



Roundhay St. John's CE Primary School SCHOOL NEWS July 2026



Vision Statement

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● **Reminder - new start time in September**

Please remember that the start time from Wednesday 2nd September, when the children return to school for the autumn term, will be **8.45am**. The playground gates will open at 8.35am and **all children must be entering their classroom door at 8.45am every morning.**

● **Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge**

We love a challenge and we encourage the children to climb all three Yorkshire peaks during their time with us at Roundhay St John's. Our intrepid explorers in Years 4, 5 and 6 showed great resilience this term during their hill climbs with Year 4 children climbing Pen-y-ghent, Year 5 children climbing Ingleborough and Year 6 children climbing Wharfedale. The weather was (mostly!) kind to us and we managed to climb to the top of each peak this year. Well done to all of the children who took part and thank you to the staff and our volunteers, Mr Rushfirth, Mrs Bhogal and Mr Coulson for helping us on our climbs.

● **Phonics results**

We are delighted to share the news that 93% of our Year 1 children passed the phonics screening check in June. Phonics is the foundation of early reading and these Year 1 children are reaping the rewards of their hard work by being able to read fluently and enjoy different types of books.

● **KS2 SATs results**

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 children for an amazing week of incredible 'School of Pop' performances, a beautiful Year 6 leavers' service, and to top it all off, fantastic SATs results!

The % of children achieving the expected standard in each of the tests are:

Reading: Roundhay St John's = 90% National = 75%

Maths: Roundhay St John's = 93% National = 74%

Grammar, Punctuation, Spellings: Roundhay St John's = 90% National = 74%

Writing assessment (over the academic year): Roundhay St John's = 83% National = 72%

● **Refreshed school vision**

A school vision is a shared statement that defines our school's purpose, our core values, and what we aspire to achieve for every single child in our care. It doesn't just describe who we are today; it sets the benchmark for who we want to be tomorrow.

Our new school vision is:

At Roundhay St John's we are proud to celebrate the rich diversity of our unique school community. Together we learn and thrive with openness and curiosity, seeking to love and understand each other as God loves us.

Our school values are: **Love, respect and courage.**

Many thanks to parents and carers who provided feedback on our revised school vision. Thank you also to the children who gave some very insightful and thoughtful responses during their discussions such as:

"We are like a school family and God looks after us."

"It's good to have just three values to focus on."

"I think the three values tie with the school vision because you need to have love and respect if you have a different background."

"The word 'love' is really important because you can explain love in lots of different ways."

"I think it's good because it shows we're all different and we need to accept we're all different."

- **Great British Summer Savings scheme for families**

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. Please use the link below for more information:

<https://news.service.education.gov.uk/3805AC26CA63D0C487A7C5B1B204EB28996573F9CCF95EC1C78AC4CA8A608BAE/DECB7B29B09B425616E2B84F0A722EC3/LE35>

- **Trips and activities**

We have been so busy in this final half-term - this is a quick round-up...

Well done to all our athletes in the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 sports days! All the children adapted well to our reduced version of a sports day in the heatwave a few weeks ago and it was great that so many parents and carers joined us to cheer us on!

Year 4 children enjoyed a singing session at the Big Samba event at Pudsey Civic Hall and also visited Leeds Royal Armouries to learn more about The Romans, their army and their legacy.

Year 6 enjoyed an amazing three day residential visit to PGL activity centre at Newby Wiske, Northallerton. Highlights were the zipline, the high ropes, archery and climbing Jacob's ladder.

Year 2 children enjoyed an incredible day at Filey with a paddle in the sea, ice-cream and games on the beach.

Year 5 raised an incredible £232 through their book sale and busking session. These funds have been donated to the Meeting Point Cafe in Harehills to help the cafe staff support their local community. Congratulations to the Year 5 children for carrying out such a successful social action project. The Year 5 children also visited the Bilal Masjid mosque during our trip.

Year 3 children enriched their knowledge of Hinduism by visiting a Hindu temple.

Well done to the children who performed for family members and friends during our Vocal and Recorder Showcase, Drama Club performance and the Choir performance. There are some very talented singers, musicians and actors at Roundhay St John's!

Some of our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in the Roundhay Cup at Roundhay High School and represented our school in football and netball matches. Both footballers and netball players won some of their matches and played extremely well against the other local teams. We were very impressed and proud of the children's positive attitude and determination.

Reception went on their very first school trip to Temple Newsam and had a fabulous day exploring the farm.

- **Summer fair**

A HUGE thank you goes to all the PTA members and staff for providing us all with a fantastic summer fair! It was great to see so many families enjoying the games, activities and food stalls on offer on such a sunny afternoon.

- **Thank you**

A HUGE thank you goes out to all the volunteers who have helped our school in a range of ways including reading in school, supporting sports fixtures and training for tournaments and accompanying classes on visits. We always appreciate the support and help which is offered to our school and this is crucial in helping us to offer so many visits and activities for curriculum enrichment.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard this year, adapting to some changes and through their efforts supporting the school to continue moving forward.

Thank you also to the governors for their time and for their support of the school - this is much appreciated.

- **Attendance**

Congratulations to the 124 pupils at our school who were awarded certificates today for an attendance figure of at least 97%. Well done!!

- **Fond farewells**

We say farewell and thank you to Mr Gray who has supported children in KS1 this year, and will now be heading back home to Australia over the summer.

We also say farewell and thank you to Miss Hendrickson who has also supported children in KS1 and will now be starting her teaching course in September. We wish her well in her new chapter!

Miss Kennally will be leaving us after 9 years of supporting the children at St John's. Her cheery disposition and kind nature will be missed. We wish Wendy all the best for her retirement!

- **New classes in September**

There is an amendment to the original staffing plan in Year 2 and Year 4 in September with Miss Hewitt now teaching in Year 2 and Mrs Chapman teaching in Year 4. The teaching staff and their classes in September will be as follows:

Nursery - Miss Hawkins and Mrs Rashid

Reception - Mrs Neal and Mrs Richards

Year 1 - Miss Rigby

Year 2 - Miss Whitehead and Miss Hewitt

Year 3 - Miss Benn

Year 4 - Mrs Maguire and Mrs Chapman

Year 5 - Mr Rushfirth

Year 6 - Mrs Laphorne

The children enjoyed getting to know their new classroom space and new classteacher this week as classes moved up during our transition morning. Teachers have also been visiting their next class and reading stories in the past couple of weeks to get to know everyone before September comes around.

- **Training days for 2026-27**

School will be closed on these days in 2026-27 for training days:

Tuesday 1st Sept 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 19th March 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Thursday 22nd July 2027

DATES for your DIARY

Friday 17th July

Year 6 Leavers' Collective Worship (in school) 1.15pm

School closes at 2.15pm

Discoveries Closes 4:30pm

The holiday club will run from Tuesday 21st July to Friday 31st July

Tuesday 1st Sept - training day

Wednesday 2nd Sept - children return to school

Wednesday 9th Sept - RSJ School prayer meeting 9am

We wish all our families a very happy and safe summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wed 2nd Sept!