



Headteacher Weekly Update 22.11.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a good week. It was lovely to see a flurry of snow welcome us into winter yesterday morning. Thank you for sending your children to school well prepared with thick coats, winter hats and gloves and scarfs aplenty.

Parents Evening: It was wonderful to see so many of you on Wednesday evening for Parents Evening Round 1. Round 2 follows on Monday next week. If you haven't managed to make an appointment yet, it would be great to see you so please do sign up for a slot... <https://romseyabbey.school.simplybook.it/v2/>

Punctuality: The morning mission of getting everyone up and ready for school on time is rarely straightforward and many curve balls and challenges can hinder us in our pursuit of being at school by **8:50am at the latest**. As winter makes its cold and frosty entrance, age-old obstacles like frosted windscreens, runny noses and finding that left glove add a further level of difficulty. We understand this and greatly thank you for your efforts day in, day out to be at school on time. There might be exceptional times when you may miss the 8:50am deadline but this must be a rare exception not a weekly or more frequent occurrence. The benefits of being in school on time are widespread and significant and give your children the best opportunity to make great progress every day. We will gladly meet with parents who would value support with this due to particular circumstances.

Habits of Mind - Empathy Focus: "I feel when..." This is a really helpful sentence structure and one we are intentionally modelling to children and guiding them to use to express a range of feelings in a range of situations. It is a particularly powerful way to communicate when resolving problems and disagreements as this enables the children to be heard but also to hear the other perspective. The more we model such a sentence structure, the more we equip the children to express their feelings constructively. "I feel annoyed when I have to put my clothes away." does not mean they don't have to put their clothes away but gives us a platform to have a constructive discussion about why that might be and how we feel when the clothes are left strewn across the floor after our efforts in washing those clothes.

Y4 Anglo Saxon Day: Sycamore Tree Class had a wonderful day yesterday discovering so much about the Anglo-Saxons. They became expert historians, examined artefacts and listened to some Anglo Saxon tales with Nelda who had time travelled from Anglo Saxon times to share her experiences and answer the children's fantastic deep thinking questions.

Y5 Internet Safety and Cyber Bullying Police Workshop: Steph from the Police joined Year 5 yesterday for a workshop on internet safety and cyber bullying following anti-bullying week last week. They explored what healthy use of the internet and devices looks like and some of the risks, pitfalls and dangers of the online world to be consciously aware of.



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New Parent Governor: Following one application in the Governing Body's search for a new Parent Governor with financial management skills, we are pleased to announce that Jo Chamberlain has been appointed to serve as one of our team of governors. Thank you to those who expressed an interest. We will advertise again if further opportunities arise.

Year R 2025 applications: Applications for Year R spaces in Sep 2025 are now open. Our next open morning for tours is Wednesday 27 November.

Dates for your Diary: Here is the link for our Dates for your Diary. It is a live document so will update as new dates and events are added to the diary: https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-Qagv3rcTOhllGpgLuw5Jpz_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit

Prayer: I'll finish with a prayer, which you are welcome to join me in praying...

Dear God,

Thank you for the wonderful examples of those who have courageously changed the world by putting others first and caring deeply about those around them. Help us all in our various roles and circumstances to be courageous world changers. Help us to inspire our children to be courageous heroes of empathy in action, that they might be tenacious world changers. We pray for the leaders across our world, give them profound wisdom and clear pathways to peace.

Amen

Have a good weekend everybody.

Kind Regards

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