

Royston Weekly



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Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,



It appears that spring may have sprung. I hope that you are enjoying the warmer weather and of course some of the signs that spring brings. Naturally, I am going to state that this has again been a busy week at St John's.

Last week, the celebrations for World Book Day were absolutely superb. Thank you so much for your support especially with the different outfits, costumes and pyjamas that the children wore. I think that they looked brilliant, and I hope you enjoyed some of the photos from the day. Last week, Mrs Bailey organised for a group of key stage 2 pupils to take part in a craft afternoon at Westmeads. This was a truly wonderful afternoon. We are really keen to build links within our local community- a huge thank you, as ever, to Mrs Bailey for taking the lead with this.

Yesterday, Year 1 had a wonderful time at the Tropical Butterfly House. Staff at the venue commented how wonderful and well behaved each and every child was: Mrs Brook even said it was the best school trip that she had ever been on! We hope they came back full of excitement to you at home too.



- School attendance Target for the Year - 97.0%
- Whole school attendance this year so far - 95.7%

This half term, we will be having an Easter Egg and Book Raffle for all children who receive 100% attendance through this half term.

Research has proved that any student with attendance under 95% is at risk of achieving a grade lower in every subject by the time they leave school. We expect all students to attend school regularly and their attendance should be at least 97%.

Current class attendance percentages:

Reception Class: 93.9%

Year 1: 96.8%

Year 2: 94.6%

Year 3: 95.5%

Year 4: 97.2%

Year 5: 95.5%

Year 6: 96.7%

Year 4 Lego Explore sessions

Year 4 are loving Lego sessions at Royston Library. Unfortunately, next week 20/03/25, will be Year 4's last session. This is due to lack of staffing/funding for the project from the services that organise this within Barnsley. We are delighted that we got to take part for the last four weeks. Dates for swimming lessons for Year 4 pupils will be shared in the upcoming weeks.



Finally, I am delighted to share that I have been appointed as permanent Head Teacher at Royston St John's. It is a huge honour to work with the wonderful pupils within our school and the amazing, dedicated staff each and every day. I am enormously proud of our achievements so far this academic year and we hope to continue to strengthen our offer of excellence in education moving forward. I would also like to thank parents, carers and other members of the community for your support in returning to St John's as Headteacher. I certainly feel it is a wonderful place to be.

DIARY DATES

March

- Monday 17th March – Years 1, 2 and 3 Compass B workshops in school- 'Me and My Emotions'
- Wednesday 19th March – Year 5 Creative Writing Workshop in school
- Wednesday 19th March - Class Photos- Plus Year 6 Alfresco Leaving portraits
- Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day (non- uniform day)
- Tuesday 25th March – Easter crafts KS2 after school- pupils must be booked on to reserve a place
- Friday 28th March – Dress Down Day for chocolate donations for Easter Fayre
- Friday 28th March – EYFS Mothering Sunday crafts morning 9am start

April

- Tuesday 1st April- 10:00am Rocksteady Concert
- Tuesday 1st April- School Choir to sing at West Meads
- Wednesday 2nd April - Parents/ Carers meetings after school – All classes
- Thursday 3rd April - Parents/ Carers meetings after school – All classes
- Friday 4th April- Enterprise Project for Years 5 and 6 in school
- Friday 4th April- attendance and book raffle for 100% attendance through Spring Term Two
- Friday 4th April- Eater Fayre (after school)
- Friday 4th April- last Day of school

Tuesday 22nd April Summer term starts!

Thursday 24th April – Compass Be Coffee Morning – 9.00 to 10:30am

May

- Monday 12th May to 15th May - SATS week for Year 6 pupils SATS Breakfast Club will run Monday- Thursday this week for Year 6 pupils
- Wednesday 21st May- Year 4 trip Jorvik Viking Centre- pupils must be in full school uniform

June

Wednesday 11th June - Year 5 trip National Mining Museum- pupils must be in full school uniform

17th June- Year 2 trip Yorkshire Wildlife Park- pupils must be in full school uniform

25th June- Year 1 local visit to watch Elevation Pirate production AM (Elevation building at Station Road)- pupils must be in full school uniform

26th June- Reception class local visit to watch Elevation Pirate production AM (Elevation building at Station Road)- pupils must be in full school uniform

26th June- Year 3 Music Festival at the Metrodome 1:30pm (letters sent soon with information)

July

Thursday 10th July Year 3 trip to Yorkshire Museum- pupils must be in full school uniform

Wednesday 16th to 18th July - Year 6 trip Robinwood Residential

As always thank you for your continued support.

R. Steele

Headteacher



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