

ROMAN WAY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER - JULY 2025

A Message from Mrs Shah....

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another successful academic year at Roman Way Academy, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate our achievements, highlight some important updates, and express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support.

This year, our pupils have excelled in so many ways—both in and out of the classroom. Their hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm have been a source of immense pride for all of us. I was especially pleased to see our Year 4 transition events so well received, helping to prepare our children confidently for the next stage of their educational journey.

It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to Mr Steve Gadsby, our dedicated Site Manager of eight years. Steve has been invaluable in ensuring our school is a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. As he leaves to expand his own business, we wish him every success in his new venture. We'll be recruiting for a new Site Manager over the summer and will keep you updated.

Looking ahead, we're delighted to welcome Mr Charlie Rosendale, who will be joining us in September as a Midday Supervisory Assistant. I know you will join me in giving Charlie a warm welcome to the Roman Way community.

A special thank you goes to the Roman Way Supporters (PTA) for their tireless work, dedication, and fantastic fundraising this year. The events and opportunities they have organised have truly enriched our children's experiences and created lasting memories. We'd love to see even more parents join the PTA next year—if you're interested, please contact the PTA members or the school office.

I feel privileged to lead such a passionate and dedicated staff team, who work tirelessly to nurture and support every child's learning and wellbeing. Our sense of collaboration and unity lies at the heart of everything we do.

I have been genuinely touched by the kind emails and messages from parents this year. Being part of such a supportive community is something I am deeply grateful for—thank you for all you do.

Finally, I'd like to wish our Year 4 pupils every success as they move on to their new schools. We are confident they will thrive, and they will be greatly missed by us all.

Thank you, once again, to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support. Working together is what makes Roman Way Academy such a special place. I look forward to another fantastic year ahead. In the meantime, I wish you and your families a very happy and restful summer holiday.

Warmest wishes
Sital Shah

Postcards of Kindness

The children in Year 2 have been learning about the features of letters and postcards. We discussed what loneliness is and we looked at the charity 'Age UK' and how their initiative of 'Postcards of Kindness' encourages people to write and send postcards to residents of care homes to tackle loneliness.

The children wrote postcards for the residents of Melwood Grange Luxury Care Home in Royston, telling them what they enjoy learning at school and their hobbies, as well as including some questions to encourage the residents to reply to the children when the care workers read them to the residents.

Science Fair



Our recent Science Day was a fantastic celebration of curiosity and discovery, centered around the theme "All About Change." Children across Key Stages 1 and 2 explored the idea of change in a variety of exciting ways.

Pupils investigated changes in states of matter—discovering how solids transform into liquids and gases, and delving into concepts such as evaporation and condensation through hands-on experiments. They also examined changes in the environment and nature, learning about animal adaptations and seasonal cycles.

A highlight of the day was our Science Fair, where Key Stage 2 pupils became young scientists, presenting their investigations to parents and carers. The interactive exhibits allowed families to get involved, ask questions, and share in the excitement of scientific discovery. It was wonderful to see our pupils' confidence and enthusiasm as they explained their findings and inspired others.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day such a memorable learning experience!

EYFS Sports Afternoon



We were delighted to welcome so many families to our Early Years Sports Afternoon, where our youngest pupils from Nursery and Reception took centre stage. The children enthusiastically took part in a range of sporting activities, including ball scoop, bat and bean bag, obstacle course, water run, bean bag throw, and a lively running race to finish the event. It was wonderful to see our pupils demonstrate such impressive sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination at such a young age.

Thank you to all the families who came along to cheer on the children and helped make the afternoon a joyful and memorable occasion for everyone involved.

Key Stage 2 Make Recycled Torches



This term, our Key Stage 2 pupils put their scientific skills to the test by designing and making their very own torches—using reusable bottles kindly donated by our families. Children explored electricity by building simple circuits, carefully connecting foil and bulbs to bring their torches to life. After assembling their creations, pupils enjoyed testing their torches and sharing their results with classmates. This project was a fantastic way to combine creativity, problem-solving, and sustainability, and we are grateful to our families for their generous support with resources.

Year 4 Leaver's Trip

To mark the end of their time at Roman Way Academy, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a special celebration trip. The children set off on a train journey to Stevenage, demonstrating great responsibility and maturity throughout their travels. Once there, they had a fantastic time bowling with their friends, creating wonderful memories as they celebrated together. After returning to school by train, the fun continued with delicious pizzas, generously donated by Flint Shack, Royston.

We are extremely grateful to all the parents who nominated us for this treat—it was a perfect way to round off an amazing year for our Year 4 leavers!

Bounce Into Summer



Roman Way Academy brought the school community together on Friday 18th July for its annual “Bounce Into Summer” event. More than 150 pupils and their siblings, along with their families, enjoyed an afternoon packed with activities, laughter, and sunshine on the school’s extensive grounds.

Organised by the Roman Way Supporters, this much-anticipated event featured bouncy castles, archery, outdoor games, and a host of engaging activities for all ages. The highlight for many children was the story time meadow, where pupils gathered on picnic blankets to listen to and act out stories, while others bravely held a snake and tarantula from Animal Club or tried their hand at archery. The DJ booth, complete with musical games, kept everyone moving and dancing.

The event was made possible thanks to the generous support of Ensum Brown, the main sponsor, and a grant from Wilson James, along with contributions from other local businesses. Their backing enabled Roman Way Academy to provide a memorable end-of-year celebration at a reduced cost to families.

Roman Way Academy’s “Bounce Into Summer” event has once again demonstrated the power of community, partnership, and shared celebration.

Little Lambs Visit to Nursery Class



We were delighted to celebrate the end of the year in Nursery with a fantastic party, kindly funded by our wonderful supporters. The event was made extra special by the team from Little Party Lambs, who brought two engaging entertainers to keep the children smiling all afternoon. The entertainers organised a range of exciting activities including bubble fun with a bubble machine, energetic games using ball pit balls, and lively parachute games. One of the highlights was when one entertainer dressed up as a friendly lamb, much to the delight of the children!

Everyone had a wonderful time, and we are so grateful to our supporters for making this memorable event possible.

Click on the following link to view photographs on our website gallery - [Roman Way Academy - Gallery](#)

[Important Information for Autumn Term 2025](#)

- We will be operating a cashless payment system from the start of the Autumn Term. All online payments should be made via the Arbor app. Cash can no longer be accepted for payments.
- Please remember to order your child's school milk, if they require it, using the new online system. Letters were emailed out to parents earlier this half term.
- **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.
- Hand-held fans or anything equivalent must not be brought into 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.
- If your child has a packed lunch, they will bring their rubbish and empties home with them for recycling. There are now designated bins around the school for food waste and general waste.

Click on the following link to view photographs on our website calendar - [Roman Way Academy - Calendar](#)

**CHILDREN RETURN FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE AUTUMN TERM ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025**