

ROBY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN HAMPER COLLECTIONS

Throughout October, until Wednesday 21st October, we will be collecting food donations to create autumn hampers for residents in our local residential homes.

We would be grateful for donations of:

- Tinned soup, vegetables, fruit or meat
- Tea, coffee and hot chocolate
- Biscuits, crackers and chocolates
- Jam, marmalade and honey
- Pasta, rice and noodles
- Breakfast cereals and porridge
- Gravy granules, stuffing and sauces
- Long-life milk and fruit juice
- Individually wrapped treats



Please ensure that all items are unopened, in date and do not require refrigeration. Donations can be handed in at the school office.

Every contribution, no matter how small, will help us create thoughtful hampers and bring some autumn cheer to members of our local community. Thank you for your support!

GROWING A GREENER COMMUNITY

As part of our Eco Team's work, we are excited to support a wonderful environmental initiative developed by our Swanside and Roby councillors.

The councillors are keen to continue planting native trees within the wild areas of Roby Field. We would love our families to help by collecting conkers and acorns while out on autumn walks or during your travels. Please send any you collect into the school office so that we can arrange a special session for the children to plant them.



The councillors are also inviting children to create an autumn-themed picture that could be displayed on the Roby Field noticeboard. If your child would like to take part, Mrs Allen would love to collect their artwork they complete at home.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to care for their local environment and make a lasting difference within their community. We cannot wait to see what you collect and create!

BONUS BALL FRIDAYS

Our Bonus Ball Fridays are just £2 per number. We have now combined the staff and parent Bonus Ball draws, which means an even bigger prize pot for the lucky winner!

Numbers are available on a first come, first served basis on the main playground every Friday, both before and after school.

Thanks to your fantastic support, we have raised over £400 for OPAL investment so far. This year, all profits will go directly towards helping us subsidise enrichment opportunities, educational visits, workshops and residential trips for our pupils.

Last week we had a winner. Logan M Y2 was very lucky with the number 33 and his mum won a whopping £160!

Thank you to everyone who supports us each week. Remember, you have to be in it to win it!



OCTOBER FACE COURSES

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.

 October Timetable All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours	
Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

CAREERS WEEK - FINAL SHOUT OUT FOR SUPPORT

Plans for our exciting Careers Week are underway and we would love our parents and carers to get involved. Who better to inspire our pupils and open their eyes to future possibilities than members of our own school community?

Do you own a business? Do you have an exciting or unusual job? Perhaps you work in the emergency services, healthcare, technology, construction, education, sport or the arts. Whatever your role, we would love to hear from you!



If you can donate some of your time to speak to our pupils and share your experiences, please email the school office at robypark@knowsley.gov.uk.

Careers Week will take place from **Monday 12th to Friday 16th October**.

RESIDENTIAL PAYMENT REMINDERS

We have several exciting residential visits coming up, with Y3 visiting PGL, Y4 travelling to Ormside and Y6 visiting London.

Please ensure that your monthly instalments are up to date. At this stage, the remaining balances should be:

- Y3 PGL: Balance cleared in full
- Y4 Ormside: £80 remaining
- Y6 London: £175.30 remaining

The next instalments for the Ormside and London residentials are due at the end of this month.

It is important that payments are made according to the agreed schedule as the school must pay the outstanding balances to the residential providers by set deadlines.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns about your payment plan, please contact the school office at the earliest opportunity.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

RP Holiday Camps, independently run by Mr Higham, will be returning during the school holidays.

Children can enjoy a range of activities, including seasonal sports, arts and crafts, outdoor adventures, climbing frames, scooters and access to large outdoor play areas.

Holiday camps will take place during:

- October half-term
- February half-term
- Easter holidays
- May half-term
- Summer holidays



Sessions run from 9:00am to 3:00pm and cost £20 per child, per day. Places are limited so families are encouraged to book early through the Roby Rainbows booking platform at robyrainbows.club.

Important Information

Although the camps take place on the Roby Park site and bookings are made through the Roby Rainbows platform, RP Holiday Camps are independently run by Mr Higham and are not affiliated with Roby Park Primary School or Roby Rainbows.

All questions and enquiries must be directed to Mr Higham via direct message on the RP Holiday Camps Instagram page. Please do not contact the school office or Miss Emily, as they are unable to assist with enquiries relating to the camps.

PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM

Please can we remind parents and carers to clearly label every item of school uniform, including coats, PE kits, jumpers, cardigans, hats and bags.

We currently have an excessive number of unnamed items in lost property, which makes it extremely difficult to return them to their owners. Please check that names have not faded or washed off existing labels.

A clearly written name means that misplaced belongings can be returned quickly. Thank you for your support.

NAME :

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

Our Halloween discos will take place on Thursday 22nd October.

Children may come to school wearing an age-appropriate Halloween costume. Please do not send children into school wearing frightening masks or carrying pretend weapons. Any unsuitable items will be kept safely by staff until the end of the day.

Costumes must allow children to learn, move and play safely and comfortably throughout the school day. Please ensure children can manage their costumes independently when using the toilet.

Disco Times and Collection Arrangements

- YN & YR: The disco will begin at 2:00pm. Children will be collected at the normal time of 3:00pm, with usual collection arrangements in place.
- Y1 & Y2: The disco will run from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Children must be collected from the main playground, accessed via Easton Road only.
- Y3 - Y6: The disco will run from 4.15pm to 5.15pm. Children must be dropped off and collected by an adult from the main playground, accessed via Easton Road only.

All children must be collected by an adult. The only exception is for children in Years 5 and 6 for whom the school has received a signed Home Alone permission letter.

Tickets, Food and Drinks

Halloween disco tickets are now available to purchase through Arbor and cost £3.50 per child.

In line with our allergy policies, children must not bring their own sweets or food into school.

- Parents and carers of EYFS and Key Stage 1 children can purchase a food and drink package for £2 through Arbor. This will include sweets, a drink and a fruit kebab.
- Key Stage 2 children may bring money to purchase sweets, drinks and chips during the disco.
- As part of our Healthy Schools Award, fruit kebabs will also be available as a healthy alternative. These were a huge hit at our Valentine's discos!

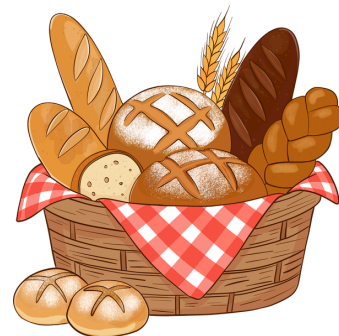
We are looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon of Halloween celebrations! **PAGE 4**

FREE BAKED GOODS EVERY WEDNESDAY

Thanks to the support of Zero Waste Liverpool, Mrs Allen collects surplus baked goods from Asda every Tuesday so that we can share them with our families.

There is often a wide range of food available, including:

- Bread and rolls
- Muffins and sweet treats
- Crumpets and scones
- Wraps and other baked goods



The items will be placed on the main playground at the end of the school day each Wednesday. Please help yourself and take as much as your family can use.

All items will be close to, or may have just passed, their best-before date. They can be enjoyed straight away for breakfasts, lunches or evening meals, or placed in the freezer to use when needed.

By making use of these items, we can support our families while also helping to prevent perfectly usable food from being unnecessarily sent to landfill.

Please bring a bag and help yourself!

#MISSSCHOOL #MISSOUT – WHY REGULAR ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every day in school brings new experiences, learning and opportunities that cannot always be repeated.

- Christopher Y5 would have been disappointed to miss his Geography learning all about important landmarks.
- Lucca Y3 would have been sad to miss our fantastic Wellbeing Festival.
- Mackie Y1 would have missed taking part in exciting Numberblocks activities during Maths fluency.

Regular attendance is essential. When children miss school, they do not just miss a day. They miss vital teaching, new knowledge, opportunities to practise key skills and important time with their friends and teachers. Lost learning quickly adds up and can create gaps that are difficult to close.

Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time, unless they are genuinely too unwell to attend. Holidays, unnecessary appointments and avoidable absences during term time have a significant impact on children's education.

Education is a right, attendance is a responsibility and every school day matters.

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



A huge well done to YR, Y1 and Y6, our attendance recognition winners this week! Lulah Y6, Ivy Y4 and Freddie Y1 had the important job of selecting our three winning classes.

All three classes then moved around our exciting Classopoly board. YR were our lucky winners this week who landed on the community chest, meaning they get to pick their prize! Enjoy your reward this week!

Keep up the fantastic attendance, everyone. Your class could be moving around the Classopoly board next!

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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?





Important Notice Regarding Session Price Changes

From November 2026

Thank you
for your continued
support!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to give you advance notice of some changes to our session prices, which will take effect from **November 2026**.

Like many childcare and wraparound care providers, we have experienced significant increases in the costs involved in running our provision. This includes the rising cost of food and refreshments, staffing, utilities, supplies and general operating costs.

We have worked hard to keep our prices as affordable as possible and have absorbed increases in costs for as long as we could. However, in order for Roby Rainbows to continue providing the safe, welcoming and high-quality wraparound care that our children and families rely on, a small increase to our session prices is now necessary.

New Session Prices – from November 2026

Session	Current Price	New Price
 Breakfast Club	£2.00	£3.50
 Half Session	£5.00	£6.00
 Full Session	£12.50	£13.50



Late Bookings

We would also like to remind parents and guardians about our late booking charge. If you have forgotten to book a session and require a place on the same day, a **£5.00** late booking administration fee will automatically be added to your booking.

This charge reflects the additional administration involved in arranging last-minute places and ensuring that we remain within our required staffing ratios.

Where possible, we would therefore encourage parents to book sessions in advance to avoid this additional charge and, importantly, to ensure that a place is available for your child.

Please
book in
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We understand that any increase in childcare costs can be difficult for families, and we have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a reliable, safe and enjoyable service for the children of Roby Park Primary School, while keeping our prices as reasonable as possible.

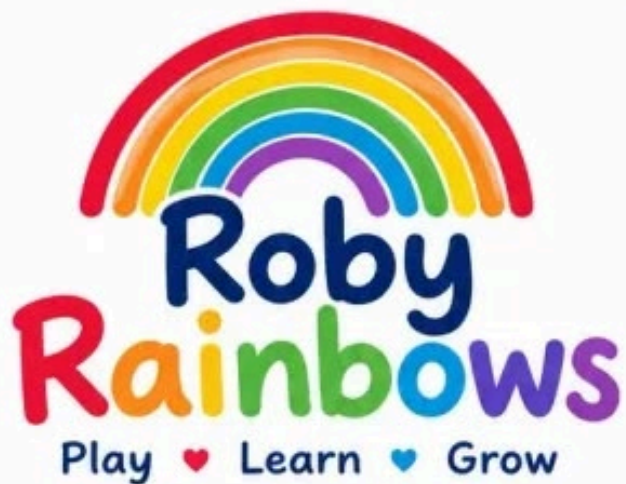
Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

The Roby Rainbows Team

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