



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

"Making Every Moment Matter"

September 2026

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.

Curriculum information from each year group about our new Learning Projects for the term was emailed to everyone earlier this week (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.

Welcome back to Miss Hillary, Mrs Slaney and Mrs Clarke following their maternity leave last year and congratulations to Mrs Mayhew who is expecting a baby early in the new year.

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: [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 Wednesday and a KS1 Multi Skills club on a Thursday starting next week. Mr Form will be running I Create after school club on a Thursday afternoon starting on 24th September. Private music lessons are also restarting next week. Piano lessons will be on Thursday morning and guitar lessons will be Friday morning.

Secondary School Places

The application round for secondary school places opens on 12 September 2026 onward and the deadline to apply is 31 October 2026. The letter sent to Year 6 parents this week relates to the application process for pupils who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027. The letter also contains information on home to school travel.

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 registered or updated their account with the Arbor Parent Portal/App. Please can we stress the importance of keeping this account up to date as it is used for all school related activities including Payments, Team Points, Emergency Contacts and Parent Consultations etc. We must have two emergency contacts for each child so please can you check your child's account and ensure all information such as telephone numbers are up to date.

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 attendance of 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. 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. The NHS site [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) is a good source of advice.

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 £3.69 per day or £18.45 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.

Handy Helpers Wrap Around Care

We are so excited to finally be able to say that we have passed our Ofsted inspection and are officially ready to go with our Breakfast and After School Club at Romanby Primary School!

It has been a very busy summer for us at Handy Helpers with our Holiday Club, and we have absolutely loved spending the summer with so many children and families. We are now really excited to begin this next chapter and bring Handy Helpers to Romanby!

Bookings are now open and we can't wait to get started and grow our Handy Helpers wraparound provision at Romanby.

We offer a range of different session times and prices for both Breakfast Club and After School Club, so hopefully there is something to suit everyone. You can have a look through all of the options, create an account and make your bookings using our booking link below:

<https://handyhelpersholidayclub1.kidsclubhq.co.uk/rdr?u=home>

Where to meet

Please come to the middle gate, the one next to the main one and the cabin crew gate. A doorbell will be there and a staff member will come meet you.

Sibling Discount

We also offer a sibling discount for families. You will receive 20% off the second child's booking or 25% off when booking three or more children.

Tax Free Childcare

We will also be accepting Tax-Free Childcare. Unfortunately, the application process requires a code to be sent by post directly to the school. As we applied during the school holidays, no post was being taken into school, so this has delayed us being able to complete the registration. We expect it may take a few weeks before everything is fully up and running.

If you are planning to pay using Tax-Free Childcare, please don't worry — you can still secure the sessions you need now and payment can be made once our Tax-Free Childcare account is active.

If you would like to make a regular contract booking, you can set this up yourself through the booking system. If you would like any ad hoc sessions, just get in touch with us and we can add these from our end for you.

Thank you so much for all the support we have already received. We are really excited for this next step for Handy Helpers and can't wait to welcome everyone to our new wraparound provision at Romanby Primary School!

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to get in touch.

Many thanks,
Miss Okey and Miss J

Diary Dates

23 rd September	Y2 Multi Skills Event
24 th September	Friends of Romanby School, AGM, 6.00pm
30 th September	Flu Vaccinations
30 th September	Y3/4 Hockey Competition
1 st October	Phonics meeting for EYFS parents, 6.00pm
7 th October	Y5/6 Girls Football Competition
8 th October	Individual Photographs
13 th October	Y5/6BSPH Only, Parent – Teacher Meetings, 3.40pm – 6.00pm
14 th October	Y5/6BSPH Only, Parent – Teacher Meetings, 3.40pm – 6.00pm
14 th October	Y5/6 Football Competition
16 th October	Harvest Collection for Hambleton Foodshare
19 th October	Reception – Stay and Play
21 st October	Parent – Teacher Meetings, 3.40pm – 6.00pm
22 nd October	Parent – Teacher Meetings, 3.40pm – 6.00pm
23 rd October	Professional development training day (School Closed)
26 th October	Half Term holiday
4 th November	Y1/2 Fun Run
5 th November	Y2 Visit to York Air Museum
5 th November	Flu Vaccinations (for those that don't have it on 30 th September)
10 th November	KS2 Cross Country Competition
13 th November	Children In Need Day
16 th November	Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week
16 th November	Y6 Crucial Crew
7 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity, 10.30am
8 th December	Y3/4 Parent theme open afternoon, 2.45pm
8 th December	Reception Nativity, 9.10am – 9.40am
8 th December	Year 1/2 Nativity, 6.00pm
9 th December	Y5/6 Parent theme open afternoon, 2:45pm
15 th December	Year 5/6 Christmas party
16 th December	Year 3/4 Christmas party
17 th December	Year 1/2 Christmas Party
18 th December	Reception Christmas Party

Term Dates

7 September 2026	Professional development training day (School Closed)
8 September 2026	Autumn term starts
23 October 2026	Professional development training day (School Closed)
26 October 2026 to 30 October 2026	Half term holiday
21 December 2026 to 1 January 2027	Christmas holiday
4 January 2027	Professional development training day (School Closed)
5 January 2027	Spring term starts
8 February 2027 to 12 February 2027	Half term holiday
19 March 2027	Professional development training day (School Closed)
22 March 2027 to 2 April 2027	Easter holiday
5 April 2027	Summer term starts
3 May 2027	Bank holiday
31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027	Half term holiday
23 July 2027	Term ends
26 July 2027	Professional development training day (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 celebration assembly:

Mis Jenkins’ class	Oscar, Grace
Miss Hillary’s class	Lena, Imogen
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Poppy, Maira
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Tabbi, Elyas
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Archie, Alaia-Lucia
Mrs. Holme’s and Mrs. Slaney’s class	Seth, Joshua
Mrs. Clarke’s and Mrs. Mayhew’s class	Tabitha, Daniel
Mrs. Seal’s class	Arlo, Charlie

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...

- Raise combined Reading, Writing and Maths outcomes in Key Stage 2.
- Sustain and improve phonics outcomes in Key Stage 1.
- Improve multiplication fluency in lower Key Stage 2.

TARGETED ACADEMIC SUPPORT

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

- increase the proportion of disadvantaged pupils achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics, while reducing the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers.

WIDER STRATEGIES

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

- Maintain strong attendance while reducing persistent absence.
- Maintain the school's safeguarding culture by ensuring that all new and existing staff and governors understand, confidently fulfil and effectively monitor their safeguarding responsibilities.

Strategic Priorities

2026 - 2027



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.