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**Every Child Matters
Every Moment Counts**

Newsletter Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Families,

As you know, we welcomed Ofsted into school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. While we are not yet able to share the outcome, we are very pleased with how the process went.

We would like to sincerely thank you for your very positive responses to the parent questionnaire. Your feedback is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you all so much – what a wonderful school community we have.

Your children, as always, were a real credit to you. Their behaviour was exemplary, they looked incredibly smart, and they demonstrated excellent manners throughout the visit. Many pupils spoke confidently with inspectors, showcasing both their learning and their pride in our school. We are so proud of them.

We are equally proud of our staff and our whole school community. It has been a real team effort, and it is something we can all feel proud of.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Diversity Day activities. It was lovely to see them learning about different cultures, sharing experiences, and celebrating the diversity within our school community.

A special mention to Jake in Year 6 who did a toy sale last week and raised £52 which he has generously donated to the school. We are so proud of his kindness and community spirit.

Please take a look at our website to see what's been happening in Forest School and Gardening Club this term. Links below

<https://www.romanwayprimary.org/20252026-overview/>

<https://www.romanwayprimary.org/school-clubs-overview/>

As we approach the half-term break, we do so with smiles on our faces. We wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday. Let's hope the sunshine makes a welcome return and stays with us!

With best wishes,
Ms Jones



We work in line with Hampshire County Council policy and do not authorise holidays during term time unless it is due to an exceptional circumstance. Should you choose to take a holiday of 5 days or more you will be issued with a Penalty Notice. Further details can be found on our website.

Year 3

Roman Day



Our Roman Day last week was brilliant - the children dressed up and were so enthusiastic! We had Roman Army Drills, making roads using sand and stones, re-creating Roman architecture using Lego, making our own wax tablets and writing in them, copying the Roman lettering. We also made our Roman Numeral clocks and price tags ready for market day! There was bartering and trading and selling of all sorts of things in our Roman market, with children weighing out herbs and making jewellery - there was even a slave auction! We finished our day by making beautiful Roman mosaic coasters, which the children can take home when they are dry.





Year 6 Bikeability



Wild About Art

Here are our art entries for the Wild About Art Project, these will be displayed in the Landale Wilson Hall on Friday 5th and 6th June



Year R – Ducklings

Well done Year R, you have had yet another amazing Summer term. We have managed to do a lot this term and have really enjoyed having some little fluffy visitors for the last two weeks. The children have really enjoyed our topic "How does your garden grow?" through learning about how to care for plants, what plants need to grow successfully and looking after and nurturing their own bean plant from a seed. The children loved coming in each morning and discussing how much the bean seeds had grown and changed over a short space of time. The children have especially enjoyed looking after our chicks that came to us last Monday. Seeing the chicks hatch during school time was a pleasure to be able to see and discussing the changes and progress in the chick's growth has been a lot of fun. The children have been working on recognising odd and even numbers, sharing and doubling numbers, making teen numbers as well as, addition and subtraction to 10. The children are very quick at being able to subitise to 5 and can verbally say number bonds to 5 with some to 10 as well. Next term we will be learning about Animals with a trip to our local farm as well. Please continue to read with your child daily. Have a lovely half term!

Year 1 – Puffins

Year 1 have been very busy this half term learning about 'What makes the seaside the seaside?'. They have explored the physical features of the seaside and labelled lots of different diagrams to help develop their understanding. The children even created their own beach scenes in trays, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In Science, they have been learning about how animals adapt during different seasons and worked collaboratively in groups to create boxes filled with natural resources for a hedgehog to hibernate in. In English, the children read the book *There's a Beach in My Pants*, which they found very funny. They have written their own stories about trips to the beach and also created postcards imagining they had visited the seaside. In Maths, the children have been working hard on fractions of shapes as well as learning about 2D and 3D shapes.



Year 2 – Penguins

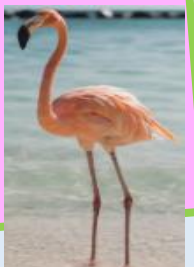
Wow! What a half term we have had. We have had a wonderful term learning all about the Great Fire of London and the children have been able to explore the events of the fire and think about the consequences of the fire, thinking about how the fire changed London. The children enjoyed walking to the local Tudor house in Enham and have created their own excellent Tudor houses. The children have worked so hard to retell the story of the fire and have created outstanding pieces of writing. I hope you all have a lovely half-term and we look forward to seeing the children for more fun and learning!



Year 3 – Flamingos

We have had another fun-filled half term learning about the Romans! Our Roman Day last week was brilliant - the children dressed up and were so enthusiastic! In Maths, we have used place value counters to add and subtract using column method, regrouping practically to bridge the tens and hundreds. We have also begun our Time unit, so watches are on and we are clock-watching (with purpose!) We have had the PE FAB book this term - our school-wide scrapbook of PE - and we have filled it with photos and self-reflections of our tennis unit. The weather has been kind to us on our outdoor PE days, and we have mastered serving, using forearm and backhand to rally, and we have started to consider the use of the court space to try and catch our opponent out! Computing has been programming using Scratch, and the class have been collaborative and supportive of each other, with those who go to Computing Club becoming the class experts - thank you!

Our Thrive unit has been all about positive affirmations, and we have spent some quality time making each other feel good. We filled each other's buckets with positivity and made cards to ourselves to look at whenever we need to see something great about ourselves. The class kindly created one for our student teacher as well, who has now finished placement with us and will be moving onto her next year at university after half term.



Year 4 – Robins

Year 4 have had an amazing half term. Their project has been 'Was King Alfred really great?' and they have been exploring what he did during his reign and discussing whether he was truly great or simply lucky. The children have also worked incredibly hard on their times tables in preparation for their multiplication check in June. In Science, they have been learning about electrical circuits and the different components needed to make them work. They have enjoyed creating, drawing and labelling a variety of different circuits as part of their investigations. In English, the children have been learning about Macbeth and have written lots of dialogue using inverted commas. They have also shown great creativity by writing their own endings to the play.



Year 5 - Falcons

We have had a fascinating term learning all about the civil war in Lebanon through the eyes of a young girl 'Ayesha' who was a refugee. The children have been totally gripped by our class text 'Oranges in No Man's Land' in which she is the main character. The children have been really drawn into the book and have discussed and written really insightful and empathetic responses. In Art, the children have amazed me with their sketching skills as they have produced their own versions of a piece of art called 'The Refugee's Eye' which combines learning to use one point perspective within a sketch of an eye. In Geography, we have been learning all about Andover and why a refugee would move here. I am particularly proud of how the children improved with their swimming over the six lessons we had this half term. We had quite a few children who were anxious about swimming at the beginning, but their determination was fabulous and they made super progress in such a short time. I can't believe that we have only one term left before the children go up to Year Six! We will be working very hard over Summer Term Two to get ready for this. Have a super half term break, keep safe.

Year 6 - Kingfisher

As Summer Term One comes to a close, we reflect on what has been a short but very busy half term. Despite the bank holiday, the children have packed in a lot of learning — not least getting ready for and taking their SATs! There was even time to complete Bikeability training too.

Our project this half term was titled: **"How have the Ancient Greeks influenced the modern Western world?"** The children just begun to explore the many legacies left behind by the Ancient Greeks. We started this in English by watching a video of a tour around Ancient Athens and then writing persuasive brochures about all the offerings it had. Next half term in History, we'll dive deeper into several of their legacies and decide which ones we believe have had the greatest impact on our modern world. Alongside this, the children have started a new book - War Game - and are beginning to plan and write a 'missing chapter' from the book. We'll continue this work next half term, exploring more about life in the trenches during World War I. In Art, the children have used their sketching skills to design, and then paint in watercolour, Greek theatre masks. In Computing, they've been learning about the use of variables in programming, which they'll apply next term to program a virtual Micro:bit. In PE, our focus has been on Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA). The children have really enjoyed working on their communication, cooperation, and teamwork through weekly problem-solving challenges. A highlight for the children was completing their DT project about creating their own chocolate bar - which they all enjoyed tasting during the evaluation.

Finally, we must say how proud we are of the children for their hard work and resilience during SATs week. They certainly earned their breakfasts — a big thank you to the FTA for providing the food and to Mr Jefferies and Miss Mukerjee for helping to prepare it each morning!

We hope you all enjoy a restful and relaxing half-term break. When we return, we'll be heading into the final half term of your child's time at Roman Way Primary — a very special time indeed! As always, please continue to support your child by encouraging them to read at home every day.





ROMAN WAY



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AND BREAKFAST CLUB

- **Free Taster Session!!** If your child has not attended After School Club before, we are offering a free taster session from next term. Please contact the office to book your session.
- The clubs are run by school staff so children are familiar with the adults. Only open to pupils who attend Roman Way, so children already know each other.
- It's a lovely way for your children to get to know children in other year groups as well as their classmates.
- Want to use After School Club or Breakfast Club but find it too expensive? There is a UK government scheme called Tax free childcare that provides a 20% top-up for your childcare costs. For every £8 you put into an online childcare account, the government adds £2. Roman Way Primary School is an approved childcare provider and we are able to accept Tax Free Childcare payments. If you are a working family on Universal credit, you can claim back up to 85% of registered childcare costs. Please see more information on the Gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit>
- It's an easy process to sign up, simply call the office on 01264 352118 to add your child's name to the group on Scopay, and for After School Club, we can send you paperwork to sign, or pop into the office to sign up. Book and pay in advance on Scopay.
- Breakfast Club starts at 8am, and After School Club is until 5.30pm Mon to Fri, term time.



The Book Corner

We are delighted to announce that all pupils can once again use *Sora*, the FREE virtual library where they can enjoy thousands of books, magazines, comics and audiobooks at home on mobile devices like a tablet or phone. We would love children to begin using this service over the half-term break. Its quick to set-up:

1, Download *Sora* from your device's app store or follow this link:

<https://soraapp.com/welcome>

2, Enter the set-up code: hampshiresls

Do you have a setup code?

Enter the code provided to you below.

Enter setup code
hampshiresls

Continue

3, Search for *Roman Way Primary School* from the drop-down list.

Showing 1 school

Hampshire School Library Service

Search within
Roman Way Primary School

Roman Way Primary School

4, Enter your child's *Username*. This will be the first two letters of their first name and their whole surname, all in lower case. E.g., Harry Potter would be *hapotter*.

Username
hapotter

5, Enter *book* as the *Password*, all lower case.

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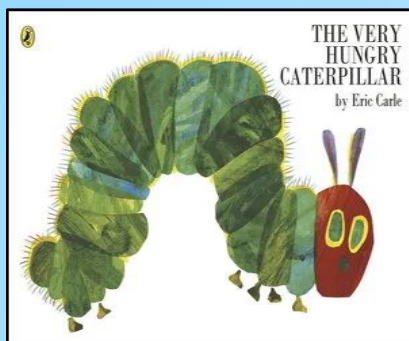
6, Use the *Explore* tab to find and borrow a book. Steps 1-3 only need to be followed during the initial set-up.



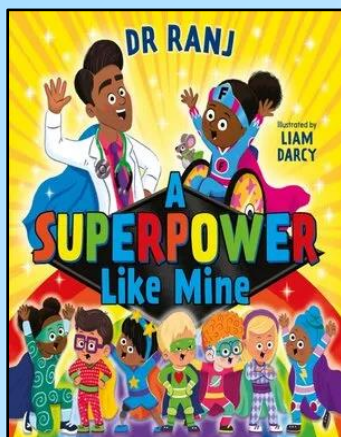
There are thousands of books to choose from, here are a few highlights!



Children that find reading challenging, can enjoy a great selection of accessible comics, magazines and photo-rich non-fiction.



Use the *Read-along ebooks* option in the *Filters*, to have a narrator read certain books aloud. Children can follow and turn the pages when instructed.



Over 300 audiobooks available to enjoy, narrated by some well-known authors and celebrities.

To celebrate the launch of *Sora*, children are invited to complete the *Sora Reading Challenge* over half-term. Can they complete ANY FIVE?

Sora Reading Challenge
Complete all 9 to be entered in a prize drawing!

Open the Sora app ☒

Find an author you've never read ☐

Check out an audiobook ☐

Recommend a book to a friend ☐

Earn the Highlight Reel achievement ☐

Check out an ebook ☐

Define a word while reading an ebook ☐

Check out book 1 of a new series ☐

Read for 15 minutes ☐

Sora
The student reading app

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

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Please hand this to Mr Parkinson after half-term to receive your certificate and FREE book!



BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!

CHOOSE YOUR BUILD. SUPPORT CHARITY. BUILD TOGETHER.



**SUNDAY
17TH MAY**

10:00AM – 4:00PM



**SATURDAY
23RD MAY**

10:00AM – 7:00PM

Thank You! ❤️

A huge thank you to **TRAINING IN PARTNERSHIP HUB** for allowing BRIKT to use their amazing space in Andover while this journey begins. *Your support means more than you know!*





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FAMILY FUN DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Wednesday Craft Club
Make and take family crafts -£2 per child

Back to the Iron Age on Thursdays
Hands on history - free with annual ticket to Museum of the Iron Age

Family Trail and Iron Age Crafts
Every museum open day - free with annual ticket to Museum of the Iron Age

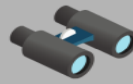





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Psst. Look out for our
**May half term
fun activities!**



KEEP IT A SECRET!!



25th to 29th May
Join us at our **craft tables**
10.00 to 12.30 to put some
secret agent skills to the
test.



Discover the stories of real-
life secret agents as part of a
fun **code cracking trail** around
the Museum.
Trail available all week.



WE need you, yes YOU, and your super-cunning
spy skills for a mysterious **Family Mission!**
Come along and become an Undercover
agent. See website for timing.



26th & 31st - **Model Making**
10.00 - 15.00

All ages are invited to learn
how to make & paint plastic
models at one of the free model
making sessions with Models for
Heroes.

armyflying.com

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children to
move, grow,
and thrive!**



Why see a specialist Children's Physiotherapist?

Because growing bodies aren't
just "small adults," only a
children's physiotherapist has the
expertise to deliver age-
appropriate, effective care from
infancy through adolescence.

Who can we help?

Children with musculoskeletal
concerns—ranging from
developmental delays, post-
surgery recovery and
fractures to juvenile arthritis,
growing pains, movement
issues, and more.

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