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Our school:

'Excellence and happiness for all'



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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 5 February 2026

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Tues 10 Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 13 Feb	Close for half term at 3.30pm. Casual day £1.
Mon 23 Feb	School opens
Thurs 26 Feb	Story Evening 5.45pm
Fri 27 Feb	Year 2 Circus Sensible visit.
Thurs 5 Mar	World Book Day – Inspirational People.
Thurs 5 Mar	Mr Marshall's Class Assembly 9.10am.
W/c 9 Mar	Science Week.
Mon 9 Mar	EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks.
Tues 10 Mar	Parent Breakfast Event Parent/Carer/Grandparent Breakfast 9am-9.45am on Tuesday 10th March 2026 - Fill in form
Thurs 12 Mar	Miss Dodgson's Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 13 Mar	Quiz night 6.30pm.
Thurs 19 Mar	Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm 10minute appointments – Details to follow.
Tues 24 Mar	Parents' Evening – In Person 4-7pm 10minute appointments – Details to follow.
Thurs 26 Mar	*NEW* Easter Bonnet Parade Reception & KS1 – Details to follow.
Fri 27 Mar	*NEW* Close for Easter 2.30pm. Non-Uniform £1 donation.
Mon 13 Apr	*NEW* School opens.

On Monday, Miss Woodcock led an assembly linked to Children's Mental Health Week. The focus was belonging, being part of a community, inclusion and keeping each other safe.



On Tuesday, Richard Sheriff, CEO visited school for a final farewell tour, speaking to colleagues and children. It was lovely to see Richard and for him to reminisce about his time in our school, over the years, and his time at Harrogate Grammar as Headteacher, which was Richard's role when I joined Rossett Acre as Headteacher in January 2007. The inauguration of Red Kite Learning Trust, all the wonderful things that have been achieved, the collaborative approach and the fantastic learning opportunities that have been afforded to children across our Trust.

The children made me laugh as we moved around school as Richard's height seemed to be the running commentary from them as he entered each classroom; it reminded me of the time, many years ago, when Richard visited our school to lead an assembly and managed to walk straight into the arm of the projector which was hanging down from the ceiling and almost knocked himself out! Ever the professional, he carried on regardless, however, he did tell me later that the children were swaying in front of his eyes despite them being sat down and still! Although the projector arm did not pose a problem for anyone else in school, the projector now sits very close to the ceiling, so even Mr Sheriff's height no longer poses a problem.

YOUNG VOICES – SINGING SQUAD

On Friday lunchtime last week, 59 pupils (Y3 – Y6) and 7 adults all got on a coach with the destination being Utilita Arena, Sheffield. On arrival, we found our seats, right at the front this year, which meant we could see the stage brilliantly, and began an afternoon of rehearsals, which was lots of fun. After tea and numerous visits to the toilet, which involved very long queues, we settled down to the evening's performance. A few of the children were a little nervous and slightly overwhelmed but once the show began, everyone was smiling and enjoying the experience. Singing Squad made up part of a 5,086 strong choir of children at the Arena and sounded amazing! There were star guest singers and Andy and the Urban Striders (Dance troop) received huge praise from all the children in the Arena – it was loud! We loved joining in with the dances – both children and adults.

We were incredibly proud of all the children at the Arena but especially our Rossett Acre children who were fantastic ambassadors for our school and participated brilliantly.

This is an experience that the children are unlikely to forget, and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We arrived back at school just after 10.30pm, so it was a late night for the children and staff!

A huge thank you to Mrs Tinfina, Miss Smith, Mrs Illingworth, Miss Bolton, Miss Pearson and Mrs Stott who all supervised the children with me and gave up their own time to ensure the children had a magical day.

A special thank you and mention to Mrs Stott who organised our participation in the event and has been teaching the children the songs, sorting out t-shirts, torches and all sorts of things.

A special thank you also to the children who did themselves proud. What a great time we had!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Luna-Mae B-P (AL), Thea L (SK/CN), Freddie B (HH), Henry B (RB), Ivy S (EM), Emma F (AB), Arthur C (JJ/CR), Hargun K (SK/BS), Palesa T (AI/LS), Emily C (PA/EH), Mason S (JW), Archie L (RI), Olivia L (CD), Ava H (TM).

Headteacher Award

Congratulations to Rupert B-M (Y1 HH) who received a Headteacher's Award this week.

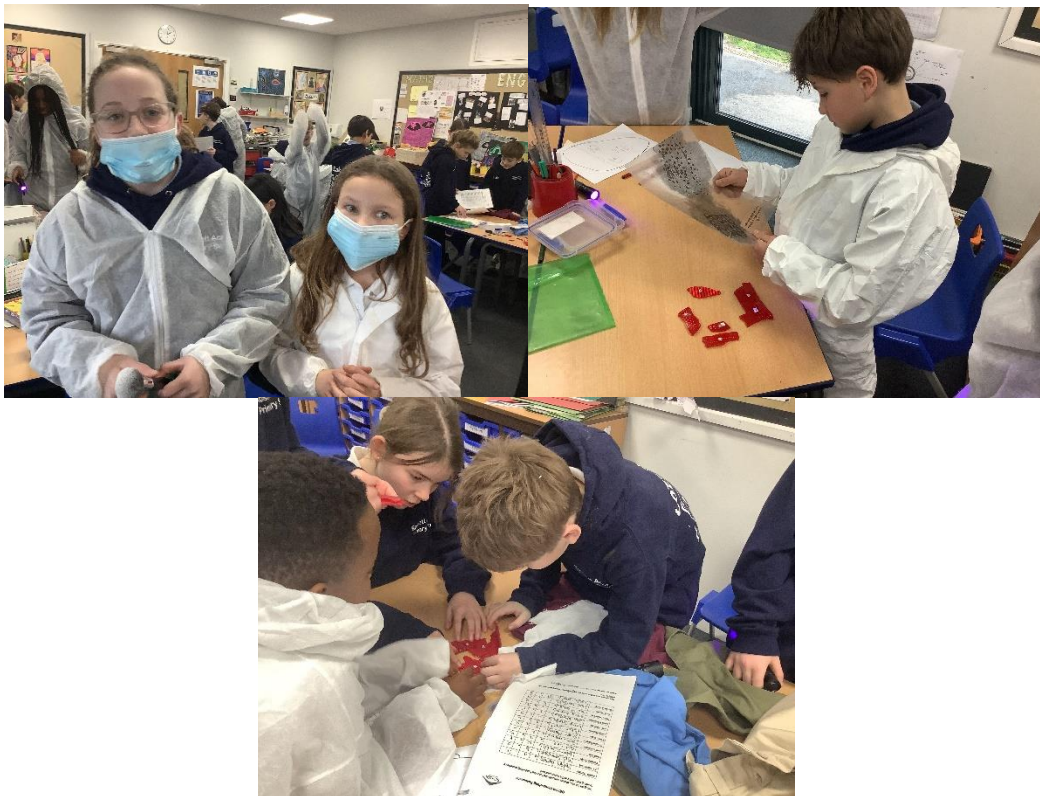
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When you come out of the storm you won't be the same person that walked in. That's what storms are for." (Raul Ruiz, Congressman)

CSI DAY

Spring has been an exciting and action-packed time for Year 6 at Rossett Acre. When the children returned from their Christmas break, they were amazed to find their classroom transformed into a Spy Academy. They tackled a series of mathematical spy missions and even designed their own Alex Rider-style gadgets, creating adverts to promote them to trainee espionage agents.

The highlight of the term was a visit from Sci-High for a CSI Whodunit event, led by forensic scientist Jon Bates. Dressed in full SOCO outfits, the children examined a wide range of evidence to solve an aggravated burglary case. Their investigations included analysing fingerprints, testing "blood" samples found on suspects' clothing, using chromatography to identify the author of threatening messages, comparing handwriting samples, reconstructing shattered headlamps, and spotting patterns in DNA evidence. By carefully evaluating each clue, they were able to eliminate suspects and narrow down the culprit. A last-minute discovery of police text messages added a dramatic twist, leading to a courtroom finale in which a judge questioned the suspects and the jury delivered the final verdict.



YEAR 5 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Year 5s had an exciting time competing in the football tournament at Rossett High School on Tuesday evening where they displayed excellent teamwork and determination throughout every match. Each player supported their teammates, communicated well on the field and gave their best effort against some strong competition. Henry C earned a special mention for his resilience and positive attitude when the games were particularly tough, showing great perseverance and courage under pressure. Well done to Jack D, Ewan T, Sonay S, Toby M, Reuben A, Henry C, Archie L, Mabel C and Mason S. Thank you to Miss Smith and Miss Illingworth for accompanying the children.

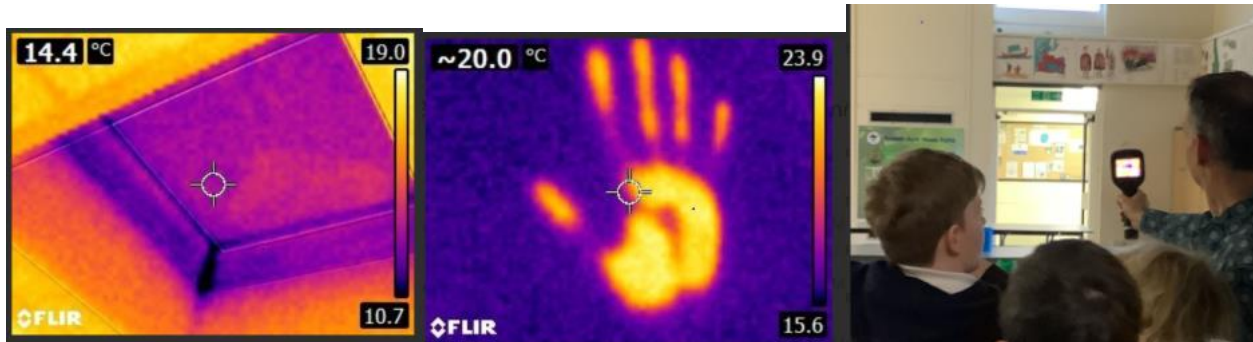
ENERGY SPARKS VISIT AND ASSEMBLIES

On Wednesday, the Eco Committee took part in a workshop with James from Energy Sparks. This is a platform used by the Eco Committee in school to check and assess the school's gas and electricity consumption. We can also check how our solar panels are working and how they are saving money. We looked at James's portable solar panel and how this worked giving us a greater understanding of how our own solar panels work in school.

Finally, as a group we used the heat camera to establish when our school building was producing heat and losing heat. We were amazed to see our handprints still on the wall when we removed them, and even a few bottom marks on chairs when we stood up!

Before James departed, he held a KS1 assembly where they got to look at the solar panel and then a KS2 assembly. In this assembly James told us all about his expedition to the South Pole and how his experiences have been his motivation to help with climate change.

The Eco Committee are now even more inspired to help with climate change and decrease our carbon footprint.



Safer Internet Day – click for more information

Tuesday 10 February

Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. Top tips for parents, carers and young people, covering the key things each age group needs to know. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Social Media Guide for Parents – Click to open guide

A downloadable guide from the Children's Society providing parents with practical advice and tips for supporting their children's safe and responsible use of social media platforms.

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Friday 30 January 2026 to Thursday 5 February 2026:
94.31%

Let's try really hard to get this back up to at least 97% or higher again. 😊

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 95.2%.

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

Fix dripping taps and save water.

UNIFORM

Please could you ensure children come to school with a named coat suitable for the weather and gloves if possible.

There are a lot of items in our lost property bins which are located at the entrance to the Sports Hall (down the steps from the playground). If you have lost any water bottles, gloves, jumpers etc, please have a look in there before half term.

PTA NEWS

ROSSETT ACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 13 MARCH, 2026
1830 - LATE (ISH!)

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM:

ROCK KITES

Quiz Night - Book Your Tickets Now

Don't miss out on our popular quiz night! Book your tickets here: https://pta.events/quiz_night26

Join us on Friday, 13th March from 6:30pm for our annual quiz night, featuring live music from the Rock Kites!

STORY EVENING

THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2026, 1745 (DROP OFF), 1845 (PICK UP)





Open to Early Years, YR1 and YR2 pupils.

Children are invited to enjoy a magical experience of adventure, imagination and storytelling.

They are invited to come in their pyjamas, get cosy, listen to stories and enjoy a little drink and a biscuit.

<https://pta-events.co.uk/rossettace/>

SIGN UP NOW

Don't Forget to Sign Up For Story Evening Tickets!

Secure your child's spot for Story Evening now: https://pta.events/story_evening_Feb26

We're still looking for parent volunteers to join us as readers. If you'd like to get involved, please contact us at: rossettacepta@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

Just a quick reminder that parents and carers can enjoy 10% off school uniform at MyClothing using the exclusive code below:

Code: MYCQ110

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Link: myclothing.com/discount/MYCQ110



GET 3 FREE TENNIS LESSONS

Lesson dates:
23rd Feb - 15th March 2026

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Everyone is welcome to come along to find new hidden treasures, or sell their own!
To sign up for a table please use the following link:
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I hope you all have a terrific weekend.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher