

A Message from Mrs Shah....

2025 has started off very well indeed. Children arrived back at school with the right attitude to learning and an eagerness to do well in every aspect of school life. Children have been having discussions in class about the Growth Mindset and the power of 'yet' and building resilience when faced with challenges. It has been a busy month with workshops and celebrations, and I was very pleased to see an overwhelming turn out of parents and carers at the recent art exhibition to celebrate the children's work.

It continues to be very rewarding seeing the 100 recommended books being thoroughly enjoyed by every year group. The children are always eager to share with me the books they have read and enjoyed. Early last week, a year one child approached me to ask me if I would get all the children some flower seeds to plant. His class had been enjoying a story called 'Omar, the bees and Me,' by Helen Mortimer and Katie Cottle and this text had provoked excitement in the children who want to relive the experiences of the book characters Omar and Macey. My encounter with one of our younger children has sparked discussions in school about a whole school project on planting and creating a 'bee corridor.' I would like to thank all the parents who have gone out of their way to donate various seeds. We are truly grateful, and we hope to share the journey of these seeds as the year continues.

Thank you to all parents and carers who voted in the recent elections for the role of parent governor and to all who applied. It gives me great pleasure to announce the successful appointment of Mr John Emery and Miss Kirsty Heath as Parent Governors. I would like to warmly welcome them onto the Roman Way Local Governing Body.

ArtMaths



Children at Roman Way became artists and mathematicians during our ArtMaths Day. All classes produced beautiful artwork, which was inspired by M C Escher and Piet Mondrian, and was showcased as an art exhibition which parents were invited to view at the end of the week. For more photographs, please visit the website by following this link: [ArtMaths](#)

Year 2 Creative Chef Cooking Workshop



Our Year 2 children spent a morning experiencing being young chefs. Angie from Creative Chefs shared vital information about taste buds and how children can learn to try new foods. The children created a rainbow pasta which they thoroughly enjoyed. For more photographs, please visit the website by following this link: [Creative Chef](#)

Sensory Room



A huge thank you to the company, ROMPA, who visited Roman Way last week to complete the installation of our Sensory Room. We are very grateful to the PTA members who have supported this project and helped to secure the grant.

Roman Way Academy Attendance

January 2025

Whole School 95%

Otters	93%
Robins	92%
Squirrels	97%
Foxes	89%
Hedgehogs	95%
Dolphins	97%
Puffins	96%
Badgers	97%

Reminders

- **Jewellery** is not permitted to be worn in school. Small, simple stud earrings are allowed however, they must be removed for PE. Children need to be able to do this independently if worn in school. For those children who struggle with this, earrings must be removed before coming to school on PE days. Please note that we do not allow for earrings to be taped and cannot authorise any PE sessions being missed due to piercings. We advise that all piercings should be done in the school holidays when there are 6 clear weeks for them to heal. Bracelets should not be worn unless for religious reasons, which should be agreed with Mrs Shah.
- The **school car park** is for staff use only, unless you have a parking permit which has been agreed with Mrs Shah.
- Please ensure all children do not use the **playground equipment** or apparatus before or after the school day.
- Children must have an adult with them during **drop off** in the morning whilst waiting for the school bell to be rung.
- Children should not bring **toys**, squishies or large keyrings to school.
- If your KS2 child wants a **snack** at playtime, please only provide them with fruit and vegetables. This can include dried fruit in its pure form, i.e., raisins, sultanas, dried apricots.
- Children should only bring water to school in their **water bottles**, not squash, unless your child has a medical condition or need, and you have discussed this with Mrs Shah. Please do not put water bottles in book bags as many books have been ruined by leaky bottles.
- If your child has lost an item of clothing, please look in the **lost property** trolley in the Mitchell Bailey building. Please ensure you name all your child's belongings.

PE Days

Owls	-	Wednesdays
Otters and Robins	-	Tuesdays
Squirrels, Foxes and Hedgehogs	-	Mondays and Thursdays
Dolphins, Puffins and Badgers	-	Wednesdays and Fridays

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 3 rd to Friday 7 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5 th February	Parent Consultation Evening – 3.30pm-6.00pm
Friday 7 th February	Reading Cafe – Year 1 – 2.30pm Quiz Night – RWS Event – 7.00pm
Monday 10 th February	Parent Consultation Evening – 3.30pm-6.00pm
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day Celebrations
Friday 14 th February	Martial Arts Workshop Break up for Half Term
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 24 th February	Second Half of Spring Term Starts Paralympian Visit with Fitness Circuit and Assembly
Friday 28 th February	Key Stage One History off the Page workshop - all day
Monday 3 rd March	Science/Art Day at KJAR – Years 3 and 4 - TBC
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day Celebrations
Friday 7 th March	PTA Book Hunt
Tuesday 11 th March	Reception Screening – Sight and Hearing
Wednesday 12 th March	Reception Screening – Sight and Hearing
Friday 14 th March	Reading Cafe – Reception – 2.30pm
Tuesday 18 th March	Last Day of Roman Way Clubs
Friday 4 th April	End of Spring Term
Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April	Easter Holiday

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET DAY – School Closed for Children
Wednesday 23 rd April	First Half of Summer Term Starts
Friday 25 th April	Team Rubicon Scooter/Skate Workshop – TBC Swimming Starts – Key Stage 2
Thursday 1 st May	Cross Country – Years 3 and 4
Friday 2 nd May	Hair That Rocks and Funky Socks – PTA Event
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 9 th May	Constructive Music Day

Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tuesday 13 th May	Hertfordshire Zoo Trip – Key Stage 2
Wednesday 14 th May	Multiskills – Year 1 - TBC
Thursday 15 th May	Sibling and Class Photographs – Whole School
Friday 16 th May	SEND Coffee Morning - TBC School Discos
Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd May	Aspirations Week
Friday 23 rd May	Science Day – Whole School Last Swimming Session – Key Stage 2 Break up for Half Term
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th May	Half Term Holiday
Monday 2 nd June	INSET Day – School Closed for Children
Tuesday 3 rd June	Second Half of Summer Term Starts
Thursday 5 th June	Swimming Starts – Reception
Friday 6 th June	Swimming Starts – Key Stage 1
Monday 23 rd June	Sports Morning – Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon – Early Years Foundation Stage
Friday 27 th June	Summer Fayre
Thursday 3 rd July	Last Swimming Lesson – Reception
Friday 18 th July	Leavers’ Bowling Trip – Year 4
Monday 21 st July	Pool Parties and Class Parties – Key Stage 2
Tuesday 22 nd July	Pool Parties and Class Parties – Key Stage 1 and Reception
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of Summer Term