



Roundhay St. John's CE Primary School SCHOOL NEWS



Vision Statement

Inspired by Jesus' promise of life in all its fullness, Roundhay St John's Church of England Primary School aims to provide education of the highest quality within a Christian context.

Christian values guide our decision making and permeate every area of school life.

This is an inclusive school that respects the beliefs of all. We aim to create opportunities to explore the meaning of Christian faith as a gift to be experienced and enjoyed.

Through this we aspire to enable every child to flourish and each person to feel valued.

● Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders are Year 5 and Year 6 children who have volunteered to work as part of a team, under the guidance of Miss Hewitt, to support our online safety and digital development at our school. The Digital Leaders have produced and delivered an online safety presentation to the other children in a Collective Worship and they work to help us understand more about being safe online. This is a piece of information from this group of children:

What is a digital leader ?

A digital leader is a group of 6 people from class 5-6. Our role is to help the school with technology and keep the ipads working, research new software and we contribute to news letters once a half term. We try to aim to make computing fun for everyone and making everyone have the ability to have freedom on the computers.

Please see the attachment for information about how to keep your child safe online.

● New school website

<https://www.roundhay-st-johns.leeds.sch.uk/>

We are proud and excited to tell our parents and carers that we have a fantastic, new school website! Many thanks to the staff involved in updating the content and also to parents Jamie Coulson and Amanda Harper for providing the film footage.

● 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 school vision is undergoing a refresh and staff and governors have collaborated to create our new school vision which 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 will be: **Love, respect and courage.**

DATES for your DIARY

Tuesday 9th June
Year 4 Multiplication Tables
Checks

Mon 8th-12th June
Year 1 Phonics Screen Check

Wed 10th June
Year 4 trip to the Royal Armouries
Year 6 trip to a synagogue

Friday 12th June
Year 1 trip to Roundhay Park
Poetry Slam Final

Thur 18th June
Year 4 hill climb at Pen-y-ghent

Fri 19th June
Training day #4 of 6
School & Nursery closed

Wed 24th June
KS2 sports day
Nursery sports day

Thur 25th June
Rec and KS1 sports day (rescheduled
from 23rd May)

Fri 26th June
Non-uniform day for tombola prizes
Year 3 French cafe

Monday 29th June
Year 5 book sale (playground)

Tues 30th June
New reception parents information
session 6pm

Mon 29th June - Wed 1st July
Year 6 PGL trip

We would love to hear from parents/carers and appreciate your thoughts and responses to the draft of our new school vision. Please email your feedback to the office email address: office@rsjps.com by **Monday 29th June**.

- **Quiet (outdoor) areas**

We are currently developing our outdoor spaces where children may wish to be quiet and have some time to reflect and have some 'down time'. In addition to the Quiet Areas, we would like to develop the raised beds and fill them with herbaceous and flowering perennial shrubs. If you have any top soil or plants that you can donate for our quiet areas, please bring them into school.

- **Poetry Slam Final**

Well done to all of the children who entered the Poetry Slam class heats! We are looking forward to our Poetry Slam final on Friday 12th June, and our judges will be Mrs Briggs, Amanda Harper (parent) and Mark Foster (LDLT Director of School Effectiveness).

- **Wednesday 17th June - Thank a Teacher Day**

As the RsJ headteacher, I would like to thank all of our incredible staff ahead of Thank a Teacher Day for the brilliant job they all do!

- **Roundhay Festival - Fri 3rd July**

Roundhay Festival will take place on Friday 3rd July. Due to extensive road closures and a significantly increased volume of traffic starting from midday, the school and nursery will close at 12pm. Please arrange for your child to be collected between 11.30am and 12pm on Friday 3rd July. Discoveries after-school care will not operate on Friday 3rd July.

- **Healthy Schools Beacon Status**

We are delighted to announce that our school has, once again, qualified for Healthy School beacon status. Many thanks to Mrs Chapman for leading our school through this rigorous assessment process and for ensuring that our school has a great offer of health and wellbeing education within our PSHE curriculum.

<https://www.healthyschools.org.uk/>

- **New class teacher**

A recruitment process took place at the end of last half term and we are pleased to let parents and carers know that Mr Paul Rushfirth was appointed as a classteacher at our school. Mr Rushfirth is a very experienced teacher and currently teaches two days a week in our Year 5 class so he will be well-prepared for his start at RsJ in September!

- **New classes in September**

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 Mrs Chapman

Year 3 - Miss Benn

Year 4 - Mrs Maguire and Miss Hewitt

Year 5 - Mr Rushfirth

Thur 2nd July
Year 5 hill climb at Ingleborough

Mon 6th July
3.15pm Choir performance for parents

Thursday 9th July
Year 5 busking session (playground)

Fri 10th July
Year 4 Big Samba at Pudsey Civic Hall
Year 3 vocal and recorder showcase for parents
Summer fair

Mon 13th July
Annual pupil reports out to parents/
carers
Year 6 performance 2-3pm

Tues 14th July
Year 6 performance 6-7pm

Wed 15th July
Year 5 visit to Meeting Point Cafe

Thurs 16th July
Year 6 leavers' service 9.30am at
Oakwood church

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.

Year 6 - Mrs Laphorne

- **Summer term transition**

As the end of the school year approaches, the staff are busy preparing for our program of transition sessions which will take place in the last few weeks of the term. Class teachers will spend time with their new cohort of children and a thorough transfer of information will take place.

- **Year 4 MTC and Year 1 phonics screening check**

With the KS2 SATS tests behind us, the Year 4 Multiplication Check (MTC) and the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC) will take place this week. The children are well prepared and they have worked hard for these statutory tests. Well done to the staff and children - you've got this!

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

Please remember that the start time from Wednesday 3rd 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**.

- **Reminder - sports day dates**

Sports days take place on these dates:

Nursery - Wednesday 24th June (afternoon)

EYFS and KS1 - Thursday 25th June (morning)

KS2 - Wednesday 24th June (morning)

- **Reminder - non uniform day**

Please remember that **Friday 26th June** is a non-uniform day for the children who bring tombola prizes to school for our school summer fair on Friday 10th July.

- **Musician of the Month - Aretha Franklin**

In June we are listening to Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul. The Home information sheet about Aretha Franklin is attached for your information.

- **Reminder - upcoming training day**

Don't forget - school and nursery are both closed on Friday 19th June for a training day.

- **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

- **Prayer meetings in school**

Tuesday 14th July at 9am