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*Our school:
'Excellence and happiness for all'*



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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 15 January 2026

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 15 Jan	TONIGHT Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting – 6pm- Mrs Ingle's Classroom
Tues 20 Jan	Parent Breakfast Event
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
Tues 3 Feb	*NEW* Dental Survey - selected Reception & Y1 children.
Mon 2 Feb	*NEW* Year 4 Ancient Greek Visitor
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
Thurs 5 Feb	*NEW* World Book Day – Inspirational People
W/c 9 Mar	*NEW* Science Week

On Monday, Miss Woodcock spoke to the children about the British Values of mutual respect and tolerance of other people's different faiths and beliefs which links very closely to our Golden Rule "Treat others the way you would want to be treated". This then led to our One Life assembly where we looked more at being resilient and bouncing back when things don't always go the way we want.

HGS SPORT LEADERS

We are very excited to welcome Harrogate Grammar School's sport leaders to our school to help coach our Year 5s in football. They will be working with the children helping them to develop their football skills as well as promoting good sportsmanship qualities. The children from Miss Illingworth's class left the session feeling inspired and excited for future opportunities in physical education. Next week, Mrs Wood's class will benefit from their support



On Wednesday this week, we welcomed Mr Ian Tucker, who will be the new CEO of our Trust from February half term, when Richard Sheriff retires. It was great to show Mr Tucker around our school and to tell him more about us. We would like to congratulate Mr Tucker on his appointment, and we wish Mr Sheriff all the very best for his retirement.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Adriana P (AL), Faya B (SK/CN), Max W (HH), Albie M (RB), Emilia L (EM), Matthew C (AB), Tallulah M-G (JJ/CR), Violet W-K (SK/BS), Logan J (AI/LS), Jacob W (PA/EH), Harry E (JW), Holly W-M (RI), Charlie J (TM), Chester L (CD).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You have power over your mind — not outside events. Realise this, and you will find strength." (Marcus Aurelius, former Roman Emperor)

Y4/5 DRAMA WORKSHOP

Yesterday, Y4/5 children participated in a drama workshop led by Yasmin from Drama Kids. The children were asked to focus on projecting their voices (without shouting) and carried out some small group work, which culminated in a whole class performance. The children imagined that they worked in an Ice-Cream Factory which was run by a mad boss. They had to choose the ice-cream flavours they made (the sillier the better – children choose flavours such as frog legs, eyeball soup and snail) and then they acted out a scenario where the workers in the factory protested - there were too many flavours of ice-cream and they were working too hard! The workers went on strike and conversations took place with the boss. However, there was a twist at the end as the boss was actually a wizard! He used his magic wand to send all the workers back to their work stations and then turned them all into fleas/frogs etc!

Drama activities like these can boost confidence and support creative performance. The children in Y4/5 certainly left the sessions, enthused, smiling and they also told me that it was so much fun!

Y4/5 children have been given a letter from Yasmin that entitles them to one free taster session with Drama Kids, which takes place at the Green Hut, Beckwith Avenue, Harrogate on a Thursday night 4.55-5.55pm.

Yasmin also informed me that children from 5 years old can attend Drama Kids, so if you'd like to know more about it, here are the contact details:

07309 880805 / 01904 492998

york@dramakids.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/DKyorkandnorthyorkshire>

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Friday 9 January 2025 to Thursday 15 January 2026:
96.69%

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 96.8%.

Stay on Track

It is difficult to "catch up" when time is missed. Starting the day late can impact your child's entire day and affects the whole classroom



Reduce Anxiety

Your child will feel connected academically and socially when they have good attendance



Build Confidence

Good school attendance helps to build habits that will last a lifetime and transfer to life beyond public school



ECO – TIP

Re-use: Make other items out of unwanted clothing.

Cushions, bags, even rags to clean with are all good options.

THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may overbalance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for **'HELP'** and dial **999** or **112** if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to **'KEEP STILL'** and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.



Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50 % of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank, you may find it easier to roll

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up

The weather has been getting colder and there have been several occasions, recently, when it has been icy. I thought it may be sensible to share the following poster with you from 'StayWise', as we do have bodies of water nearby.

If you could discuss the poster with your child/ren, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

StayWise

PTA NEWS

Please find attached PTA's News in Brief.

COMMUNITY

MyClothing Discount

Here's a new **10% discount code for parents** to save money on uniform from MyClothing.

To continue supporting families the offer runs until the end of March.

Code: MYCQ110

Expires: 31st March 2026



3rd Harrogate Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts

There are spaces in all age groups. If you are interested in your child joining, contact them on the email address on the poster.



Sunday Football Sessions

A new Sunday Football Session run by Premier Coaching, will be taking place at Forest Moor School. Session details:

- ⌚ Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- 📍 Location: Forest Moor School (Indoor)
- 👦👦 Ages: 6 years and above

To celebrate the launch, Premier Coaching are offering a special first-week deal - £4 for the first session (normally £8).

Children can expect:

- ⚽ Lots of football-based games
- 🎯 Fun, engaging activities
- 😊 An enjoyable environment to help develop skills, confidence, and a love of the game
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If you would like to register your interest or have any questions, please follow the SPOND link below:
<https://spond.com/invite/XKNBC>

Smartphone Free Childhood

We have been given a letter template for people to complete and send to their local MP, calling for the age of social media use to be raised to 16. Labour are currently reviewing an approach similar to those adopted in Australia and other countries. Click on the link below to read more information.



Smartphone Free Childhood - Raise the Age

Join us for FREE family fun throughout the school holidays. Discover creative ways to support your child's learning both at home and in school through a variety of exciting craft activities.

All places must be booked and enrolled online - please feel free to contact our office if you are unable to do this, as enrolment is essential to access the sessions for free. Without prior enrolment, charges may apply.

Course	Date	Day	Time	Location
Family February Fun Whitby	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Whitby Library, Whitby
Family February Fun Ripon	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Ripon Library, Ripon
Family February Fun Catterick	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Catterick Library, Catterick
Family February Fun Scarborough	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Scarborough Library and Information Centre
Family Fun with Pancakes - Richmond	17/02/2026	Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00	Scout Hut, Richmond
Family February Fun Stokesley	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Stokesley Library, Stokesley
Family February Fun Norton	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Norton Hive Library, Norton
Family February Fun Knaresborough	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00	Knaresborough Library, Knaresborough
Family February Fun Skipton	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:30 - 12:30	Skipton Library, Skipton
Family February Fun Selby	19/02/2026	Thursday	09:30 - 11:30	Selby Classroom, Selby
Family February Fun Harrogate	19/02/2026	Thursday	10:30 - 12:30	Harrogate Library, Harrogate
Family February Fun Filey	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Filey Library, Filey
Family February Fun Thirsk	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Thirsk Learning Resource Centre, Thirsk
Family February Fun Pickering	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Pickering Library, Pickering
Family February Fun Malton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Malton Library, Malton
Family February Fun Northallerton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:30 - 12:30	Northallerton Library, Northallerton

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Year 6 parents/carers, don't forget that Miss Dodgson and Mr Marshall are leading a SATs Parents' Evening tonight from 6pm. This will be held in Mrs Ingle's classroom at the front of school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Penhale'.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher