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'Excellence and happiness for all'



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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 11 December 2025

Forthcoming dates for your diary

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 Y4 Christmas Party - PM Change of date
Thurs 18 Dec	Y1 Christmas Party - AM Y2 Christmas Party – PM Change of date
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
Tues 20 Jan	*NEW* Parent Breakfast Event – Details to be confirmed.
Thurs 29 Jan	Singing Squad - Young Voices Sheffield
Thurs 5 Feb	*NEW* Open Classrooms for Parents 9-9.30am – Meet in the Sports Hall after drop-off.
Frid 13 Feb	*NEW* Close for half term. Casual day £1.

It's been very busy in school over the last week.

On Friday, our Y1 and Y2 choir visited Harcourt Nursing Home and sang Christmas songs for the residents. Lesley Stott led the children from the front, and I took great pleasure in attending too, watching the smiles on the children's and the resident's faces. The children were even asked for an encore and sang their Rudolph song again. It was a special Christmas treat and the children each received a little treat as a thank you from the Nursing Home staff.





Thank you to Harcourt Nursing Home for allowing us to visit them and thank you to all the parents/carers who ferried the children to and from the event.

SINGING SQUAD – HARROGATE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Saturday, Singing Squad sang at The Royal Hall, taking part in Harrogate's Christmas Concert along with the Harrogate Symphony Orchestra. The children arrived at 1.30pm, rehearsed all afternoon and then after a packed lunch tea, performed in the evening. The children were great ambassadors for Rossett Acre, and it was another special Christmas treat for us all. I really enjoy being with the children at these events as they are so enthusiastic and happy to be there, spreading Christmas joy. I certainly felt more Christmassy by the end of the evening.



A huge thank you to the children and Lesley Stott, who again has been marvellous organising our part in this event, teaching the children their songs and generally being fabulous, providing such a wonderful experience for our children. Also, thank you to Miss Pearson, who spends Thursdays, after school, at Singing Squad supporting Lesley with supervising the children.

More thanks go to Miss Smith, Miss Bolton and Mrs Rainey who joined us on Saturday afternoon and helped supervise the children for the day.

Without all these wonderful staff giving up their time to provide these special opportunities for the children, we wouldn't be able to take part in such events. I am incredibly grateful to them all.



The children looked so smart in their new Rossett Acre Music t-shirts.

Here is the logo.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION OUTCOME

Thank you to the three parents who stood for Parent Governor. The process has now been completed, and I can reveal the outcome.

I'd like to say congratulations and welcome to Mrs Judy Qarikau who received the most votes. We look forward to seeing Judy at our next Governing Body meeting in February 2026.

Thank you to the other two candidates who were not successful on this occasion – Stuart Pierce and Alexander Ludlam.

I would like to additionally thank Stuart for the last four years that he has been Parent Governor at Rossett Acre. Thank you for your support, input and for the time that you have committed to this role. It has been hugely appreciated.

The voting results, which detail the number of votes per candidate, will be displayed in the main office area, should anyone wish to see them.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

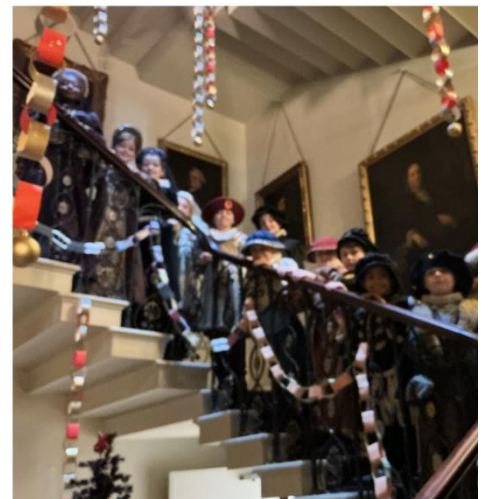
Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in last week's Celebration Assembly last week: Ruby J (AL), Rosie L (CN/SK), Jasmine M (HH), Zachary W (RB), Charlie L (EM), George E (AB), Ted G (JJ/CR), Whole Class (SK/BS), Valerie L (AI/LS), Deimante G (PA/EH), Claudia P (JW), Oona P (RI), Oliver W (TM), Sonny C (CD).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." (Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister)

YEAR 3 TEMPLE NEWSAM VISIT

Last Tuesday, Year 3 went on a trip to Temple Newsam. Over the course of the day, the children took part in a number of Tudor related workshops. The children were Time Travellers, History Detectives and even dressed up as rich Tudors at a party! They showed lots of Tudor knowledge and really seemed to enjoy the day. The staff commented on how well they listened and on how much they had learnt about life in Tudor times.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped with the trip.



EYFS NATIVITY

On Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon, our youngest children performed the Christmas Nativity. It was an absolute delight to see the children in their costumes, singing sweetly and acting so confidently. The children even performed sign language for every song! Amazing!

We had a very bouncy, dancing donkey and even a Christmas chicken featured in the performance. It brought a tear to my eye, whilst also giving me aching cheeks because I was smiling so much.

Thank you to the EYFS team for supporting the children so well to deliver such a wonderful Nativity. It was joyful. Well done EYFS children and thank you to parents/carers who came to watch – we saw some very proud mums, dads and grandparents.

Mr Sheriff (CEO) and Mr Timmis (COO – Chief Operating Officer) came to watch the Nativity on Wednesday afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed it too.

KS1 NATIVITY

On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, Years 1 and 2 performed their Christmas Nativity. It was a lovely performance, and we were so impressed with how the children delivered their lines, acted on stage and sang beautifully. We also had another dancing donkey too!

Thank you to the KS1 team for supporting the children so well, to the children for learning their lines and the words to all the songs, and to all the parents/carers who came along to watch.

We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Today, saw lots of us wearing our Christmas jumpers and of course we had our Christmas lunch too. Christmas dinner was delicious – huge praise to Andrea and her team in the kitchen for making and dishing up such a yummy Christmas treat. Thank you so much.

Here are some of the Christmas jumpers that staff and children were wearing today.



ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Friday 5 December 2025 to Thursday 11 December 2025:
95.22 %

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



Today's attendance is 95.5%. Let's see if we can improve on this next week.

ECO – TIP

Remember to recycle any Christmas cards you receive.

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

Togetherness

Please find attached a wellbeing newsletter from the Togetherness team (formerly known as the Solihull Approach).

Togetherness is an online learning environment developed by psychologists and health practitioners providing accessible learning about emotional health and wellbeing, proven to positively impact mental health, behaviour and relationships



Harrogate International Festivals

As we head into the festive season, there will be a [North Pole Post Office](#) outside their office on 32 Cheltenham Parade, where children are welcome to drop off letters to Father Christmas. The post box is open 24/7 until Christmas Eve but they are running 'snow times' at 4pm and 4.30pm Monday-Friday until 19 December, it's a lovely opportunity for children and families with lots of photo opportunities!

[Harrogate International Sunday Series](#) returns from 18 January 2026. These Sunday morning Chamber Music concerts are a fantastic opportunity for young people and families to experience classical music in the relaxed setting of the Old Swan Hotel. As part of their commitment to making the arts accessible, under 35s can purchase tickets for just £5.

Have a fabulous weekend, whatever you are doing, and we look forward to seeing the children in school next week; it's our KS2 Carol Concert on Monday at St Marks Church and it's Christmas party time too!

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher