

# ROBY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Today we celebrated European Day of Languages with a vibrant Spanish dance experience from West End in Schools, enriching our Spanish curriculum through rhythm, movement, and voice.

Children took part in a high-energy flamenco workshop, exploring the joyful garrotín style with a professional West End dancer. Developed in collaboration with acclaimed flamenco artist Magdalena Mannion, the sessions brought Spanish culture to life in a way that was fun, expressive, and accessible for all.

From stamping feet to swirling arms, our children immersed themselves in the music and spirit of Spain—what a fantastic way to celebrate language, culture, and creativity!



## HARVEST FESTIVAL FOOD DONATIONS

From Monday 29th September to Friday 10th October, we'll be collecting donations for our local food banks to support families in need.

Please drop off items at the school office. Every contribution makes a difference.

Food banks especially welcome:

- Tinned goods (e.g. soup, vegetables, fruit, meat, fish)
- Pasta, rice, noodles
- Cereal and porridge oats
- Long-life milk and juice
- Tea bags and instant coffee
- Biscuits and snack bars
- Cooking sauces and condiments
- Toiletries (e.g. toothpaste, shampoo, soap)
- Baby items (e.g. nappies, wipes, formula)



Let's come together as a community to share kindness and care this harvest time.

## HALLOWEEN RAFFLE

Get ready for some spooky fun! Raffle tickets for our Halloween Raffle will be sent home this Wednesday.



If you'd like to take part:

- Write your child's name on the back of each strip of tickets 🎫
- Pop the tickets into the raffle envelope
- Add £1 per strip of tickets to the envelope 💷
- Return envelopes to the school office by 9am on Wednesday 15th October.

The raffle draw will take place on Friday 17th October, and prizes will be sent home the same day!

Thank you for supporting our Halloween fundraising—good luck! 🍀❤️

## ARBOR APP - STAY UPDATED

We kindly remind all parents and carers to check the Arbor app regularly for messages and updates. We've had a few reports of missed information, but we can confirm that key communications such as newsletters, reminders, and event details are always shared via Arbor.

Thank you for helping us keep communication clear and consistent. Your support ensures everyone stays informed and involved and so children do not miss out.

## HOME LEARNING - A SHARED COMMITMENT

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined our recent Home Learning Workshops. A lot of thought and effort went into creating these sessions, and we're grateful to those who took the time to engage.

We've streamlined our home learning offer to focus on what truly makes a difference:

- 10 minutes of reading each night
- 10 minutes on Numbots (YR–Y2) or Times Table Rockstars (Y3–Y6)
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These small, consistent habits have a big impact on children's progress. However, engagement with our maths apps has been low. If this doesn't improve, we'll need to reconsider our subscriptions—budgets are tight, and we want to invest in tools that are well-used and effective.

Let's work together to build strong learning routines at home. Your support matters—and makes all the difference



## JUNIOR DUKES - FIRST MEETING AND FIRST SUCCESS

Our first Junior Dukes meeting will take place at 9am on Monday 20th October. Children should now have:

- Logged into the portal
- Selected their 10 out of 14 challenges (or 7 out of 10 for EYFS)

Each challenge must be completed as specified, with:

- A self-reflection completed with adult support
- Photographic or video evidence uploaded
- A parent comment added



Only when all three elements are submitted will the challenge be signed off.

A huge well done to Sofia Y4, our first pupil to complete a challenge! She tackled the interest challenge and hand-sewed a fabulous pizza slice. What a creative start! We can't wait to see more of our pupils' achievements as they rise to the challenge and showcase their independence, creativity, and resilience.



## THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC OPAL AFTERNOON



A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our first OPAL Play Afternoon of the academic year. It was wonderful to see children and grown-ups alike engaging in our spectacular play provision—an afternoon full of fun, laughter, and community spirit.

We're already looking forward to the next one which will take place on Thursday 13th November at 1.30pm.

Let's keep celebrating play, connection, and togetherness. See you there!





## STARS OF THE WEEK

Use your camera to scan the QR code to see who our wonderful stars of the week are. We are proud of our children demonstrating our values of: collaboration, creativity, resilience, reflectiveness, being inquisitive and motivated.



## ATTENDANCE RECOGNITION WINNERS



YR, Y3 & Y6 were our attendance recognition winners this week and were selected by Charlie Y3, Luca Y4 & Joel Y6. The 3 classes then got the chance to move their class on our Classopoly board.

Miss Murphy said, “Well done to all of Reception for showing great resilience when coming into school, especially James and Dylan for coming in with huge smiles on your faces!”

Mr Wright said, “Well done to the whole class for showing great support and understanding towards one another, creating a kind and positive environment where everyone feels included and valued.”

## #MISSSSCHOOL #MISSOUT

Miss Beggs said, “Well done to the class for showing lots of resilience this week, especially with CeCe and Harry feeling unwell but still being eager to come to school and not miss out!”

## REMARKABLE READERS

Well done to our remarkable readers this week. Children get to bring the remarkable reader bag home with a book, hot chocolate, bookmark and pencil.

Children also get to choose a book from our book vending machine.

Children can be selected as our remarkable reader winner by eganging in reading at home and in school. Who will win next week?

