



# Romanby Primary School Newsletter

“Making Every Moment Matter”

5th June 2026

We hope that everyone enjoyed the half term holiday. The children have been busy with their learning projects but have also experienced a few other memorable experiences. The children in Y5/6 are beginning their play rehearsals, the Reception children have been using a video camera to monitor the activities of a hedgehog that is paying visits to their outdoor area while everyone was fascinated by the two swarms of bees that decided to visit the playground (thank you to the local beekeepers who safely removed them!) As we are writing this newsletter the Y1/2 children are visiting Whitby as part of their learning project, another Bikeability group are developing their skills, the Y5/6 cricket team are at the rearranged area finals while some children are taking part at the Brownlee Triathlon in Harrogate. Full details will be on the next newsletter.

## Music For Life



A huge thank you to the Friends of Romanby School for funding our Music For Life day on Wednesday. Music for Life is organised by Sowerby Music and uses professional musicians to perform live music in schools. We have been involved with the project for many years and have worked with lots of different artists. This year we had a return

visit from a three piece jazz band. They performed a concert for the whole school and then worked with the Year 3/4 children. The children did an amazing job in their workshops, working with the group to create a performance to be proud of when they shared their work with the rest of the school at the end of the day. Thank you to Sowerby Music for another memorable day.

## Northallerton Silver Band

Just before the half term break we have enjoyed a brilliant assembly from the Northallerton Silver Band. They showcased some well-known pieces of music on their brass instruments and allowed many children to have a go!

## Y3/4 Cricket Area Finals

Well done to the Y3/4 team who came third in the area finals in Thirsk. After winning the local competition the standards were even higher in this round. It was great to see the improvement that all the children made, as well as their positive attitude. They were really great ambassadors for the school.



## **Imaginosity**

As you may be aware, the children have recently been learning about this term's Imaginosity project, which involves creating a dinosaur using a variety of materials. Having been set this challenge by local artist Simon Crook we have decided that the project will take place during the transition mornings, when the children spend time in their new classes, on Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July. The children will work collaboratively in groups to design and build their dinosaurs. Teachers will be in touch closer to the time with details of any additional materials that may be needed.

Thank you to everyone who has already brought in materials to support the project. We look forward to seeing the children use their creativity and imagination to bring their fantastic dinosaur creations to life!

## **David Attenborough Writing competition**

Well done to the following children who took part in the David Attenborough writing competition.

Winners of the £10.00 vouchers are:

R Nelly Wall

Y1 James Watt and Theodore Wall

Y2 Georgia Watson

Y3 Lukas Bishop

Y4 : No entries

Y5: Tabitha Scott

Y6: Rosie Beard

Special mentions for doing a fantastic job:

R: Bethany Smith, Imogen Knott and Ivy Pounder

Y1: Harry Nelms, Poppy Melbourne, Alaia Consado Fernandez, Oscar Rowley, Hunter Bishop, Florence Ramsden and Robin Taylor.

Y2: Lily Taylor and Eddie Lofthouse

Y3: George Hartley and Layla Grant

All of these children received a small prize.

Well done everyone. It was lovely to see your pictures and writing!

## **WhatsApp Groups**

We recognise that parent WhatsApp groups can be a valuable way to share information, reminders, and support with one another.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of respectful communication when discussing school-related matters online. Comments made in private groups can often be shared more widely, and discussions about individual members of staff, pupils, or school matters can have a significant impact on the well-being of those involved.

If you have any concerns, questions, or feedback regarding your child's education or any aspect of school life, we ask that these are raised directly with the school. This allows us to address issues appropriately, provide accurate information, and work together towards a positive resolution.

We are proud of the strong relationships within our school community and appreciate your support in ensuring that all communication remains respectful, constructive, and aligned with our shared values of kindness and respect.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Free school meals are being expanded from September: How do you know if your family is eligible and how to apply?**

From September 2026 the Department for Education is extending entitlement to free school meals to include all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit. Although eligibility will be granted to all Universal Credit recipients, it is important to note that families do still need to apply to receive the meals.

If your child is currently registered as being in receipt of free school meals through North Yorkshire Council, you DO NOT need to reapply, as your child's eligibility to continue receiving this provision will be automatically reassessed before September 2026. Where your child is moving to a school located outside of North Yorkshire, then you will need to reapply for this provision through the new authority/school.

Please be aware that any previous protections which applied to children already in receipt of free school meals will no longer apply. Eligibility will be based on whether you are in receipt of any of the benefits, as shown below:

- Universal Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of Pension Credit

From September 2026 there will be 2 categories of eligibility for free school meals:

**Targeted FSM:** this covers children in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. These children will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools. Other education entitlements, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will be based on targeted free school meals.

**Expanded FSM:** this covers children who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400. Children will be entitled to free school meals only.

For those wanting to apply, applications can be made through the council website [www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) with effect from June.

## **Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, launches The Big Future survey**



The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Future survey. It's your chance to have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today - what you love, what worries you, how you have fun, and the changes you want for a better future.

There are questions about voting, school, your area, online safety, and space for you to tell her what you think is important! It takes less than 10 minutes to complete the survey.

Take part now: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/>

## Diary Dates

- 8<sup>th</sup> June KS1 Phonics Screening Check Week
- 10<sup>th</sup> June Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics event
- 11<sup>th</sup> June KS2 Sports afternoon, 1.15pm - 3:25pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> June Y5 Bikeability Group 3
- 17<sup>th</sup> June Y3/4 Mini Tennis
- 19<sup>th</sup> June FoRS Crazy Hair Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June Y5/6 production, 6.00pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June Y5/6 production, 9.20am
- 26<sup>th</sup> June Summer Fair
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July Y6 London Visit
- 30<sup>th</sup> June Y1/2 Parent theme open afternoon, 2.20pm – 3.25pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July EYFS/KS1 Sports Day, 1.30pm - 3:15pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> July Y1/2 Multi Skills event
- 8<sup>th</sup> July Y3/4 Parent Open Afternoon
- 15<sup>th</sup> July Y5 Northallerton Festival
- 15<sup>th</sup> July Reception trip to the seaside
- 16<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Assembly, 9.20am
- 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>Mis Jenkin's class</b>	Joey, Jenson, Jasmin, Benjamin
<b>Miss McNally's class</b>	Harvey, Rain, All Year 1
<b>Mrs. Whittaker's class</b>	Charlie, Lily, Xander, All Year 2
<b>Mrs. Weeks' and Mrs. Crocker's class</b>	Owen, Alina, Charlotte, Alina, Olivia
<b>Mrs. Seal's class</b>	Theo, Ember, Zak, Layla
<b>Mrs. Hugill's class</b>	Toby, Oliver, Heather-Grace, Isaac
<b>Mrs. Webster's class</b>	Lincoln, Noah, Aoife, Ellouise, Lleyton
<b>Mrs. Howe's class</b>	Charlotte, Joshua, Harriet, Naziv
<b>Mrs. Holme's and Mrs. Mayhew's class</b>	Erica, Omar, Edie, Harriet

## 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](mailto: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.