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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 8 January 2026

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 15 Jan	Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting – 6pm
Tues 20 Jan	Parent Breakfast Event – Details below
Weds 28 Jan	*NEW* Year 6 CSI day
Thurs 29 Jan	Singing Squad - Young Voices Sheffield
W/c 2 Mon	*NEW* Children's Mental Health Week
Thurs 5 Feb	Open Classrooms for Parents 9-9.30am – Meet in the Sports Hall after drop-off.
Fri 13 Feb	Close for half term. Casual day £1.
Mon 23 Feb	School opens

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I do hope you had a good festive season.

It has been so lovely to welcome the children, and you, back to school this week. I noticed that there were even some children skipping into school on Tuesday morning; I also noticed relief on some parents/carers faces!

On Tuesday, in assembly, I recapped our school rules with the children: RRS (Ready, Respectful and Safe) and our Golden Rule 'Treat others the way you would want to be treated.' The children remembered these brilliantly and were certainly very respectful when coming into and leaving the hall.

Miss Woodcock recapped some of our work from last half term relating to 'One Life', including stopping and catching our emotions before they spiral out of control. Miss Woodcock also introduced this week's focus to the children, which is resilience.



INCLEMENT WEATHER – SNOW!

You may have seen that snow is forecast – possibly for this evening and tomorrow morning, as well as over the weekend into Monday.

As always, bad weather and snow in particular tend to cause disruption on the roads and safety can be compromised for all. The roads and pathways can be treacherous to navigate in the morning for staff, parents and children alike and if we are open, you should travel to school if it is safe for you to do so. Staff will, of course, make their best efforts to get to work however, we do have several staff who live a considerable distance from school, who may struggle to get to work in the case of significant snowfall.

Currently, the forecast is changeable, and you should presume that school is open, unless you hear differently from us. Please do not telephone the school to ask if we are open/closed as we will need our phone lines available for staff to contact school if they are having difficulties in getting to work.

Please visit our website where we will endeavour to put a message as to whether the school is closed.

Should we need to close school, I will strive to inform you by 7.30am, however sometimes circumstances prevent this, so your patience and understanding would be appreciated.

If we do need to close the school, please visit our school website first, however we will also attempt to inform you in the other following ways:

We will contact Your Harrogate and Greatest Hits Radio and advise them of the closure – Please listen in to the regular bulletins re: school closures.

You can check Your Harrogate and Greatest Hits Radio 'snow closure list' on their websites:

<https://www.yourharrogate.co.uk/school-closures/>

[School closures in Harrogate & The Dales | Local - Greatest Hits Radio \(Harrogate and the Yorkshire Dales\) \(planetradio.co.uk\)](#)

- We will send an email message to parents using Arbor (as long as this service is working).
- A message will also be placed on Whole School Dojo and Tapestry.

If the weather is particularly inclement and we do need to close, then as we do not experience snow that often in the UK, I would like the children to be able to enjoy their snow day. Some ideas for what the children could do are:

- Make a snow animal and take a photo. Send the photo into the school office. Please only do this if you are giving permission for the photo to be used in our newsletter and on our school social media pages. I wonder how many different animals we can make!
- Snow angels
- Sledging
- Build an igloo
- Help parents/carers/neighbours to clear paths with permission and under supervision.
- Make a snow person or snow monster.

There are lots more interesting ideas here: <https://www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/snow-activities-kids/>

If we need to close for more than one day, (let's hope not) then we hope to provide some remote learning for the children.

Similarly, it may be necessary to close the school during the day if the weather becomes very inclement. You will be notified of this via text/email and Whole School Dojo/Tapestry, so please remember to check messages regularly.

Closing the school is a last resort and we do so to keep everyone safe. I'm hoping that any snowfall will be small and that we can operate as usual, but it's best to be prepared.

Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

PARENT/CARERS BREAKFAST

We are delighted to invite Parents/Carers/Grandparents to a delicious breakfast of pastries and fresh fruit washed down with tea or coffee on Tuesday 20th January at 9am. This is chance for you all to get together for a chat over breakfast whether you are new to the school or have been here for some time. Our Nurture Team will be present to welcome and chat to you. We really do hope that you can join us, so please complete the form below if you would like to attend by Thursday 15th January.

[**Parent/Carer/Grandparent Breakfast 9am to 9:45am on Tuesday 20th January 2026 – Fill in form**](#)

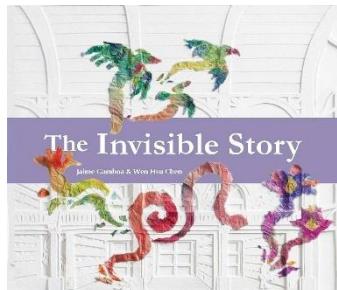
CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in the Governor Assembly at the end of last term: Layla C (AL), Riley K (SK/CN), Daisy J (HH), Sebbie P (RB), Ava H-S (EM), Martha C (AB), Arthur F (JJ/CR), Anya B (SK/BS), Jamie G (AI/LS), Orla B (PA/EH), Aiden D (JW), Luke D (RI), Ava H (TM), Noah W (CD).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." (Thomas Edison, inventor)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



This week, Mrs Bridge read 'The Invisible Story' by author Jaime Gamboa and illustrated by Wen Hsu Chen, which links to World Braille Day, which was on 4th January.

Amazon has the following blurb listed:

'The world is full of stories. Some are as long as lizards, others so short that they never even make it to The End. But the invisible story is unlike any other story because no one has ever read it! It lives hidden in the darkest corner of the library, far from where the famous tales, written in gold letters, shine. One day, a blind reader approaches the story's trembling pages. This reader is unlike any reader the invisible story has ever encountered. And when she runs her fingertips over the book's white pages, it is astonished by what she finds. A beautifully inclusive tale about sight-loss in which we learn that not all stories are meant to be read with the eyes.'

The Music played this week was 'I wish' by Stevie Wonder.

If you would like to hear the story for yourself, then you can do so here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1-In-IKdvQ>

(The story begins to be read at 5.26 minutes and ends at 10.25 minutes)

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for Reception September 2026 is Thursday 15th January. Applications can be made through North Yorkshire Council School Admissions

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions>

ATTENDANCE

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Attendance Friday 18 December 2025 to Thursday 6 January 2026:
95.53%

Remember: The gates open at 8.40am and school starts promptly at 8.50am. If you arrive after 8.50am, then please escort your child to the main office and sign them in. Thank you.



Today's attendance is 96.7%.

ECO – TIP

Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth to save water.

COMMUNITY

Please see below links to the CBeebies parenting website. It is full of useful info, tips, and activities. You can sign up to receive newsletters and download free resources.

[Tiny Happy People](#)

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zfy8jsg>



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Parents can enjoy 10% off school uniform orders* at MyClothing by entering the code below at checkout.

Code: MYCQ110

Expires: 31/03/2026

Link: myclothing.com/discount/MYCQ110



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher