

Newsletter February 2026

Thank you to parents and carers that have joined us in school for stay and play sessions at Royd and for the Poetry Recital at Deepcar St John's. It was fantastic to have you all in school and we hope you enjoyed the sessions.

Inset Days

The remaining INSET days this academic year are as follows:

Friday 27 March 2026

Monday 20 July 2026

Breaking up on Thursday 26th March 2026 and 17th July 2026 means that there will be cheaper holidays for parents/carers to access.

PE Kit – Deepcar St John's

There has been some improvement in recent weeks – thank you. Please remember to bring kits at the start of the half term and then take them home for washing regularly. Moving forward, we will continue to contact parents/carers by phone asking them to bring PE kit in on the days when children do not have one. Last week we had an issue with indoor plimsolls and trainers, and several children had to do PE in bare feet alongside children with trainers which is not ideal from a safety point of view.

We also have children who do not have an outdoor PE kit in school. PE Kit consists of White T shirt, Navy shorts, Navy jogging bottoms, a jacket and trainers/indoor pumps. Please label all items.

Children with long hair are required to tie this up for PE lessons, you must provide a bobble for your child. We have gone through over 300 since September.

A big thank you to all those parents/carers that always ensure their child comes into school with the correct PE kit.

2-Year-old Provision

There are limited places available in our two-year-old provision and more spaces are becoming available after Easter. If you know of anyone looking for a setting, please pass on the school details so we can organise a visit.

Payments/Consent

We have several parents/carers with outstanding debts for school dinners and other items. Dinner money accounts (only applicable to St John's) should always have a positive balance and never go into arrears. Parents/carers receive weekly email notifications if they are in debt. Please take responsibility for these and pay any outstanding items with urgency.

Update Contact Details

Please complete the online form below if you have changed any contact details ie addresses, phone numbers, email addresses. We are aware of several parents/carers, especially fathers, that have moved / changed numbers and we have not been informed. We cannot contact you unless you notify us of changes.

This has happened a few times now and can be a safeguarding concern. If you are unsure if we know of a change, please fill in the form and we will double check our records.

This form will remain open and will be checked regularly for any changes.

[Changes to information held by school - ROYD – Fill in form](#)

Facebook

Both schools operate open Facebook pages which means that anyone on Facebook can access the page. Our Facebook pages are used as an additional way to inform parents/carers of dates, events and celebrate successes in school. It is also an opportunity for prospective families to look at our schools.

Historically complaints have been received from parents/carers when photographs of events and posts have not contained a photograph of their child. School then started to ensure that on some events we included a photograph of every child.

Moving forward we will only be uploading a few selected photographs on the school Facebook pages to celebrate the event and cannot guarantee a picture of every child. The world is changing and the introduction of AI is, and will, cause further safeguarding issues.

We ask for parental consent for use of images on our media platforms and do not use children's names. Often parents/carers comment below the photograph using the child's name. Please can parents/carers refrain from doing this. We are happy to have positive comments but please do not include the name of the child.

Parking

Complaints have been received from residents about parking on the new estate opposite Royd. Please respect our neighbours and park with care and consideration.

Parent Governor Election

The deadline date for voting for the Parent Governor is Wednesday 25th February.

Card Dream

You may have seen this yourself on local social media pages and news.

Mrs Thompson's class (Y3/4) have joined this campaign and have sent Amelia birthday cards. Amelia is trying to break the UK record for the most birthday cards received. She is receiving palliative care after been diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma in 2020 and her dream is to receive 8000 birthday cards for her 8th birthday on the 3rd March. Please see image below if it is something you want to talk to your child about and get involved in.



AMELIA'S 8TH BIRTHDAY
HELP MAKE HER DREAM COME TRUE ❤️ 🧵

🎂 Amelia is turning 8 years old
3.03.2026

💌 Her dream is to receive
8,000 birthday cards

🇬🇧 She wants to break a UK
record

AMELIA'S STORY 🧵

In 2020, Amelia was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroblastoma. She went through 23 months of intensive treatment, including chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiotherapy and high-dose chemotherapy. After reaching a stable condition, the cancer returned twice, even after taking part in clinical trials. Amelia is now receiving palliative care. ❤️

📌 **Card drop-off points/sending :**

- Highfield Primary School , Beeches Rd, Rowley Regis B65 0DA
- Leasowes High School – Kent Rd, Halesowen B62 8PJ
- Artisan Espresso Bar Ltd-168 Halesowen St, Blackheath, Rowley Regis B65 0ES

❤️ **Donations:**
PayPal: Amelianeuroblastoma@gmail.com

Hope you have a lovely half-term break, and we will see you back in school on Monday 23rd February.

Dates for Diary

Royd Nursery Infant

March

5 - World Book Day
6 - Used Toy and Book sale
18- Parents evening
19 - Rocksteady concerts
20 - Y1 and Y2 learn a new skill
23 - Parents evening
25 - Easter activities (letter to follow)
27 - Curriculum Day- school closed

April

24- Cake sale – Pride of Yorkshire

May

4 - May Day (school closed)

June

3 - Class Photographs – Royd

Deepcar St John's

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13 - Science day- St John's
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27 - Curriculum day- school closed

April

15 - 17 – The Oakes residential Y4
22 - African drumming workshop
23 - African Dance workshop
24 - Cake sale – Pride of Yorkshire
30 - Y3 visit to St John's Church

May

4 - May Day (school closed)
7 - Y4 visit to St John's Church
11 - Y6 SATS
18 - school class photographs
20+21- Y6 residential to London

June