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Our school:

'Excellence and happiness for all'



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LEARNING TRUST

Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 27 November 2025

Forthcoming dates for your diary

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	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	EYFS Christmas Party
Tues 16 Dec	Y6 Christmas Party - AM Y3 Christmas Party - PM
Weds 17 Dec	Y5 Christmas Party - AM Y2 Christmas Party - PM
Thurs 18 Dec	Y1 Christmas Party - AM Y4 Christmas Party - PM
Fri 19 Dec	School closes for Christmas 2.30pm. Casual day £1
Mon 5 Jan	* NEW* Training Day – Children not in school
Tues 6 Tues	* NEW* School opens
Thurs 15 Jan	* NEW* Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting – Time TBC
Thurs 29 Jan	* NEW* Singing Squad - Young Voices Sheffield



Thank you to everyone who came and supported our PTA Christmas Event last Saturday. It certainly got everyone in the Christmas spirit. A huge thank you to Santa who took time out of his busy schedule and located himself in our Music Room – there were lots of smiling children exiting the building with presents in tow! Lots of 'making' took place and several children showed me the snow globes, wreaths and Christmas decorations they had made. We also had lots of children who had made items at home, selling them at the Christmas Fair, which was fabulous. This complemented the work we do as a Centre of Excellence for Finance and built on the financial education work we do in school. Mrs Nimick who leads Financial Education in school was very impressed, as was I.

On Monday, Jon Ireland from Harrogate Harriers led an assembly to encourage the children to join and have a go at track and field events such as: javelin, shot put, sprinting, cross country, long jump, high jump, hurdles etc. Jon attended our Rossett Acre Park Run Takeover, last half term, and was very impressed with the running/sprinting of the children involved.

Jon spoke to the children about joining Harrogate Harriers and/or the Young Athletes Club that runs at Rossett School. A few of our children already attend some of these sessions and when I asked the children who was interested, about 25% of the children raised their hands, which was great.

Promoting exercise and health (both physically and mentally) is a great activity for our children to be involved in, especially as it is done in a fun and friendly way.

Further information can be obtained using the following webpages:

<https://youngathletesharrogate.co.uk/>

<https://harrogate-harriers.co.uk>

or you can contact Jon (Head Coach) on **075621480** or email: jonireland5@gmail.com
A flyer is also attached in the community section of this newsletter.

CHILDREN IN NEED

I'm pleased to say that we raised £181.87 for Children in Need. This is hopefully in addition to donations that parents made directly online to the charity. Well done everyone.

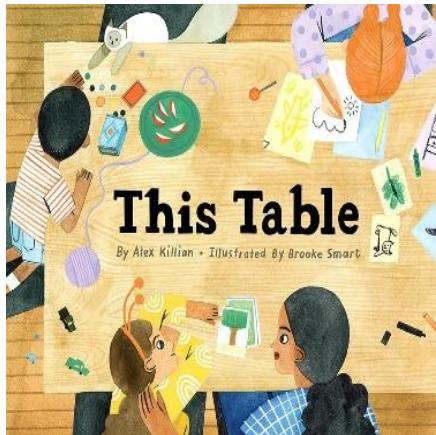


QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You are never too old to set new goals or to dream a new dream." (C.S. Lewis, author.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in our Celebration Assembly last week: William L (AL), Oscar F (SK/CN), Alwyn H-G (HH), Hugh N (RB), Zac S (EM), Martha C (AB), Jael D (JJ/CR), Daisy A (SK/BS), Jayden De G and whole class (AI/LS) Edith T (JW), Sonay S (RI).

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Tuesday this week, Miss Illingworth read 'This Table' by author Alex Killian.

This book links to National Tree Week: 23 November – 1 December 2025.

The music this week was A Day in the Life of a Tree (Remastered 2029) by The Beach Boys.

Worldofbooks.com give the following summary of the book:

'For fans of Sophie Blackall's Farmhouse comes a gorgeous story of one table and the life that grows around it. This moving picture book traces a table and its transformation: from a seed to a tree to a treasured object in a home. Strong and stable through the years, the table becomes a space for being together: for birthday parties and science projects, and meals big and small. With captivating text and lush illustrations, This Table will inspire conversations about the everyday, ordinary objects in our lives, and their role in creating lifelong memories. The table was strong and stable. It was placed in the middle of a room in the middle of a house, and life grew up around it. It was perfect for birthday cakes and catching a slice of morning light, for drawing imaginary worlds, and unfolding maps to discover real ones.'

If you'd like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJI2fThG9ml>

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

As we have had more than one application for the role of Parent Governor for our Board of Governors, we will now have to hold a ballot. Voting is to be completed through a simple Microsoft Form. Details of each candidate is on the Teams form. Please follow the link below to cast your vote.

The form will close at 9am on 8th December and if you would prefer a paper copy, please speak to the office staff.

[2025 Parent Governor Election – Fill in form](#)

ENERGY HEROES

On Wednesday morning, Sue Abbott from the charity Energy Heroes, visited for an assembly on climate change and what we can do to make a difference to our energy consumption at home and in school. Following the assembly, Year 5 took part in a workshop. They looked at pie charts of data comparing the sources of electricity generation since 2007. They learnt about the importance of increasing the use of renewables and reducing the amount of fossil fuels. The boys and girls used lots of mathematical knowledge to support their understanding of this data: from reading pie charts accurately, to working out percentages. Everyone was very excited to receive a new Energy Heroes pencil and take away task looking at the use of energy in their own homes. Energy Heroes will be coming back to do an energy audit of the school and work with our Eco Committee.





MISS DODGSON'S CLASS ROCK

Miss Dodgson's class shone brightly in the recent **TTRS England Rocks competition**, showing an incredible mix of determination, teamwork, and sheer multiplication mastery. Throughout the event, the children demonstrated fantastic focus and enthusiasm, logging on each day with excitement and giving their very best. Their impressive scores and excellent progress were a testament not only to their hard work but the competitiveness of the children and Miss Dodgson.

The class came 29th out of the 28,456 schools which is a phenomenal achievement. Miss Thornton-Jones, the Red Kite Primary Director, was in assembly on Friday and she could not believe how super the class had been.

Chester came 29th out of the whole of the country, being the highest scorer for Rossett Acre. Lennon was 30th and Sonny was 32nd. This is amazing to say that nearly 400,000 students took part! Everyone in the class played their part in the success - never have brains and fingers moved so quickly! Hard work and effort over the years at practising on TTRS has really paid off. Well done, Miss Dodgson's class!

<https://forms.office.com/e/3HK1GKAG8s>

ROCKET LAUNCHER WINNER – PART OF SPACE WEEK

Today, during our Music Assembly, Mrs Reddish announced the winners of the Rocket Launching competition.

The winners were Lanai C, Levi H, Ethan B (EY/KS1); George J, Mason S, Ted G, David S ((LKS2) and Juna B, Oliver P, Ed S (UKS2).

Congratulations to our winners. What a fabulous achievement.



YEAR 3 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Mrs Nunns and Miss Blyde escorted 16 Year 3 children to Ashville on Tuesday, to take part in a Football tournament. The children were brilliant! They played 7 games along with 7 other local schools.

The teamwork, effort and sportsmanship they showed was excellent! Rossett Acre had 2 teams, Team A came joint 2nd and Team B came 4th. The children were very enthusiastic and great representatives for our school.

YEAR 4 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday evening last week, eight Year 4 players attended a football tournament at Rossett High School.

They all played with great enthusiasm and teamwork, despite the very chilly weather! Elias received the Sporting Influence certificate for demonstrating resilience. A big well done to all players.



ATTENDANCE

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Attendance Friday 21 November 2025 to Thursday 27 November 2025:
95.58%

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



Today's attendance is 95.5%

This is a little lower than usual. Let's see if we can improve on this next week.

ECO – TIP

Plan ahead by checking your cupboards before you shop to reduce the food that you throw away.

PTA NEWS

Christmas Cards

Last orders for ordering Christmas cards is Tuesday 2nd December. Please follow the link to the website: <https://classfundraising.co.uk>

Christmas Event

The festive season has officially begun!

We kicked off the celebrations on Saturday, and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us and to our amazing volunteers who were instrumental in making the event such a success!

It was truly a wonderful community gathering, and we hope you enjoyed the festivities!

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand what worked well and where we can improve. Whether it's your favourite moments, suggestions for next time, or anything in between, please take a few minutes to share your thoughts:

Christmas Event Feedback: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6BXKVVT>

We are still totting up the earnings from the event but as soon as we know we will share the total with you.

Thank you so much again for attending and supporting this lovely event.



PTA meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on Monday 1st December, 7pm at the Pine Marten – Everyone is welcome.

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-rkit>

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

Thank you to The Christmas Barn for donating a Christmas Tree for the Christmas Event.



Christmas Trees
Harrogate &
The Christmas
Barn.

We have hundreds of trees to
pick from and a Magical
Christmas shop full of baubles,
decorations, candles and much
more.



To find us just look out for our
iconic Christmas Tree or search
'Rudfarlington Farm' on google.



Tel: 07703 435480
christmastreesharrogate.co.uk.
Email: Sales@christmastreesharrogate.co.uk



Santa Stories & Elf Workshop!

WHEN: Tuesday 2nd Dec 2025 – from 4pm
WHERE: Little Crickets Pre-School, Harrogate Cricket Ground

Join Santa Blake & Mrs. Claus for a magical story time and meet-and-greet
 (with a small gift for every child! 🎁)

Elf Workshop Includes:
 Bauble decorating 🎄 Reindeer feed making 🌟 Elf photobooth 🎅 Tree decorating
 Christmas Party Tea

£10 per child (Suitable for Pre-school & Reception aged children & their siblings)



To book a place follow the following link:
[Santa Stories Booking](#) or
 email info@little-crickets.co.uk
 Places are limited


Little Crickets
 LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

READY TO RUN, JUMP, THROW AND HURDLE?

JOIN THE HARRIERS!

Calling young athletes aged 9-12

JOIN THE HARROGATE HARRIERS JUNIORS AND UNLEASH YOUR ATHLETIC POTENTIAL IN A FUN, FRIENDLY AND FAST-PACED ENVIRONMENT!

Location: ASHVILLE SPORTS CENTRE
 MONDAYS 6.00pm -7.00pm
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Train hard Have fun Be a Harrier!

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For more information visit
[HTTPS://HARROGATE-HARRIERS.CO.UK](https://HARROGATE-HARRIERS.CO.UK)



Young Athletes

Join with us!

YOUNG ATHLETES CLUB @ ROSSETT
 Young Athletes Club was established to introduce children to Athletics. They will learn to train, compete and to develop key skills that will help them to perform better in all sports.
 Above all it will be fun, will help children to enjoy athletic activity and teach them to cope better with the pressures of competitive sports.
 There is no qualification or waiting list as our team of athletics coaches and personal instructors can work with all ages and standards. The target range is ages 5-11 years.

TRAINING SESSIONS
 Athletes are assigned to coaching teams according to age initially and later by ability. We offer fully trained coaches for Sportshall, Quad kids, running, jumping and throwing. The cost is £6 per session; or join the club at reduced rates.
 As the club progresses we will add further sessions including plyometrics, track and outdoor running. Our aim is to coach all-round skills to athletes.

To join the club or for further information please contact
 Head Coach Jon Ireland on 07562421480 or email jonireland5@gmail.com
 or visit the website <https://youngathletesharrogate.co.uk>

Current Training Times

Day	Monday	Wednesday	Venue	Rossett sportshall	Ages
	5.45-6.45 pm			5-11	
	5.45-6.45 PM			Rossett upstairs gym	
				8.00-10.00 am	5-11
				Junior ParkRun	
				9.00-9.30 am	all ages
				2k in Valley Gardens	



Have a fabulous long weekend and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 1st December.



Corrine Penhale
Headteacher