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**Every Child Matters  
Every Moment Counts**

## Newsletter Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I want to say a huge thank you to our amazing children and their wonderful families for all their hard work and support. The children have achieved so much, and we couldn't be prouder of every single one of them.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our wonderful Pumpkin Party. It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the fun and festivities. The event was a great success thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of our FSA (Family and School Association). We are so grateful for all they do to support our school community. We have also sent out a short survey to gather your thoughts and suggestions. Your feedback helps us make our school even better, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete it.

As Halloween approaches, please remind children to stay safe if they are out and about trick-or-treating: stick to well-lit areas, stay with friends or family, and only visit homes of people you know. We hope everyone enjoys a fun and safe celebration!

Our recent Family Evening was another highlight of the term. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to share in the activities and celebrate our school community. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a positive and enjoyable evening.

Have a wonderful and safe half term!

Miss Cannell



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## YEAR R 2026 OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 6th November 1.15pm  
Thursday 13th November 5.30pm  
Thursday 20th November 10am

We know that choosing the right school for your child is a big decision. Please come along to one of our open events to see all we have to offer here at Roman Way. We provide a loving and nurturing environment and pride ourselves on ensuring that every single child is valued and has the opportunity to be the best that they can be.

To book your visit please email us at [adminoffice@romanway.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@romanway.hants.sch.uk)

**Safety**

**Honesty**

**Integrity**

**Excellence**

**Love**

**Determination**



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

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 R – Ducklings

Well done Year R for a fantastic first half term. The children have settled into school brilliantly and you should be very proud of them. The children have worked very hard in phonics learning the first 16 sounds and we have started to blend those sounds into CVC words. We have learnt a lot about fairytales, reading different books and discussing the characters. In Maths we have been subitising to 5, counting to 20 and matching objects and numbers to 10. Year R have loved going out for their first Forest School sessions where they have learnt the Forest School rules and explored the environment. Have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you all next term ready to go again!



### Year 1 – Puffins

**Year 1 have settled back into school brilliantly and I could not be prouder of them! We have helped the children with the transition into year 1 by having the classroom set up very similarly to year R. The children have enjoyed exploring in continuous provision and have loved playing outside in our new sandpit and water tray while they have completed their formal learning in small groups with an adult. After the half term, we will begin to move towards more whole class lessons where all of the children will complete their learning at the same time, still with opportunities for continuous provision. In History, we have been looking at how transport has changed over time.**

**The children loved our trip to the transport museum at the start of the half term which helped with their understanding of old vehicles. We looked at old and new cars, trains and planes and compared them to see how they have changed. In English, we have been looking at the book Rapunzel. We have done lots of work on using phonics to help write words, matched capital letters with lower case letters, learnt what nouns and adjectives are and begun to construct sentences. They have done such an amazing job with this! In Maths, we have been looking at numbers to 20. We have ordered numbers, compared them, made numbers out of lots of different resources and found one more and one less. Thank you so much for your support this half term,**

**it means a lot! I hope you all have a fantastic half term!**



### Year 2 – Penguins

Wow! What a half term we have had. The children have loved our topic 'What does a pirate need to reach the treasure?'. We have learnt about map skills, including compass directions and we have even made our own pirate puppets, where the children have learnt how to sew! In English, we have been retelling the story of Hansel and Gretel, where we have explored two different versions of Hansel and Gretel. The children have worked really hard in their lessons, particularly when writing their story. I hope everyone has a fantastic break and I can't wait to see the children for more learning next half term!



### Year 3 Flamingos

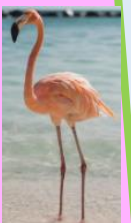
We have had a very eventful first term, and it has been great to see our wonderful class settle in so beautifully. Our trip to Stonehenge was a brilliant adventure, and it kicked off our learning about the Stone Age, which the class have embraced and enjoyed fully. We have studied how the Stone Age developed and what life was like for every-day Stone Age people. We have created our own Stone Age cave art using charcoal and chalk pastels, and we have been composing Stone Age rhythms using Western notation and a range of percussion.

We have worked hard to explore magnets in Science, and our final piece of the term - making our own magnet - was met with cheers and celebrations! In PE we have created dances and developed our fundamental skills, particularly skipping.

Our English journeys have included character description and a free-verse poem linked to the Stone Age. The class are developing their grammatical understanding and are now great at creating expanded noun phrases and learning some homophones. Spellings are a continuous practise, please continue this at home alongside reading.

In Maths, we have begun our journey on times tables and division rapid recall, using the website [timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk) support this. We have begun using three-digit numbers and understand how the digits sit within their place value.

We hope you all enjoy your week off, and look forward to seeing everyone again next term, with our second trip to the Iron Age Museum in the first week back!





#### Year 4 - Robins

Year Four have had a very busy first term of this academic year. We have been working hard on our handwriting skills and have already had children move on to using pen - let's see if those who are close can make it in the next few weeks! We've also been working hard on listening skills and using manners at all time when talking with others. Our project 'Why do so many people move to megacities?' has been really interesting and I hope the children have been sharing some facts at home with you. Our favourite learning this term has been on our English picture book called 'Journey'. The children wrote setting descriptions and we have used AI to turn them pictures to see how accurate their writing was. The class were so excited and fascinated to see their words come to life! In football lessons with Stow Sports we have all been brushing up our football skills - I have learned a lot with the children too! I have been really proud of the positive feedback I have received from Mrs Reid on her Forest School lessons - she said they have matured so much and she is thoroughly enjoying her sessions with them. Well done Year Four! See you all after half term ready to continue our learning journey. Enjoy your week off.



#### Year 5 Falcons

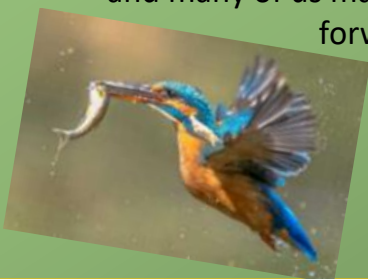
What a start to the year in year 5! We've had great fun exploring the ancient civilisations and investigating their greatest achievements. In English, we've used a non-fiction text about Mesopotamia to support us in completing a non-chronological report and visual encyclopaedia about a civilisation. In Maths we worked hard on place value and number before moving on to calculating the area and perimeter of rectangles. This half term we've looked at fossils in science, and we really enjoyed making our own fossils with clay and plaster of Paris. I hope you all have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you when we come back!!

Miss Black!

#### Year 6 Kingfisher

It had been a busy and interesting first eight weeks in Year 6. In English, we have enjoyed our book Holes (by Louis Sachar) and wrote some lovely diary entries as Stanley, as well as a character description of him. In addition to that, we also wrote survival guides for newcomers arriving at Camp Green Lake. In our geography sessions, we have been building our knowledge about what makes a mountain and discovered how they are made, where the highest mountains are in the world and where our mountains are in the UK so we could answer our project question - Are there mountains in the UK? In maths we have been developing our knowledge of number and calculation skills, as well as sharpening our arithmetical skills too - we have even tackled long division, which has been tricky but we have persevered and improved. In Science, we studied the topic of light - exploring how it travels, using periscopes which we built. We also looked at the different colours that make up white light. In Computing, we have looked at how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration; we completed shared projects online and evaluated different methods of communication. In P.E. we have been swimming and many of us made great progress with this across the half term. We are all looking forward to a much-needed break, resting, relaxing and recharging.

Stay safe and see you after half term.





# The Book Corner

## Book Fair – After Half-Term



Please remember that the *Scholastic Book Fair* will be at *Roman Way* from *Monday 3rd-Thursdays 6th November*. Held in the hall from *3.20-4.00pm every day*, this is an excellent opportunity to buy some early Christmas presents. Your generosity is always appreciated, as every book sold will help raise more funds for our School Library.

There will be over 200 titles at the fair, with prices starting at £2.99. This includes some exciting new releases, like *Ultimate Football 2026* and latest from David Walliams.

How payment works:

- Books can be bought at the fair with your credit or debit card.
- Books can also be bought using a pre-purchased voucher which can be printed-off here:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>.

Please visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases> to learn more about the books that will be available. Thank you again for your support.

Each week we will be promoting a different *Right of the Reader*, values that will help children become life-long readers.

## The right to not finish a book.



It doesn't matter if children don't finish all the books they borrow from our School Library, they can always come back to it later in the year. Also, some books are long so it's fine if books take a while to read.

