

Roundthorn Primary Academy
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September 2026 – Welcome Back!

Dear families,

It has been fantastic to see everyone back in school last week and lovely to see our new children and families as well. We have had an amazing start to the new school year!

Just a few updates and reminders to help things go smoothly for everyone.

Uniform

The children look really smart in their uniform. Please be mindful about hair bands – they should always be in school colours and made of fabric / soft material, for safety reasons. School shoes need to be **sensible black low-heeled shoes** and for PE days **plain black trainers**. Full information is on our website in the parents' section. Earrings must be removed on PE and swimming days for safety reasons. [Uniform link here](#)

Attendance

We have made some small improvements in our attendance but there are still too many children with attendance below 90% (persistent absence). We all know the importance of children coming to school every day and the impact it has on children's learning when they are not in school, particularly when they are absent due to term time extended leave. **Please do not take your children out of school for visits abroad in term time.**

Please see the letter from Focus Trust attached to this letter and aim for your child's attendance to be at least 96% (only 7 days absence in the whole year).

Punctuality

School starts at 8:45am. If your child arrives late, they must enter via the office and you must sign them in on the InVentry computer screen.

Breakfast Club

This is now available **from 8am** until 8:45am at a cost of £1 per child per day, including a light breakfast and drink. Roundthorn is not yet part of the free breakfast scheme but hopes to be in the near future.

Wraparound / After School care

This is not provided in school due to low demand but can be accessed from local provider, Shooting Stars. They have successfully supported a number of families at Roundthorn in the past. [Shooting Stars website](#)

Contact Details

Please inform the school office if you have changed address or mobile phone number since July.

Focus Trust Evaluation of Roundthorn in July 2026

*Following its annual evaluation, Focus-Trust concludes that Roundthorn Primary Academy continues to provide a **good** quality of education for its pupils.*

Leaders and governors maintain high expectations and are committed to continuous improvement. Children get off to a positive start in the Early Years through effective baseline assessment and well-planned provision.

Pupils benefit from a broad and ambitious curriculum, make secure progress and demonstrate positive behaviour and attitudes. The school provides an excellent, well-planned personal development offer that supports pupils' wider development and prepares them well for life beyond the classroom. Safeguarding is effective and pupils report that they feel safe and supported.

Focus-Trust endorses the school's self-evaluation and looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with the school over the coming year.

I hope that your child has settled into their new class well. If you have any questions about your child's school day, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance. For more complex issues, myself or Mrs. Hardman are happy to meet you and discuss your concerns.

Best regards,

John Taylor

