



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday. I hope you have had a good week as we begin the journey through Autumn 2 and wind our way towards the end of 2025.

Flying High Together: A couple of highlights that have encouraged and inspired this week...

Pupil Progress Meetings: It has been really encouraging meeting with the teachers this week to review the progress of all the children in Autumn 1. It is clear that the children have made a really positive start in their new classes and teachers are really pleased to have seen how children's confidence has grown from September to now.

School Dinners: What a positive response to the new lunch menus and food provided by Gateway, our new catering provider! I have had so many conversations with children about how impressed with the food they are, in terms of both options available and quality of food.

500 Word Story Competition: Thank you for all the children's entries to the 500 word stories. We have received a really encouraging number of stories and there are some terrific stories that we have enjoyed looking at. As well as going to the BBC competition judges, some of our Governors are going to help judge a winner for each year group.

Odd Socks Day: Anti Bullying Week kicks off on Monday with Odd Socks Day where we invite the children to **come to school wearing odd socks**, as colourful and odd as they like, to help celebrate the fact that we are all unique and valued. Over the rest of the week there will be special lessons and assemblies to further explore this important matter as a school. If you would like to donate to the work of the Anti-Bullying Alliance then please follow this link: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/get-involved/consider-making-donation/become-one-giver>

3) Remembrance Day: Tuesday 11th November is Remembrance Day and we will mark this as a school with a special Collective Worship and minute silence at 11am on Tuesday next week. Poppies will be on sale at the start of the day on Monday at the front of school or please pop into the office to buy a poppy or two.

4) Parents Evening: We have two upcoming Parents Evenings starting on Wednesday 12th November. The sign up link was shared earlier this week so do make an appointment for Wednesday or on our second evening Thursday 20th November. It is so important to have that short time. We look forward to seeing you at one of the evenings. I'll get the kettle on!

4) Children in Need is on Friday 14th November and this is something we commit to supporting each year. **Friday 14th November is a non-school uniform day** and we particularly invite children to wear something spotty as part of their clothing for the day. We will also be joining in the **Challenge yourself to 25** initiative and a range of staff members will be taking on various challenges which they will do 25 times. If you or your children have any great suggestions for challenges do let us know and we'll see if we can get one of the teachers to give it a go. Here is our



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link for donating to Children in Need and supporting us in our Challenge 25s. Thank you to those who have already done so.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/romseyabbeyprimarychildreninneed?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

If the children would like to set themselves a Challenge yourself to 25 challenge then that is great and we'd encourage them to get sponsored by friends and family for their efforts. We'd love to hear about their efforts or see photos or videos of them taking on their challenge for Children in Need.

Papaya 'Power of Play' Event: Papaya (Parents against phone addiction in young adults) wanted to bring this webinar event to your attention:

"The Power of Play: Rediscovering Childhood in the Digital Age."

This

new content is designed for KS1 and KS2 parents and is an exciting development in Papaya's portfolio. Please see the attached PDF flyer for full details.

Date: Tuesday 25th November 2025

Time: 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Tickets: £3 book [here](#), also listed on our [events page](#)—all proceeds to Papaya.

Jewellery: The only jewellery permitted in school are stud earrings. There should be no bracelets, necklaces or earrings that are not studs. This is primarily for pupils' safety and also to ensure precious items are not lost in school. All children need to be following this policy.

Dates for your diary : https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhIIGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit?tab=t.0

I will finish in prayer which you are most welcome to join me in praying:

Dear God,

As we look ahead to Anti-Bullying Week next week, we pray that our school would be clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Give us the power to do great good in supporting and encouraging others and working together to tackle and challenge bullying.

Amen

Have a great weekend!

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