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Our school:

'Excellence and happiness for all'



Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 20 November 2025

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 20 Nov	Parents' Evening In-Person 4-7pm. TONIGHT Please note: Mrs Lamb and Mrs Morley will arrange a new date in due course.
Sat 22 Nov	PTA Xmas Event – THIS SATURDAY
Mon 24 Nov	Miss Barker & Mrs Jones/Mrs Reddish's Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm
Tues 25 Nov	Parents' Evening Online 4-7pm – 10-minute appointments. All classes except Mrs Jones/Mrs Reddish and Miss Barker's.
Weds 26 Nov	*NEW* Y5 Energy Heroes Workshops
Thurs 27 Nov	Flu vaccination catch-up
Fri 28 Nov	*NEW* Training Day – Children not in school
Mon 1 Dec	*NEW* Y5 visit to Trinity Methodist Church for a Christmas Escape Room session Mrs Wood's class - morning, Mrs Illingworth's class - afternoon.
Tues 2 Dec	Year 3 Temple Newsam Trip
Sat 6 Dec	The Harrogate Christmas Concert in The Royal Hall (Singing Squad)
Tues 9 Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.30am. KS1 Nativity 2.30pm
Weds 10 Dec	KS1 Nativity 9.30am. EYFS Nativity 2.30pm
Thurs 11 Dec	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 11 Dec	*NEW* Christmas Instrumental Concert 2-3pm (Mrs Stott will provide details for those participating)
Mon 15 Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert – St Marks Church 6.30pm
Mon 15 Dec	*NEW* EYFS Christmas Party
Tues 16 Dec	*NEW* Y6 Christmas Party - AM *NEW* Y3 Christmas Party - PM
Weds 17 Dec	*NEW* Y5 Christmas Party - AM *NEW* Y2 Christmas Party - PM
Thurs 18 Dec	*NEW* Y1 Christmas Party - AM *NEW* Y4 Christmas Party - PM
Fri 19 Dec	*NEW* School closes for Christmas 2.30pm. Casual day £1



We had our first flurry of snow this week, which brought about much excitement amongst the children. It was short lived, thankfully, and didn't disrupt our school routines however, it did look quite pretty (before it turned into slush!) An email was sent out on Tuesday this week, with details of the ways school communicates to parents regarding snow and possible school closures. Please keep this email safe so you can refer to it if we do get further snow.

This week, we held our second successful Open Day for prospective parents with children starting school in September 2026. It was lovely to share information about our school and our successes with those attending, and our Early Years children seemed to enjoy the attention of adults (and some pre-school children) entering their classrooms to see what they were doing and learn more about how Early Years works.

A huge thank you to all the staff involved in making the day a success: whether leading tours, presenting, putting out and putting away chairs, preparing the packs and lists of those attending, arranging furniture, resources and more! A great team effort!

We look forward to welcoming our 2026 cohort in the summer term.

This week has been Space Week, and I have seen lots of activities going on around school. Early Years have been enjoying creative play in the tough trays, and I've seen some lovely rocket construction and artwork by our youngest children.

There has also been rocket launching going on across the school, with children making their rockets and using a rocket launcher to see how far the rockets travel horizontally!

Y4 CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Congratulations to both Year 4 classes who performed their class assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday this week. The children shared a huge number of facts that they had learned about WWII, and also shared some written work and artwork they had created. The children performed sketches – such as children being evacuated to the country and being in an air raid shelter, as well as singing three songs, which were fabulous! Well done too, to the recorder players who accompanied one of the songs - It's lovely to see the children enjoying playing instruments!

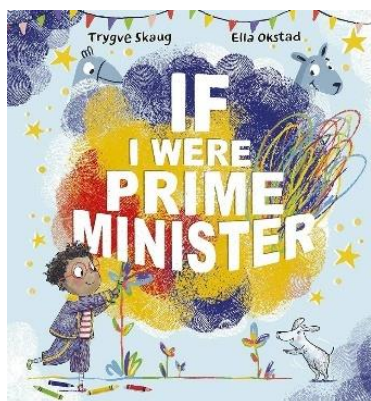
Miss Woodcock and I were very impressed with the assemblies and thoroughly enjoyed them. Thank you to the Year 4 staff for all their hard work supporting the children with their class assembly, to the children who were wonderful, and of course, a big thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: 'Turn your wounds into wisdom.' (Oprah Winfrey, American host and television presenter.)

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in our Celebration Assembly last week: Ace C (AL), Lily H (SK/CN), Arthur N (HH), Cameron H (RB), Ivy S (EM), Zeke O (JJ/CR), Kit H (SK/BS), (AI/LS) Maxim N (PA/EH), Emma M (JW), Lara F (RI), Abigail C (CD).

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Tuesday, Mr Marshall read 'If I were Prime Minister' by author Trygve Skaug and Ella Okstad for our Picture Book Assembly. This links to UK Parliament Week which begins on 24th November.

'The book is about a young boy who gives his perspective on several things the grown-ups running the country could do differently.' (Amazon)

The Music this week was: Sullivan:17. Strephon's a member of Parliament.

I wonder what your child/ren would do differently if they were Prime Minister?

EARLY YEARS - STAR DUST DRAMA



A huge thank you to Mrs Stott (Isabella's Mummy), for kindly giving up her morning to bring her 'Star Dust' Drama to school. As part of space week, we had such fun travelling to the moon and exploring the planets through music and movement. We loved it! Thank you 😊

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Friday 14 November 2025 to Thursday 20 November 2025:
96.7%

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



Today's attendance is 97.7%. Well done everyone.

ECO – TIP

Leave out water and food for birds and wildlife.

Remember, to use a shallow water dish and provide a way for smaller insects/animals to escape, such as using small rocks that they can climb onto, to get out of the water.

CONSIDERATE PARKING PLEA!

Please help us keep our children safe! We kindly ask parents not to park on the double yellow lines in the Rossett School car park. Parking here blocks other vehicles and creates real safety risks for children arriving at school. There are plenty of local streets within a five-minute walk that can ease pressure on the car park and make the area safer for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

PTA NEWS

CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE - THIS SATURDAY! 🎄

Our recent snow flurry has definitely helped us to get ready for a magical afternoon at Rossett Acre. This Saturday, 22nd November from 1- 4pm, we're transforming the school into a festive wonderland featuring:

Entry to the event is just £1 per person (babes in arms are free).

What to expect:

Christmas crafts - A great assortment of craft activities will be available in the Timeline Hall

Our lovely Singing Squad - They will be on stage in the Sports Hall at 2:30pm

Santa visits - Our grotto will be in the music room. Please make sure you have a sticker to allow you entry back into the main event

Elfridges Christmas Shop - This will be in the library, where children can choose special gifts for loved ones. There will be a waiting area for parents in the activity area.

Makers Market - Supporting our budding young entrepreneurs, there will be new hand crafted items for sale every half hour! Please support these children.

Festive Treats - There will be a lovely assortment of food and drinks - mince pies, gingerbread, hot chocolate, mulled wine, and much more!

Our Best Memories Tree - We would like to invite you to share your best Rossett Acre memories and hang these on our very special tree from Rudfarlington Farm.

LAST CHANCE for Elfridges donations! Please send in a small gift (candles, toiletries, picture frames, chocolates - no nuts/alcohol) by tomorrow, **Friday 15th November**, so children can shop for their loved ones.

Still time to book a Makers Market stall for your little creators! Book directly on <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=106242> or Contact rossettacrepta@gmail.com
This is going to be a truly special community event - we can't wait to see you all there!

Cash cards will be available to purchase on entry. We strongly advise that you use these as it will make it a lot easier throughout the event. Card machines will be available. We will of course accept cash as well.

Christmas Cards

If you missed the deadline for ordering Christmas Cards, the shop will re-open on the 21st November. They orders will arrive before Christmas. Please follow this link to the website to place your order:
<https://classfundraising.co.uk>

Please be aware that some items you have purchased may not all arrive at the same time.

PUPIL PREMIUM INFORMATION

Before the summer break we sent out a letter from the Trust regarding parents' entitlement to Free School Meals. As a Trust, we want to ensure that every child in our care receives the very best possible education and support. One important way we can do this is through additional funding that schools receive through Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium (PP). A successful application not only ensures your child receives a free, healthy meal each day but also unlocks vital funding that helps improve education for all pupils.

If you haven't already done so, you can apply for Free School Meals via the link below:

FSM link <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/pp-rklt>

SPORTS HALL

Looking for a venue for your exercise class, Pilates session or club activity?

Our school sports hall is available to rent on weekdays, Monday to Thursday between 6pm and 8pm. It's a clean, spacious, and well-equipped facility — ideal for regular group sessions or one-off bookings. To enquire or make a booking, please contact the school office, 01423 561579.

COMMUNITY

Piano Lessons



£18 - 30 mins
(Alternative options available on request)

Contact me to book your FREE
taster session:
amélie.gurgleapps@gmail.com
07462 003887

Harrogate based Piano Tutor!

Hallo! I'm Amélie, a passionate piano tutor based in Harrogate. I've been playing piano since I was 4 and have years of experience both performing and teaching young students. I love helping beginners discover the joy of music in a fun and relaxed setting.



What I Offer:

- ✓ Free taster session (Try out a lesson at no cost!)
- ✓ Fun lessons tailored to beginners and young learners.
- ✓ A welcoming music room where parents are invited to sit in or join the lessons.
- ✓ Fully DBS checked
- ✓ Flexible schedule with longer sessions available.

Start your musical journey today! 🎵



OPEN MORNING
Thursday 27th November
2025 - 9:45am-11:30am

WE ARE OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY 8AM - 5PM
TERM TIME AND DURING OUR HOLIDAY CLUBS
We offer both non-funded and funded childcare places during term time for children aged 18 months - 4 years.



Email info@little-crickets.co.uk to
book on our open morning

WWW.LITTLE-CRICKETS.CO.UK



Year 6 Maths Study

Year 6 are invited to take part in a study run in the Department of Psychology at the University of York. Children will attend with one of their parents/guardians on weekends, after school or during half-term. It is also a great opportunity to learn about STEM and research in the University environment. All levels of maths ability are welcome; the tasks are very accessible. To take part, see the contact details below.

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Fractions and decimals study

What does it involve:

Four simple maths tasks with eye-tracking and feedback about completing the task

Four brief questionnaires about math skills and feelings towards maths

Eligibility: Students in Year 6 and Year 9

Length: 90 minutes



Location: Department of Psychology, University of York

The parent/guardian can choose to get a £15 Amazon voucher for participating (check the info sheet for details)



To participate email Nicoleta or scan the QR code
nicoleta.gavrila@york.ac.uk



THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS

Our next camps are: 22nd December - 4th January

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harrogate@thelittlegym.co.uk



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Primary School



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children and young people
this school holiday.



Packed with sport, art, fun
and food, there's something
for everyone

Everyone in North Yorkshire can join in, with
FREE places for those from Reception to Year 11
who receive benefits-related free school meals.

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Don't forget it is Parents' Evening tonight – (in person) for those of you who have booked an appointment. Online appointments are next week.

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at our PTA Christmas Event – come and feel the magic of Christmas!

Have a great weekend.



Corrine Penhale
Headteacher