

ROBY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. It's great to see our classrooms full of energy again. This term is packed with fun learning, new challenges, and plenty of chances to shine.

Let's make it a brilliant start to the year together! ☀

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2026
NEW YEAR



UPCOMING SEND & WELLBEING COFFEE MORNINGS

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming SEND and Wellbeing Coffee Mornings. These informal sessions are a chance to come together, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and explore practical strategies that can make a real difference at home.

Each session offers time to chat with our school SENDCo about the focus for the morning, as well as the opportunity to meet other parents who may be able to share their own experiences and what has helped their child. Many families tell us that these conversations are just as valuable as the session content itself.

SEND Coffee Morning - Thursday 22nd January 9-10am

This session will explore how to use visuals and social stories at home to support children with ASC and ADHD.

- Using visuals at home to help with routines, transitions, and independence
- Creating simple social stories to prepare children for new or tricky situations
- Strategies that support children with or without a diagnosis who may benefit from structure and predictability

These approaches can be helpful for any child who needs extra support with understanding, communication, or managing change.

Wellbeing Coffee Morning - Thursday 29th January 9-10am

This session will focus on how we use the Thrive approach in school to support big feelings, and how you can adapt these ideas at home.

- Understanding the Thrive approach and how it helps children feel safe, regulated, and ready to learn

- Practical strategies for supporting worry and anxiety
- Ideas for responding to big emotions in ways that build connection and confidence
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Both sessions are designed to be relaxed, welcoming, and genuinely useful. Whether you're looking for new ideas, reassurance, or simply a chance to talk things through with others who understand, we would love to see you there.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please get in touch at sendco@robyparkprimary.co.uk.

🔔 **EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS - BOOKING NOW OPEN**

Extra-curricular clubs for this half term are now live on the Arbor app. Parents can book places until they are fully allocated.

Please only register your child for clubs they plan to attend. Unfortunately, we have had places reserved by children who do not then take part, which prevents others from joining.

If a child does not attend, their place will be released so another pupil can enjoy the opportunity.

If your child is signed up to a sporting club, they **must** bring their trainers in order to participate. Please make sure children are equipped for their clubs on the days attending.



OPAL FAMILY PLAY AFTERNOON - THURS 5TH FEB

We are delighted to host this half term's OPAL Family Play Afternoon on **Thursday 5th February at 1.30pm.**

Join us for an afternoon of outdoor play, where parents and carers are warmly invited to bring younger siblings and enjoy our exceptional play offer. Whether it's digging in the sand pit, building in the construction area, or dressing up for role play, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Our children love sharing playtime with their families and friends, and we hope you'll come along to join the fun. Please dress warmly, and we'll have hot drinks ready to keep you cosy while you play!



APPOINTMENT REMINDER

We kindly request that non-urgent medical and dental appointments are arranged outside of school hours. Absences during the school day will only be authorised when proof of appointment is provided.

We also ask parents and carers to be mindful about collecting children early for their own personal appointments. We are noticing an increasing pattern of this which results in valuable learning time being lost and has a negative impact on the child's progress.

Establishing consistent routines is a priority for us and minimising disruption helps ensure every child benefits fully from their school day.

Y1 - Y6 CHESTER ZOO TRIP

We are very excited about our school trip for Years 1–6 on Monday to Chester Zoo, which has kindly been provided to us free of charge.

- **Cost:** £10.75
- **Payment deadline:** Extended to 20th February (payment can be made in full or in instalments to suit your circumstances).



Important reminders:

- Children may wear their own clothes but must be dressed appropriately for the weather: lots of layers, warm footwear (no crocs), coats, gloves, hats and scarves.
- Unless entitled to free school meals and a packed lunch has already been requested from our catering team, please provide your child with a packed lunch and a drink.
- Children may bring money for the gift shop (maximum £10). Please note they are responsible for carrying their own money.
- Departure will be prompt – please ensure your child arrives to school on time by 8.40am
- We expect to return at approximately 3.30pm. Updates will be sent via Arbor upon departure.

We look forward to a fantastic day of learning and adventure!

JUNIOR DUKES

Our next Junior Dukes meeting for children will take place on **Monday 9th February** – just four weeks away.

We are delighted to have received an incredible number of submissions over the holidays. By this stage of the year, we would anticipate that children have completed at least 2–3 of their challenges.

The Junior Duke Award is designed to teach essential



life skills, fostering independence, confidence, and resilience.

Through practical challenges such as first aid, cooking, budgeting, and eco-awareness, alongside creative and digital skills in drama, music, ICT, and art, children become more capable and self-motivated for life.

We look forward to seeing the fantastic skills your children accomplish over the coming weeks!

UNIFORM & PE KIT REMINDERS

We would like to remind families of the importance of children wearing the correct school uniform and shoes.

- **PE Kits:** School has provided PE kits and these are expected to be worn correctly. If children are not wearing the kit provided, calls will be made home.
- **Jewellery:** Only stud earrings are permitted. If hoops are worn, children will be asked to remove them if able. If not, parents/carers will need to come to school to swap them.
- **Other items:** Labubus, lip glosses and toys should not be brought into school and parents/carers will have to collect from the office if brought in.

Thank you for supporting us in maintaining high standards and ensuring children are ready to learn and play safely.

RECEPTION HEARING & VISION SCREENING

Children in Reception will have their hearing and vision screening on **Monday 2nd** and **Tuesday 3rd February**.

This is part of the routine health checks to support your child's development and ensure any needs are identified early.

PERSONAL PROVISION PLAN MEETINGS

Parents of children with Personal Provision Plans will be contacted and invited to attend a review meeting with the class teacher on the afternoon of **Monday 9th February**.

Emails with further details will be sent out next week. In the meantime, please save the date

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This week, Ryan in Y5 shared that he would have been disappointed to miss out on his Science lesson where he had the chance to design and test a parachute. Rivah in Y1 is thoroughly enjoying her Phonics lessons, while Leyan Y6 has loved being back with her friends and playing in the snow.

These examples show how much our children value their learning and the experiences they share at school. Regular attendance is vital - not only for academic progress but also for wellbeing, friendships and the exciting opportunities that make each school day special.

We are proud of the enthusiasm our pupils show and encourage everyone to keep up excellent attendance so no one misses out.

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



We are so proud of how well the children have returned from their Christmas holidays.

All classes have been praised for showing maturity and an eagerness to learn which makes us incredibly proud.

To celebrate such an excellent start to the term, every class was invited to roll the dice for a chance to win a prize on our Classopoly board.

Congratulations to Year 2 who won a non-uniform day!

REMARKABLE READERS

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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?