



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

"Making Every Moment Matter"

25th September 2026

It has been another fantastic couple of weeks of learning across school, with children fully engaged in a wide range of exciting experiences. From exploring the mysteries of the Shang Dynasty, going on a Bear Hunt, investigating gravity and developing programming skills, to creating artwork using colour theory, writing stories, learning new musical and sporting skills, and reflecting on emotions and beliefs, the children have demonstrated enthusiasm, creativity and resilience throughout. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and look forward to more successful learning ahead.

Y2 Multi Skills Event

The children in Year 2 attended the multi skills event on Wednesday at the leisure Centre. The children had a fantastic afternoon taking part in the different games that had been organised for us, there were bouncing hoppers, throwing, catching and best of all we made some new friends from the other schools that attended! Well done everyone.

End-of-day collection arrangements

To help us keep all children safe, we recommend that pupils are collected from school by a responsible adult. If you would like your child to be collected regularly by an older sibling who is under 18, please provide the school office with written permission. This ensures that staff are fully aware of, and can follow, your agreed collection arrangements. Thank you for your support.

Do you know someone who could be a school governor?

We are looking for passionate and committed people to join our Governing Body as new governors. Information regarding this role was sent out via email last week. If you know of anyone who may be interested in then please share this information with them.

Parent conduct

We are proud of our welcoming and supportive school community. We ask all parents, carers and visitors to help us maintain a safe and positive environment by treating children, families and staff with courtesy and respect at all times.

We understand that concerns can sometimes arise. If you have a worry or complaint, please speak directly to a member of staff so that we can work with you to resolve it. Parents and carers should not approach another person's child or use social media to raise concerns about the school, its staff, pupils or families.

Our Parent, Carer and Visitor Behaviour Policy sets out the standards of behaviour expected on the school site, in communications and online. A copy is attached to this newsletter. Thank you for helping us to model the respectful behaviour we expect from our pupils.

Have your say on proposed changes to North Yorkshire Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

We have been asked to share the following information with parents

Following a Post Implementation Review of the updated Home to School Travel policy introduced in 2024, North Yorkshire Council is inviting views on a number of recommended changes. The consultation is open now and runs until 4 November 2026.

The review found that the policy is largely working as intended, helping to create a fairer and more consistent approach to transport eligibility while remaining in line with national guidance and on track to deliver planned savings. It also identified areas where improvements could be made.

Executive member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Annabel Wilkinson, said: “We know that school travel arrangements are incredibly important to families and that the changes introduced in 2024 have affected some households more than others.

“When the policy changed, we promised to review how it was working in practice and to listen to the experiences of families.

“We have carefully considered feedback from parents and carers, schools and other stakeholders, alongside appeals, complaints and operational data.

“We would encourage people to take part as this is your opportunity to have your say and help us to shape the future of our home to school travel policy in North Yorkshire.”

If any recommendations are approved, they would not take effect before September 2027 and will apply to children starting in Reception and Year 7 in September 2028. Families should continue to make school preference decisions based on the existing arrangements while this process is completed.

Eligibility for free travel would continue to be based on a child's nearest suitable school with available places. The review does not propose a return to catchment-based transport eligibility.

Find out more about the review and take part in the consultation at www.northyorks.gov.uk/PIRsurvey

FEAST

Families who register for benefit-related Free School Meals, which is now known as Targeted Free School Meals, are eligible for FEAST (Food, Entertainment, Arts and Sports Together) holiday activities and vouchers during the school holidays if they are aged between 5-16 (Reception to Year 11). This only includes Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays.

FEAST provides children and young people with access to a wide range of fully funded holiday clubs, healthy meals, sports, creative activities and enriching experiences, helping them to stay active, social and engaged outside of term time. You can check eligibility on [Synergy - Enquiry](#).

Special Menu

There will be a special menu on Thursday 1st October

Diary Dates

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
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 two celebration assemblies:

Mis Jenkins’ class	Parker-James, Millie, Indie, Mya
Miss Hillary’s class	Alfie, Henry, Nelly, Milana
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Alaia, Lottie, Chase, James
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Laith, Eric, Josh, Rob
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Lochlan, Matthew, Charlie, All Year 3 for being ready, respectful, and safe
Mrs. Holme’s and Mrs. Slaney’s class	Sophie, Harry, Luca, Theo, Callie
Mrs. Clarke’s and Mrs. Mayhew’s class	Harry, Isaac, Qiyaam, Esme
Mrs. Seal’s class	Ruby, Toby, Lucy, Sophia

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.