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

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 22 January 2026

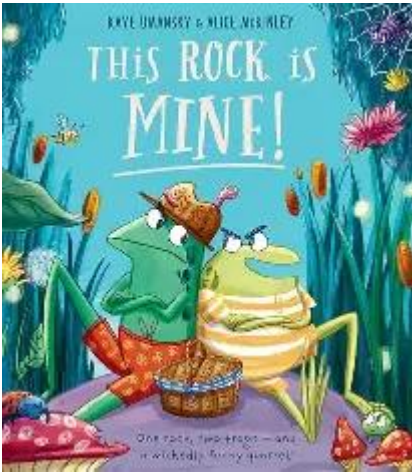
Forthcoming dates for your diary

Weds 28 Jan	Year 6 CSI day
Thurs 29 Jan	Singing Squad - Young Voices Sheffield
W/c 2 Mon	Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 2 Feb	Year 4 Ancient Greek Visitor
Tues 3 Feb	Dental Survey - selected Reception & Y1 children.
Thurs 5 Feb	Open Classrooms for Parents 9-9.30am – Meet in the Sports Hall after drop-off.
Tues 10 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 13 Feb	Close for half term. Casual day £1.
Mon 23 Feb	School opens
Thurs 26 Feb	*NEW* Story Evening 5.45pm
Thurs 5 Mar	*NEW* World Book Day – Inspirational People
W/c 9 Mar	Science Week
Mon 9 Mar	*NEW* EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
Fri 13 Mar	*NEW* Quiz night 6.30pm
Fri 27 Mar	*NEW* Close for Easter break at 2.30pm. Casual day £1.

This week has been a little strange after announcing my retirement. Thank you so much to those of you who have wished me well, sent in lovely emails or spent time chatting with me on the gate. I am truly touched by your warm generosity. I am going to miss the Rossett Acre community so much, when I leave, however, in the meantime, I am going to enjoy the rest of my time here. Nineteen years has gone by in the blink of an eye, however, I have so many lovely memories that I will cherish always.

Anyway, enough about that, here's this week's newsletter.





On Monday, Miss Woodcock used the book “This Rock is Mine” to talk to the children about resilience and how we can use it to support our friendships. This then linked to another of our British Values of Democracy and how in friendships we sometimes need to make decisions together.

NAEA STUDY VISIT 2025 – CHINESE DELEGATES VISIT ROSSETT ACRE

On Wednesday, we were delighted to host 29 Chinese Principals/Vice Principals from 21 different schools across China as part of a six-day inquiry programme across the UK, which is designed to support the visiting Principals in deepening their understanding of leadership development, inclusive education and STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).

They wanted to engage with Rossett Acre to see how we approach well-being and nurture in school. Mrs Ingle and Miss Bland did an amazing job of explaining our well-being/nurture provision, delivering a presentation and showing the delegates our Nurture Rooms and other areas of our school. Our school therapy chickens were a big hit!



The Principals/Vice Principals asked lots of questions and were keen to learn from us. Sharing good practice is so important and it was a privilege to welcome the visitors to our school.

We were even invited to China to tour some of the schools and learn more about their education system and provision. Who knows, some Rossett Acre staff may have the opportunity to carry out a study visit to China in the future!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Olly B, Sophie D (AL), Elijah S (SK/CN), Rory W (HH), Sophia L (RB), Liam M (EM), Reggie (AB), Sofia O (JJ/CR), Amelia W (SK/BS), Darcy B (AI/LS), Luna G (PA/EH), Freddie S (JW), Charlotte F (RI), Thea S, Lawrence R, George M-G (CD).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever, you do have to keep moving forward." (Martin Luther King Jr.)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



Yesterday, Mrs Sims read a Little People, Big Dreams book about Martin Luther King Jr, written by author Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara and illustrated by Mai Ly Degan. The book tells the story of the life of Martin Luther King Jr, 'an inspiring minister and civil rights activist.' (Amazon) Martin fought segregation with words, not force, and made positive changes with peaceful protests.

This story links with Martin Luther King Jr Day which was on the 19 January 2026.

The music played today was Stevie Wonder's 'Happy Birthday' which is a song that Stevie Wonder wrote to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr's birthday.

If you would like to hear this inspiring story for yourself, you can do so here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p79IN2Qd_n0

YOUTH BOARD SAY GOODBYE TO MR SHERIFF



Two of our Year 5 pupils, Joe and Edith, proudly represented our school at a special event celebrating the retirement of Red Kite's CEO, Mr Sheriff. Joe performed a wonderful musical performance, playing the Beatles "In My Life" on the guitar, which was warmly received by everyone present. Edith showcased her creativity by producing a beautifully personalised *Little People, Big Dreams* style illustrated book, capturing the life story and remarkable

achievements of Mr Sheriff throughout his career. Both pupils were a real credit to the school, demonstrating talent, thoughtfulness and confidence on this memorable occasion.

ENERGY HEROES

On Monday, Susan Abbott from Energy Heroes visited our school to carry out an energy survey with eight children from Eco-committee. I had the great pleasure of joining the group too. The children were great ambassadors for our school, behaving excellently whilst happily carrying out a range of tasks eg. checking if windows and doors in school were double-glazed, if radiator thermostats worked and looking at how full fridges were. (The children found out that full fridges use less energy than emptier ones.) The children visited our Boiler Room to look at how pipes are insulated and discussion took place about a range of issues: Global Warming, Fossil Fuels, Methane from animals (eat less meat), insulation in walls/ceiling and recycling.

The children learned that we already do lots to be sustainable in school e.g. recycling card/paper, recycling batteries, collecting and recycling food waste, making compost for our Gardening Club to use, reducing energy costs by turning off lights and projectors when not in the room, solar panels and LED lights fitted across school. However, there is more to be done. Susan and the children created an action plan, that once implemented would help us to use less energy in school and have a positive impact on our planet.

The action plan has been given to Miss Kirkwood who leads 'Sustainability' in school and our Eco-committee will be looking at how to action the points raised.

A big thank you to Edie (Y3), Gaurav and Lara (Y4), Reuben and Emma (Y5) and Martha, Amita and Stanley (Y6).

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Friday 16 January 2025 to Thursday 22 January 2026:
95.39%

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 96.1%.

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

Eat more vegetables

'Eating more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, nuts, and seeds, and less meat and dairy, can significantly lower your environmental impact. Producing plant-based foods generally results in fewer greenhouse gas emissions and requires less energy, land, and water.' (Source: <https://www.un.org/en/actnow/ten-actions>)

PTA NEWS

Book Your Story Evening Tickets Now!

Don't forget to book your tickets for Story Evening: https://pta.events/story_evening_Feb26

We also still need some more parent volunteers to be our readers. Please email us if you are interested: rossettacrepta@gmail.com

Rally with Royalty, Train with a Legend

Tickets to win this fabulous opportunity to have a personalised coaching session with a World No.1 squash player, James Willstrop.

The session will be tailored to the winner's skill level, perfect for beginners to advanced players and they will also receive inside tips and techniques from a sportsman who competed at the very highest level.

This unforgettable experience is suitable for adults or children of any age, making it an incredible opportunity for anyone passionate about squash or looking to be a pro athlete and would like to learn some valuable insights from a true legend of sport.

Get your tickets now: https://pta.events/james_willstrop

Join us for our next PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 2nd February at 7:30pm at the Pine Marten. Everyone is welcome and it would be lovely to see some new faces. Come along and find out what it's all about - we're a very friendly bunch!

Quiz Night

Tickets are selling! Don't miss out - Book your tickets: https://pta.events/quiz_night26

Our annual quiz night will be held on Friday 13th March from 6:30pm and will feature live music from the Rock Kites!

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I hope you all have a super weekend.



Corrine Penhale
Headteacher