



Romanby Primary School Newsletter

"Making Every Moment Matter"

9th October 2026

This week, our Year 1 children became Local Explorers, taking a walk around the local area to investigate its different features. The Reception children enjoyed a special visit from the fire service as part of their learning about people who help us. Creativity has been flourishing in Year 2, where the children made printing blocks from clay and mixed colours to create some fantastic artwork. Gymnastics using apparatus has been a focus for the Y3/4 children as part of their PE lessons. Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 pupils have impressed us with their research and enthusiasm while learning about the Shang Dynasty.

We work hard to make learning exciting and memorable. These practical experiences help children to strengthen their understanding and make meaningful connections with what they learn in the classroom.

Y3/4 Hockey Competition

The Year 3/4 hockey competition took place on 30th September at Northallerton High School on the astro pitch. There were five other schools competing. Although we didn't get placed, we worked well as a team, supported each other and had lots of fun! It was nice for some people to see friends from outside of school. We enjoyed learning lots of new skills and had a joyful experience. By Layla.

Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament

Earlier this week some of the Year 5\6 girls competed in a football tournament against five other schools in the area. Our Romanby team was made up with some brilliant girls; Annie, Esme, Harper, Ruby T, Lola, Wren, Rosie, Inas, Francesca and Emily F. Our team won an exceptional place in this competition without these girls we wouldn't be competing so a big thank you to all that took part. The scores were;

Brompton – Romanby 0-1 [won]

Romanby - Mill Hill 0-1 [lost]

Alverton-Romanby 0-3 [won]

Broomfield-Romanby 0-1 [won]

Applegarth-Romanby 0-2 [won]

We all had lots of fun on this very exiting experience. A big thanks to Mrs Etherington who has took us and supported us the full time. The overall results were;

1st Romanby

2nd Mill Hill

3rd Applegarth

We didn't give up and we were honoured to take part in this competition. We went on to win the gold medals and are now the finalists in the Hambleton School Finals. This will be at Thirsk High school.

By Esme and Harper.

Year 5/6 Careers Afternoon

On Friday 27th November, we will be hosting a 'Careers Afternoon' for our Year 5/6 children. This will be an opportunity for our oldest children to explore a range of careers which may be unfamiliar to them. It is our hope that doing so will excite the children about the world of work and encourage them to think about what steps they may take on their chosen path.

In order to do this, we are kindly asking for parent volunteers to join us from 2:00pm- 3:00pm to share what a typical workday might look like, steps that led to the chosen career, as well as answering questions the children may have. We are hoping to recruit volunteers from a wide range of careers so please do let us know if you are interested in participating.

During the afternoon, small groups of children will move around speaking to different volunteers for 10 minutes at a time. Seating and tables will be provided for volunteers and any items wanting to be displayed or used for demonstration welcomed. Those interested in volunteering are welcome to come to school from 1:30pm that day to set up anything they need.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the linked form:

<https://forms.gle/en7tjgbU1dZGtDvi8>

Also, if you know of anyone in the community who would be interested in participating then please do spread the word as the more variety of workplace representatives the better!

We greatly appreciate your support in providing an inspirational experience for our children.

Summer Reading Challenge

It was great to welcome Martin from Northallerton Library to our celebration assembly today. He came along to present the certificates for the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done to everyone who took part or completed the challenge and received their certificate.

Rights Respecting Ambassador Elections

Well done to all the children who prepared a speech and spoke to their class ahead of the class Rights Respecting Ambassador voting. Our Year 1 to Year 6 children cast their votes for our new Rights Respecting Ambassadors. Congratulations to all of the successful candidates, and a huge well done to every child who showed courage and commitment by putting themselves forward. We are incredibly proud of you all!

Keeping Children's Images Safer Online

We are very proud of our children and enjoy sharing their learning, achievements and experiences with families through our school website, Facebook page, newsletters and other publicity materials.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has recently published updated guidance for schools about the use of photographs and videos online. The guidance highlights how developments in artificial intelligence mean that publicly available images can potentially be copied, altered or misused. It recommends that schools take a safeguarding-first approach when deciding which images to publish and how they are presented.

In response, we will be reviewing the photographs and videos that appear on our website, Facebook page and other public materials. You may notice some changes, including:

- fewer close-up or front-facing photographs of individual children;
- greater use of photographs taken from a distance, from behind or over a child's shoulder;
- more photographs of children's work, displays, activities and the school environment;
- using lower-resolution images
- regularly reviewing and removing older photographs; and continuing to check that the appropriate parental permissions are in place.

These precautions follow national recommendations to minimise identifiable information, limit the public visibility of children's images and consider whether a child's face needs to be shown in order to share an activity or achievement.

This does not mean that we will stop sharing the wonderful things happening in school. We will continue to celebrate children's learning and successes, but we will do so in ways that place their privacy and safety first.

Parents and carers may review or withdraw their photographic consent at any time by contacting the school office. Thank you for supporting us as we strengthen our online safeguarding arrangements.

Parent-Teacher Meetings Reminder

These meetings will take place on 21st and 22nd October and 13th and 14th October for Y5/6BS/PH. If you have not already done so, please can you book a session for your parent consultation. You can book this through your Arbor app or by calling the school office. Handy Helpers will be having a coffee morning meet and greet at the cabin on Friday 16th October so please join them for a hot drink and cake, meet the team, see what they do and what they offer. They will also be having an open evening on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd 3:40-6:15pm.

Harvest Collection for Hambleton Foodshare

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be holding a collection for Hambleton Foodshare on Thursday 16th October.

We would like to invite children to come to school in their own clothes on this day and, if they wish, bring a donation for the food bank. Donations will help support local families and individuals in our community. Please ensure that all donated items are:

- Unopened
- In date
- In good condition

We will attach a list of the items that Hambleton Foodshare currently needs most.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We know that our school community will help make a real difference to those in need.

Diary Dates

13th October	Y5/6BSPH Only, Parent – Teacher Meetings, 3.40pm – 6.00pm
14th 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
4 th November	FORS Dress like a Firework Day
4 th November	FORS Discos
5 th November	Y2 Visit to York Air Museum
5 th November	Flu Vaccinations
9 th November	FORS KS2 Bake Sale
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
1 st December	FORS Christmas Fair
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	Enya, Ava, Leo, Alfie
Miss Hillary’s class	Ivy, Emily, Neve, Joey
Mrs. Whittaker’s class	Ruby, Harvey, Chase, Izabella
Mrs. Hugill’s class	Layla, Ruby, Aimee, Evie
Mrs. Weeks’ and Mrs. Crocker’s class	Gigi, Charlie, Philippa, Omar
Mrs. Holme’s and Mrs. Slaney’s class	Dylan, Lincoln, Charlotte, Heather-Grace
Mrs. Clarke’s and Mrs. Mayhew’s class	Daniel, Isaac, Owen, Ella
Mrs. Seal’s class	Evie, Harriet, Emelia, Francesca

Times Tables Rock Stars Competition against Richmond Methodist School and Bedale Primary School

A lot of children have already had a go at this competition in school and at home. We have seen some good scores but the standards are high!



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.