

ROBY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!

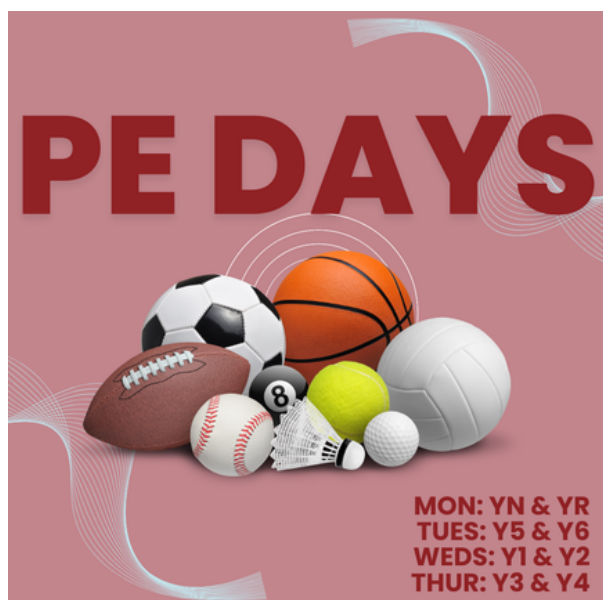
A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting academic year at Roby Park Primary School.

It has been wonderful to see our pupils return to school with such enthusiasm, positivity and readiness to learn. The children have made an excellent start to the year and have already been demonstrating our Roby Park values through their kindness, respect, resilience and positive attitudes. We are incredibly proud of the way they have returned to school and embraced new opportunities.

A special well done goes to all of our new pupils, particularly those joining our Nursery and Reception classes. Starting a new school can be a big step but we have been delighted to see how confidently our youngest children have settled into their new routines, formed new friendships and begun exploring their learning environments. They have shown great courage and independence, and we are so pleased to welcome them and their families into the Roby Park community.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in helping the new school year get off to such a positive start. We are looking forward to working together to ensure every child feels happy, safe and successful throughout the year ahead.

Here's to a fantastic year of learning, achievement and memorable experiences at Roby Park! 🌟



PE DAYS

On PE days, children should come to school wearing their full active uniform.

As PE lessons may take place outdoors, please make sure your child brings an appropriate coat or jacket for the weather so they are suitably dressed, warm and ready to take part.

Thank you for your support!

BONUS BALL UPDATE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Bonus Ball Fridays are back! £2 per number. We have combined the staff and parent bonus ball so the prize will be bigger. First come, first served for numbers on the main playground on Friday before and after school. We have raised over £400 FOR opal investment so far and the current roll over prize pot stands at £70.

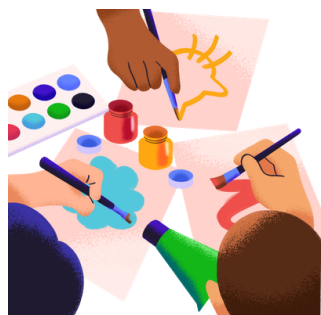


This year, all profits will go directly towards helping us subsidise residential trips for pupils.

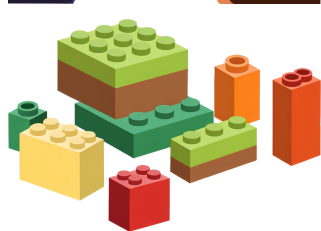
Thank you to everyone who supports us each week!

AUTUMN TERM 1 EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Our extra-curricular clubs for this half term went live on Arbor at 4:00pm on Friday. If you have not yet signed your child up, please log in to Arbor and check for any remaining places.



Please note that Young Voices Choir is only available to children who are participating in the Young Voices performance this year. All clubs begin this week and run from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Children should be collected promptly at 4:00pm from the main playground at the end of each session.



Thank you for your support in helping us provide a wide range of enriching opportunities for our pupils. We hope the children enjoy taking part in their chosen clubs this term. ✨

COATS & WELLIES

Our extra-curricular clubs for this half term went live on Arbor at 4:00pm on Thursday. If you have not yet signed your child up, please log in to Arbor and check for any remaining places. Places are allocated first come, first served. If you no longer want a place please let the office know so we can cancel it for you.



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PUNCTUALITY REMINDER

At our school, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive. Good attendance and punctuality are essential parts of this commitment.

Our school day begins at **8:45am** and learning starts promptly at this time. To ensure children are settled, prepared and ready to learn, pupils should arrive at school by **8:40am** each morning.

We would like to remind families that, in line with government attendance regulations, any child arriving **after 9:15am** will be recorded as having an unauthorised morning absence for the morning. This is not a school policy that can be applied at discretion; it is a requirement of the national attendance framework. Such absences will have a negative impact on a child's overall attendance percentage.

Every minute of learning matters. Children who arrive late miss important teaching, routines, social opportunities and the start of lessons which can affect both their progress and their sense of belonging within the classroom.

As part of our inclusive attendance ethos, we recognise that families may occasionally face challenges which affect punctuality or attendance. We are committed to working alongside parents and carers to remove barriers wherever possible. If you are experiencing difficulties that may impact your child's attendance or punctuality, please contact the school so that we can offer support.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ensuring all children arrive on time, ready to learn and make the most of every school day.

ASSEMBLY DATES

A gentle reminder to all families to keep an eye on our upcoming class assembly dates and add them to your diary.

All assembly dates can be found on your Arbor calendar where you will be able to see the upcoming arrangements and events for your child's class.

We look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate the children's achievements and learning.



FAMILY THRIVE COURSE



Family Thrive® Course

We are pleased to offer parents and carers the opportunity to take part in our **Family Thrive®** course – a warm, supportive programme designed to help you better understand your child or young person.

Family Thrive is a six-session course that introduces the **Thrive Approach®**, focusing on building strong, positive relationships and supporting children's emotional and social development. It is suitable for all families, whatever your child's age or ability (from birth up to 25 years).

If you are interested in joining the Family Thrive® course, please let us know by completing the expression of interest form using the link.

Expression of Interest

There is no expectation at this stage – simply let us know if you would be interested.

As advertised in July, we have a Family Thrive Course starting on **23rd September**. I have attached the flyer explaining the course. If you would like to attend, we still have 5 spaces available for this first course (others will take place in Spring and Summer terms).

Please complete the Google Form if you wish to have a place.

<https://forms.gle/eqA4W4muWgHbhfLR6>

FOREST SCHOOL DAYS

Our upcoming Forest School session dates are available on your child's Arbor app calendar so please take a moment to add them to your diary.

Children no longer need to wear their own clothes for Forest School. They should come to school wearing their usual active uniform.

Please make sure your child has:

-  A warm, waterproof coat with a hood
-  A hat, scarf and gloves when appropriate for the weather
-  A pair of wellies kept in school

Forest School sessions take place in all weathers so it is important that every child is dressed appropriately and ready to enjoy their outdoor learning. Thank you for your support!

Forest School Days with LittlefootHQ

Dates for Autumn Term 1

Fri 11th Sept – Y1 & Y2
Fri 18th Sept – Y3 & Y4
Fri 25th Sept – Y5 & Y6
Fri 2nd Oct – YN & YR
Fri 9th Oct – Y2 & Y1
Fri 16th Oct – Y4 & Y3
Fri 23rd Oct – Y6 & Y5

*Dates are subject to change. Please keep an eye on Arbor for up to date information.

FACE FAMILY ADVICE SESSIONS

FACE Family Advice timetables for September have been emailed out.

FACE offers parents practical advice, information and support, across a wide range of topics, including supporting neurodiverse children, understanding emotions and managing behaviour.

Go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk or [click here](#). Go to PARENTS – Live talks page.

Accessing the talks free of charge: the Roby Park Primary School access code is **RP220925**

This can be used by any parents or staff from our school for unlimited access to all the regular FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each). The code cannot be used on any other FACE services and must not be shared with parents or staff from other schools.

At the payment stage of booking, add the school code where it says ADD PROMO CODE. This will drop the price from £24 to £0.

Y6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The application portal is now open for parents and carers of Y6 children who will be starting secondary school in September 2027.

The deadline for submitting applications is 31st October 2026. National Offer Day will take place on 1st March 2027, when families will be informed of the secondary school place offered to their child.

Parents and carers must apply through the local authority in which they live, even if they wish to apply for a school in another council area:

- Knowsley residents: Apply through the Knowsley Council website.
- Liverpool residents: Apply through the Liverpool City Council website.

Please ensure that your application is completed by the deadline, as late applications may be less likely to secure a place at one of your preferred schools

#MISSSCHOOL #MISSOUT – WHY REGULAR ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our #MissSchoolMissOut message continues to remind us just how important good attendance is. Being in school every day helps children to learn, build friendships, enjoy new experiences and feel a strong sense of belonging within our school community.

This week, the children were incredibly keen and enthusiastic to share what they have loved about returning to school following the summer holidays. Paddy Y3 has particularly enjoyed shared reading and starting the class book, The Wild Robot. Lennie Y5 loved his class trip to Gulliver's World while Asher in Y4 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this week's exciting science experiments.

It was also brilliant to hear the children speaking so positively about the benefits of wearing their active uniform, helping them to feel comfortable, confident and ready to learn and play.

NURSERY & RECEPTION 2027 OPEN AFTERNOONS

Do you have a child who will be starting Nursery or Reception in September 2027? We would love to welcome you to one of our upcoming Open Afternoons:

- Thursday 15th October
- Thursday 12th November
- Thursday 10th December

All sessions will take place from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

Our Open Afternoons provide families with the opportunity to tour the school, explore our learning environments, meet members of our friendly team and discover more about the exciting experiences we offer our children. You will also be able to ask questions and see what makes our school such a special place to learn, grow and belong.

Please contact the school office to reserve your place on a guided walk-around.

Places in our Nursery for September 2027 are limited so we encourage families to complete their applications as soon as possible.

The application portal is now open for Reception places for September 2027. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2027, and National Offer Day is 16th April 2027.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS SUCCESS!

A huge thank you to all our parents, carers and members of the wider community who supported us by placing their blue tokens into our collection point as part of the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative.



We were delighted to discover at the start of term that Roby Park came first, securing a fantastic award of £1,458!

This funding will be used to purchase new bikes for children to enjoy during breaktimes and lunchtimes. The bikes will encourage children to be physically active, develop their balance and coordination, build confidence and enjoy positive play experiences with their friends.

We could not have achieved this without your incredible support. Thank you for every blue token you donated. We cannot wait to see the children enjoying their new bikes!

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



Our children were excited to have their first opportunity of the academic year to roll the dice and win a prize from our Attendance Recognition Board!

All class teams have been delighted with how positively the children have returned to school and settled back into school life. Their enthusiasm, excellent attitudes and eagerness to learn have made us incredibly proud.

To celebrate such a fantastic start, we thought it was only fair that every class had the opportunity to roll the dice!

#MISSSCHOOL #MISSOUT

Y5 were our lucky winners, securing a mini disco for their year group to enjoy this coming week. Congratulations Y5!

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 engaging in reading at home and in school. Who will win next week?

