



# **ROSSETT ACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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*Our school:*

*'Excellence and happiness for all'*



Charity No.1048680

## **NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 4 December 2025**

### **Forthcoming dates for your diary**

Fri 5 Dec	KS1 Choir singing at Harcourt Nursing Home
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
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 <b>*NEW*</b> Y4 Christmas Party - PM <b>Change of date</b>
Thurs 18 Dec	Y1 Christmas Party - AM <b>*NEW*</b> Y2 Christmas Party – PM <b>Change of date</b>
Fri 19 Dec	School closes for Christmas 2.30pm. Casual day £1
Mon 5 Jan	Training Day – Children not in school
Tues 6 Tues	School opens
Thurs 15 Jan	Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting – Time TBC
Thurs 29 Jan	Singing Squad - Young Voices Sheffield

We are now in December, and you can feel the excitement of Christmas approaching. There has been talk about Advent Calendars and Christmas jumpers and Christmas cards have started to be handed out. Practices for the Nativities and Christmas Carol Concert are all going strong and this weekend, next week, (running into the following week), will see the fruition of all the rehearsing when the actual performances take place. It's all busy, busy, busy, here in school!



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts."** (Marcus Aurelius, Former Roman Emperor and Philosopher)

## PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday this week, Mrs Bridge read 'You're So Amazing' written by James and Lucy Catchpole and illustrated by Karen George. This story links well to 'International Day of People with Disabilities' which was on Wednesday.

The synopsis on Waterstones website ([www.waterstones.com](http://www.waterstones.com)) states the following about the book: Winner of the Inclusive Books for Children Picture Book Award 2024, shortlisted for the UKLA Book Awards and the LITTLE REBELS Book Award. A funny, whip-smart, friendly picture book that asks readers to imagine how othering it would feel if strangers believed they had to compensate for a person's disability with every interaction.

When people meet Joe, they often treat him as Amazing Joe or Poor Joe. But can't he just be . . . Joe?

One-legged Joe is 'amazing'. He knows this because wherever he goes people always tell him he's amazing. Amazing for sliding down the slide, for kicking a ball . . . even walking to get an ice cream, or even just eating an ice cream. Of course, being Amazing Joe is better than being Poor Joe . . .

The music this week was: [Rose Ayling-Ellis and Giovanni Pernice dance Couple's Choice](https://www.bbc.com/1/programmes/strictly2021) ✨ [BBC Strictly 2021](https://www.bbc.com/1/programmes/strictly2021) dancing to Symphony by Clean Bandit featuring Zara Larsson. Rose Ayling-Ellis won Strictly even though she was deaf and could not hear the music.

If you would like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Rf3t6Rk2FE>

## Y5 VISIT TO TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

On Monday, Year 5 were invited to Trinity Church, Harrogate, to take part in a Christmas Escape Room experience. They became time travellers, going back to the birth of Jesus and the time of the Romans (a perfect link to their current Theme work).

In the first room, the children were asked to find numbers from clues within a story about Caesar Augustus to unlock padlocks and gain important jigsaw puzzle pieces. The boys and girls were even given a Census sheet to complete for their own household after learning about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

In room 2, they made a pipe cleaner angel to hang on the tree in church (which can be collected after the church service on 21st December)

Finally, in room 3 they were asked to think about stars who guided the wise men and shepherds to Jesus' stable. We learnt the names of some constellations and specifically the importance of the North Star.

Everyone enjoyed the sessions, and the children were highly commended by Rev Ben Askew for their behaviour and attitude towards each task. Well done, Year 5!



### **ONLINE E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER**

Please find attached this month's e-safety newsletter.

### **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION – DEADLINE 9AM 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

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](#)

## ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Attendance Monday 1 December 2025 to Thursday 4 December 2025:  
95.77%

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



Today's attendance is 95%

## CHESS COMPETITION

Harrogate & District Primary Schools Chess Association's team chess tournament was held last Saturday at The Manhattan Club. A total of 38 children represented 9 teams of 4 players.

Three of our pupils took part, Archer K, Luke D and Aidan D, with Robert from another school stepping in as our fourth player. They were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> which is fantastic, they were in the top 2 for the primary school teams participating in Harrogate. They will be going up against the top 2 schools in York alongside Brackenfield sometime in the 2026, possibly in the Spring term. Well done and good luck to them for the next competition

## ECO – TIP

**Turn the thermostat down just 1 degree to save on your heating bills and help to save the planet. Put a jumper on if you are a bit chilly!**

## 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.

## PTA NEWS

**Would you like our tree?** We have been really lucky this year to have two trees donated to school.

The tree is approximately 6.5-7ft and currently located in the Sports Hall. Please email Becky at the email address below. Whoever is the lucky recipient, please contact the office and we can arrange for you to come and collect it.



## COMMUNITY

### ROTARY CLUB YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2025-26

Could you win the Rotary Club's Young Photographer Competition? Why not have a go!

#### Competition Task

To produce one photograph based upon the theme '**Happiness in Nature**'.

Each entrant **MUST** include a brief sentence explaining how their photograph relates to the theme **(added to the appropriate section of the entry form.)**

\*If the photograph includes images of people under 18 or adults at risk, a signed consent form/s must accompany the entry.

#### Aims and Objectives:

- explore and develop skills in photography
- use either digital and/or traditional methods of photography
- interpret the competition theme with creativity and insight
- communicate personal ideas and perspectives through photography

### Who can take part?

Age groups (based on age as of 31st August 2025):

Junior: Up to and including 10-year-olds

Intermediate: 11- to 13-year-olds

### The Three Stages of the Competition

1. **THIS STAGE: Local Heats** - Organised by the Harrogate Rotary Club. Winning entries from each age group go through to District Finals. Deadline: **13.2.26**
2. **District Final**
3. **National Final** The winning entry for each age group at the District level is entered into the National Final which is organised by Rotary GB&I.

### How to enter

Entrants should submit their photograph to school with a completed entry form (from your child's teacher).

### Recognition

At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

Winner in each category to receive £50

Winner's School to receive £100

Good luck! The Rotary Club look forward to seeing your '**Happiness in Nature**' photographs.

## ROTARY CLUB ART COMPETITION

### Competition Task

To create one finished two-dimensional unframed, piece of artwork based upon the theme, 'Happiness in Nature'.

Artwork may be created in any medium or mediums for example pen and ink, paint, collage, printmaking or digital formats.

Each entrant **MUST** include a brief sentence explaining how their artwork relates to the theme (added to the appropriate section of the entry form.)

### Aims and Objectives

The competition encourages young people to:

- be creative
- develop skills in traditional, contemporary or digital media
- interpret the theme thoughtfully
- express personal ideas through their chosen medium or mediums

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www.netball4all.com

# HARROGATE

QUALITY JUNIOR COACHING

Our Harrogate Hub sessions are going from strength to strength and we have been delighted with the level of engagement. We would love to increase our younger session with children in Years 3 to 5. Contact us to register for a **FREE TASTER SESSION** and see what we are about!!



Years 3 to 5  
Wednesday, 5-6pm  
St John Fishers School

Years 6+  
Thursdays, 6-7pm  
Ashville Sports Centre




Enchantica's

## Father Christmas Experience At Allerton Castle



Book Now!



ALLERTON CASTLE

[www.enchanticas.co.uk/christmas](http://www.enchanticas.co.uk/christmas)

## CHRISTMAS ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the rest.

**£62.50, sibling discounts available (7-16 years old)**

**Upcoming Dates:**

The Big Depot- 10:00-16:30, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan  
The Climbing Hub - 10:00-16:30, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan

Childcare Vouchers (The Climbing Hub Only) accepted



Book online or contact us via email

[WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](http://WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM) [INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](mailto:INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM)



St Michael & All Angels' Church, Beckwithshaw

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025

Light Up Event  
Thursday 18th December  
3.30pm - 7.30pm

Step inside our beautiful Church and feel the joy that Christmas brings.

Free Entry

Festive drinks & nibbles available  
All welcome.

Donations, if desired, towards the upkeep of our church.


The trees will be available to view throughout the Christmas period.





**Bryony Pilates**

# PILATES CLASSES



At Rossett Acre Primary School,  
Pannal Ash Road, HG2 9PH  
Wednesday evenings • 5:00PM-6:00PM  
£7.50 a class or £40 for a block of 6

**ALL ABILITY LEVELS WELCOME**  
bryony@bryonypilates.co.uk

The Rotary Club of Harrogate

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# Nidderdale Walk & Run

Raise money for your own charity



**CHOOSE YOUR DISTANCE:**

4 miles	Wuth
8 miles	Southwold
10 miles	Lillibridge
15 miles	Footcliffe Farm, Harrogate
22 miles	Scar House Dam
28 miles	Airedale Dam

## SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026

Start & finish at Pateley Bridge

Enter online at  
[www.nidderdalewalk.com](http://www.nidderdalewalk.com)

**Rotary** 

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

I am particularly looking forward to spending the afternoon and evening with Singing Squad on Saturday at The Royal Hall for the Christmas Concert with six other primary schools and the Harrogate Symphony Orchestra.

A huge thank you to Mrs Stott, Miss Smith, Miss Bolton and Mrs Rainey for also giving up their Saturday to support and supervise the children too – it is very much appreciated.

We wish our Singing Squad good luck and hope they have an amazing time. I am sure it will be another wonderful performance, and all the children will shine.



**Corrine Penhale**  
Headteacher