Child development from toddler to teenager
- Practical parenting advice from NHS professionals

These courses and resources are available free of charge and can be accessed at a time that suits you.

As part of the support available to families, parents are encouraged to access these resources before requesting Early Help intervention from North Yorkshire, as they may provide helpful strategies and guidance to address concerns at an early stage.

Please see the attached newsletter for further information and details on how to access the learning platform.

National Children's Orchestra

We are delighted to announce that auditions for NCO 2027 are now open! We're hoping that some of the young musicians in your area would like to be a part of NCO Membership next year and we would be very grateful for your help spreading the word. To find out more, visit our website: [Auditioning for NCO | The National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain](#).

Auditions close at **9am on Friday 31st July 2026**.

Updated Diary Dates

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| • 23 rd June | Key Steps Gymnastics at Hambleton Leisure Centre |
| • 25 th June | Y5/6 production, 9.20am |
| • 26 th June | Summer Fair |
| • 29 th June | Year 4 & 5 at The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, Bedale |
| • 29 th June – 1 st July | Y6 London Visit |
| • 30 th June | Y1/2 Parent theme open afternoon, 2.20pm – 3.25pm |
| • 2 nd July | EYFS/KS1 Sports Day, 1.30pm - 3:15pm |
| • 2 nd July | Y5/6 production, 6.15pm |
| • 7 th July | Annual Reports go home for parents |
| • 8 th July | Y1/2 Multi Skills event |
| • 8 th July | Y3/4 Parent Open Afternoon, 2.45pm |
| • 9 th July | Transition morning |
| • 9 th July | Open Evening for parents, 3.30pm – 6.00pm |
| • 10 th July | Transition morning |
| • 15 th July | Y5 at Northallerton Festival, Northallerton School |
| • 15 th July | Reception trip to the seaside |
| • 16 th July | Leavers' Assembly, 9.20am |
| • 17 th 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	Bethany, Alfie, Milana, Eleanor
Miss McNally’s class	Harry, All Year 1, Penelope, Poppy, Maira
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Isla, Benjamin, Alaia, Thomas, Elyas
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Zac, Joshua, Omar, Ruby T, Ruby M, Violet, Alina, Leo, Owen
Mrs. Seal’s class	Ralphie, Rosie, Thomas D, Theo F
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Ollie, Mila, Tabbi, Marnie
Mrs. Webster’s class	Eloise, Maisie, Catherine, Jessica, Eliza
Mrs. Howe’s class	Edward Wa, Edie, Pippa, Seth
Mrs. Holme’s and Mrs. Mayhew’s class	Ethan, Isaac, Emilia, Thomas

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.