

A Message from Mrs Shah....

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of a busy but fun-filled half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many exciting opportunities our children have enjoyed. From cooking activities, visits to the local superstore and visits from the police to the magical M&M Theatre production of Beauty and the Beast and the School Disco, it's been a term full of learning and joy. A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated staff, whose energy, creativity, and care have made these experiences so enriching for our children. We were sad to say goodbye to Miss Cox, who has been a valued member of our team, but we're delighted to welcome Mrs Nunn, who will be joining us next half term. A special thank you to John, our new site manager, who has settled in brilliantly and worked hard to get the school winter ready. I'd also like to thank our families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and punctually. Attendance remains a national priority, and we are committed to being above the national average. You will have received an email from our admin team outlining how we'll be sharing weekly attendance updates with you and we hope this will be a helpful tool as we work together to support excellent attendance.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."* – Nelson Mandela

KEY STAGE 2 VIST TO TESCO AND A COOKING EXPERIENCE

Our Key Stage Two children recently enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to our local Tesco superstore as part of an exciting community collaboration. During their visit, the children explored a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, learned about their origins, and even had the chance to taste some of them! Tesco generously donated fresh produce and flowers for the children to use back at school. As a follow-up to the visit, we were delighted to welcome Tesco's community liaison officer to Roman Way, where they led engaging cooking sessions that allowed the children to get hands-on with healthy ingredients and learn valuable food preparation skills. We would like to extend a special thanks to Mandy Jinkerson for her time and dedication to Roman Way pupils.

KEY STAGE 2 CROSS COUNTRY

This term, our Year 3 and 4 children took part in an exciting cross country event hosted by King James Academy. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to challenge themselves, show resilience, and enjoy being active outdoors. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful parent volunteers—without your support in walking the children to the venue, this event simply wouldn't have been possible. Our children were a true credit to Roman Way, demonstrating impeccable behaviour and strong sportsmanship throughout. Though they returned tired, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and represented our school with pride.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evening. It was a wonderful opportunity for teachers to share how your children have settled into the new school year and to celebrate their achievements so far. Your engagement and support play a vital role in your child's learning journey, and we truly value the time you took to meet with us. A big thank you also goes to our fantastic staff for ensuring the evening ran smoothly and for their continued dedication to our pupils.

OWLS MAKE PORRIDGE

Our youngest learners in Nursery have been busy exploring the world of food and cooking this term. As part of their learning, they made porridge—an activity that helped them understand how to combine ingredients and follow simple steps in a recipe. The children were excited to taste their creations and talk about the textures and flavours. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that supported their development in communication, fine motor skills, and early understanding of healthy eating.

ROYSTON ANTI BULLYING CHARTER

In May this year some of our children visited KJAR for work around anti-bullying. Mr Linnane emailed us the following:

It was so lovely to host your wonderful pupils on Monday morning for our work around anti-bullying. The children were an absolute credit to you all and their families for their confidence, their maturity and their general conduct during the session. They spoke passionately and learnedly about bullying, its triggers, the systems in place at school and demonstrated the significant work that clearly goes into developing strong anti-bullying cultures across Royston's schools.

We now have the Royston Anti-Bullying Charter which is on display outside the school office and in the Mitchell Bailey Building.

POLICE VISIT ON ONLINE SAFETY

Online safety remains a vital part of our curriculum, and as a school, we are committed to educating our children on how to stay safe in the digital world. This term, we were pleased to welcome our local community officer, who led a thought-provoking assembly focused solely on online safety. The session was an eye-opener for many of our pupils, especially when discussing the age restrictions for popular apps. The children were highly engaged and asked lots of insightful questions. We hope they came home and shared what they learned with their families, helping to reinforce these important messages beyond the classroom.

VISIT FROM SCHOOL READERS

We were thrilled to welcome Schoolreaders and their team to Roman Way Academy for a special photo and video shoot, capturing the incredible impact of our reading partnership. As part of a case study highlighting the success of this collaboration, the day was filled with heartwarming interviews, joyful moments with our pupils, and inspiring stories from staff and volunteers. A huge thank you to Carolyn and Malcolm, whose dedication to supporting our children's reading journeys continues to make a lasting difference—and for giving their time so generously during the shoot. Special thanks also to Miss Bhugoowan for her tireless support throughout the day, and to everyone who helped make the event such a success. We can't wait to see the final video and share the magic of this partnership with the wider community. Keep an eye out for Roman Way Academy in Schoolreaders' upcoming promotional materials!

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

PE DAYS

- RECEPTION - Thursdays
- SQUIRRELS, FOXES AND HEDGEHOGS - Mondays and Thursdays

- DOLPHINS, PUFFINS AND BADGERS - Wednesdays and Fridays

Important Information for Second Half of Autumn Term 2025

- We will continue to operate a cashless payment system. 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. If you would like another letter, please let the school office know.
- **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 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 that 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 that 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 our website calendar - [Roman Way Academy - Calendar](#)

**CHILDREN RETURN FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE AUTUMN TERM ON
TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025**