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*Our school:*  
**'Excellence and happiness for all'**

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## NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 24 April 2025

### Forthcoming dates for your diary

Tues 29 Apr- Fri 2 May	Book Fair
Mon 5 May	BANK HOLIDAY – Children not in school
Tue 6 May	School re-opens at the usual time
Mon 12 May – Thurs 15 May	Y6 SATS week
Thurs 15 May	New Starter Information Evening 6pm
Mon 19 May	Class Photos
Weds 21 May	Open Classrooms 3-3.30pm
Weds 21 May	Y4 Minotaur Show 6pm
Thurs 22 May	Y4 Minotaur Show 2pm
Fri 23 May	<b>*NEW*</b> Doughnut sale 3.30pm
Fri 23 May	<b>Close for half term</b>

Welcome back, I hope you had a great holiday. The weather was fantastic, so I hope you managed to get out and about. I know from the children, that many of you jetted off to warmer climes too. I hope everyone, whatever you did, had a great time.

We now begin the summer term at school, which is always a busy one. So let the fun begin....

On Tuesday this week, I led an assembly on being a good role model, based on a speech that Gareth Southgate, Ex-England Football Manager had recently given. Gareth was reflecting on the importance of belief and resilience, especially for young people. He is worried about the amount of time children spend online, particularly due to the challenges of seeing supposedly 'perfect worlds that don't really exist' and looking up to online influencers who may not be the best role models; life is hard at times and children need good role models to help with building their resilience to get through hard times and be able to bounce back. He also talked about children having the ability and determination to take on challenges and not be afraid to make mistakes but use them as learning opportunities.



The children shared their ideas on what a good role model was – many felt parents, grandparents and teachers were the best role models, although one child did mention Lando Norris (British Racing Driver) as one of their role models as he strives to be the best and keeps challenging himself.

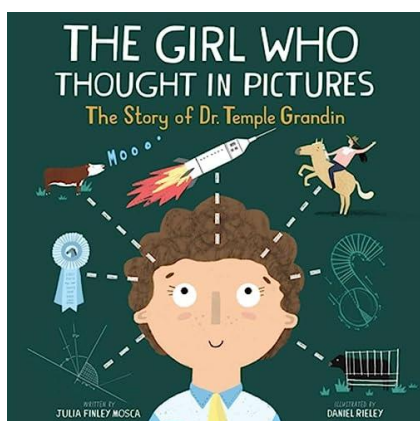
I also asked the children if they should believe everything they see online and was really pleased when the children responded that they knew a lot of what they may view could be fake.

At the end of the assembly, I asked the children to reflect on what sort of role model they were and how they could become a better role model in the future.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**If all mankind were to disappear, the world would regenerate back to the rich state of equilibrium that existed ten thousand years ago. If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos.** (E. O. Wilson – biologist and champion of biodiversity)

### PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday this week, Mrs Wood read 'The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin' written by author Julia Finley Mosca and illustrated by Daniel Rieley. This is the first book of a new educational series about Scientists that celebrates female scientists throughout history.

The music this week was: Derek Paravincini playing Sealed Door composed by Nobuo Uematsu.

If you'd like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcruLjS0PJY>

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in our Governor Assembly before the holiday: Seren M (SK/CN), Maisie R (RB), Reggie B (HH), Luke F (ZM), Grace M (KM/BS), Jasmine T (JJ/CR), Nathan H (EW), Betsy B (AI/LS), Kasjan P (PA/EH), William M (JW), Abigail C (RI), Chloe W (CD), Max W (TM).

A huge thank you to Mr Pierce (Governor) who came into school and presented the children with their certificates.

### BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Now that the days are lighter and it is starting to warm up, we are hearing reports of children playing outside after school in local parks. We obviously advocate playing outside, and away from screens, however, we'd like to give a gentle reminder about children's behaviour in local parks and public spaces outside of school hours.

While we're not directly involved in what happens outside of school time, often incidents can spill over into school. We've recently had reports about the way some children are interacting at the park – sometimes with children who are not at Rossett Acre, or older/younger children.

It is great for children to have the independence and responsibility of being able to go to the park unsupervised, however, we would really appreciate it if you could have a chat with your child about the following:

- Being kind and respectful to others.
- Including others in play and avoiding any teasing.
- Taking care of the park and equipment.
- Resolving disagreements calmly and seeking help from a trusted adult if needed.

Please also remind children of our Golden Rule – treating others the way you want to be treated.

Many thanks for your support.  
Mrs Ingle

## CHESS SUCCESS

On 5<sup>th</sup> April, fifty children from seventeen local schools took part in the Harrogate and District Primary Schools Chess Association's Annual Individual Chess Tournament. This was played in four age sections of five rounds. I am delighted to inform you that we were the 'best performing school in chess' and have received the trophy to engrave with our school name – how fabulous!

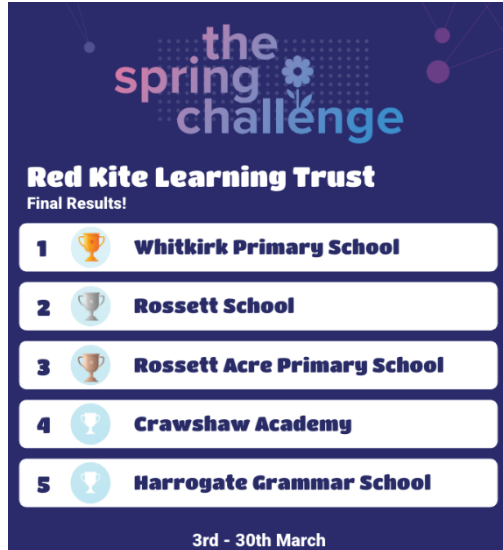
Congratulations and well done to all the children who took part; Daniel W (Y6), Luke F (Y2) but especially, Max W (Y6) who tied for first place in the Y6 section and received a book prize for being awarded the 'Best Boy Player' and to Archer K (Y4) who was the Y4 champion. Brilliant!



## THE SPRING CHALLENGE – CENTURY TECH

Rossett Acre Primary came third in the Red Kite Learning Trust Spring Challenge 2025 for using Century! Woohoo!

The final positions were as follows:



Our Rossett Acre children answered nearly 20,000 questions in March, which is incredible! Well done KS2.

## BOOK FAIR

It is our annual Book Fair next week in the Sports Hall after school. The fair is on from Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and is run by the Y6 Reading Ambassadors. There is a great range of books to choose from and prices start at £2.99 so seek out a bargain. Every book which is purchased helps our school buy much needed books for all our class reading corners, so your support is much appreciated. It is not possible to pay by card, so please bring your change. There is a QR code which we shall trial to see if that works but it is best to bring cash. If you have small change that would really help our Reading Ambassadors. We will hold a Book Fair assembly when the books arrive so that the children can see what is on offer.



## READING AMBASSADOR NEWS

Now the weather is warming up, the Reading Ambassadors are hoping to get outside at lunchtimes to read with younger children. If anyone can donate a picnic blanket, that would be very useful. The Reading Ambassadors have spent their morning breaks interviewing and creating their newsletter which they delivered to classes this week. It is also attached within the school newsletter email.

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### GARDENING CLUB



Gardening Club and some Year 6 children have been working hard to tidy up our lovely Sensory Garden, situated in the courtyard inside school. This usually happens on a Wednesday afternoon when they can be seen enjoying a bit of weeding!

A huge thank you to Mrs Robinson, Miss Pearson and our Gardening Club/some Y6 children for taking on this role and for keeping our Sensory Garden looking super.

### THE GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN – LITTER PICKING

A huge well done to all the children and families who took part in our Great Big School Clean and went litter picking to help look after our environment. Here are some photos that have been sent in:



Effie did some litter picking at the beach. Well done, Effie and thank you for caring about the environment. A super effort! You have made a real difference to the animals and other creatures living in the sea, as well as for people visiting or living at the beach. Fantastic!



Martha in EYFS did a great job litter picking with her Mummy around their local streets / alleys.

Well done, Martha. Thank you for caring for the environment. You have made a real difference to the area where you live. A fantastic effort! I also heard that you received lots of positive comments from passersby. Great!

### **HABITAT MAPPING AT ROSSETT ACRE**

Our Eco-team took part in habitat mapping earlier in the academic term as part of our re-wilding project in school and across our Trust. A huge thank you to Jenny Marks who came into school to carry out the habitat mapping and was instrumental in helping us to develop a plan for re-wilding our school.

Watch the following video which is on the National Education Nature Park YouTube channel to see some of our children and Jenny looking at our grounds: [https://youtu.be/MNYrLv5c\\_M](https://youtu.be/MNYrLv5c_M)

### **YEAR 5 AND 6 MEALS**

Years 5 and 6 meals have had a revamp this term with another new menu accompanied by some fabulous new crockery supplied by our caterers, Hutchisons.



### **ECO – TIP**

**Reduce food waste – try to batch cook and write a shopping list, checking your food cupboards to see exactly what you need before you go. It will save you money too!**



## ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Attendance 4 April 2025 to 24 April 2025:  
96.42%

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 4

Remember: The gates open at 8.40pm and school starts promptly at 8.50am.

School attendance on Thursday before the holiday was 96.8 % which was great. Today's attendance is 97.5%. Well done everyone.

### How do we monitor your child's attendance?

If your child is absent from school, first we will phone you. If we have no response, we will complete a home visit.

**95.5%** Your child's attendance target  
**Below 95%** Child's attendance monitored by school  
**Below 90%** Child is considered a persistent absentee

190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 DAYS ABSENCE  180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 DAYS ABSENCE  A MONTH MISSED OF EDUCATION	29 DAYS ABSENCE  A WHOLE HALF TERM MISSED	38 DAYS ABSENCE  2 MONTHS OF SCHOOL MISSED	47 DAYS ABSENCE  NEARLY 1/4 OF SCHOOL YEAR MISSED
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good</b>  <b>Best chance of success!!</b>		<b>Worrying</b>  30 hours of maths missed 45 hours of English missed 15 hours of playing with friends missed 12 hours of PE missed		<b>Serious concern—possible court action</b>  50 hours of maths missed 75 hours of English missed 25 hours of playing with friends missed 20 hours of PE missed	

### The 2025 Challenge

Just a little reminder that the 2025 Challenge runs until this Friday (25th).

We are hoping that lots of children/families have managed to complete an activity that involves the number 25. We know some have baked 25 brownies, cakes, cookies - lots of baking has been going on... Reading 25 books... Completing 25 maths sheets... Carrying out 25 acts of kindness... Doing 25 household jobs. Whatever has been done, we're sure it's worthy of the £20.25 sponsorship!

Ask friends, family and neighbours to sponsor you. Complete the sponsorship form and submit your money raised on to our JustGiving page no later than 2 May.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/rossett-acre-pta-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/rossett-acre-pta-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### Share

We would love to see the activities the children get up to so if you are able to share some pictures through the class WhatsApp groups or email them to [rossettacrepta@gmail.com](mailto:rossettacrepta@gmail.com) this would be really lovely. If we are able to use these pics, they may help to encourage and inspire others too!

Good luck!

Here are a couple of pictures that we have already received.



Sebby P (EYFS) helping Pops clean his Motorhome as well cleaning Daddy's classic car Molly.

Charlie L (Y1) baked 25 yummy Easter cakes.



Amber R (Y4) did 25 lengths of the pool over the holidays and Alfie R (Y1) walked 25 miles in 25 days.

Run/walk/cycle 2.5km - Read 25 books - Swim 25 lengths - Bake & sell 25 cupcakes - Do 25 household jobs - 25 hours of silence (1 hour per day) - Wash 25 cars



## COMMUNITY

### Race for Life

Some of you will know that there are many Race for Life events taking place across the country, helping to raise money for Cancer Research. There's a Race for you no matter your age, fitness level or reason for getting out there. Sign up to one of the 3k, 5k, 10k or Pretty Muddy® events today. There are races for children too, not just adults. Please follow the link to sign up for an event near you.

<https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/>

## **Anyone for cricket?!**

Ripley Cricket Club are recruiting new players for the 2025 season and beyond!

Ripley is a vibrant, inclusive cricket club and we are in our 12th year delivering junior cricket programme. We operate 4 adult teams and have junior teams in every age group in the Nidderdale Junior League.

We are now recruiting new players at under 9 (school years 3 and 4) and under 11 (school years 5 and 6).

Training starts on Friday 25th April and continues every Friday from 6.15-7.30pm until the end of the summer term. Matches will take place weekly.

Training is led by ECB qualified coaches, and all coaches and volunteer helpers are DBS checked and have attended ECB Safeguarding training.

Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience is necessary. Every new player that joins as a member will receive a club branded training shirt and match shirt.

To register interest, please call / text / WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476992792 or email [sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com](mailto:sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com).

For children in school years 1 and 2, Ripley are delivering the ECB All Stars Cricket programme. All - Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. The programme starts on Friday 16th May from 6.15-7.15pm and runs every Friday up to and including our end of season awards evening and barbecue on 18th July. The cost is £50 and everyone will receive a personalised t-shirt, back-pack, bat and ball. To book, please visit the ECB website and follow this link [here](#).

I hope you have a fantastic weekend.



Corrine Penhale  
Headteacher