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Our school:

'Excellence and happiness for all'



Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 12 February 2026

Forthcoming dates for your diary

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	*NEW* Step into NHS Day
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	*NEW* Mrs Morley's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Tues 24 Mar	Parents' Evening – In Person 4-7pm 10minute appointments – Details to follow.
Weds 25 Mar	*NEW* Mrs Bridge's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Thurs 26 Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade Reception & KS1 – Details to follow.
Fri 27 Mar	Close for Easter 2.30pm. Non-Uniform £1 donation.
Mon 13 Apr	School opens.



On Monday, Miss Woodcock led an assembly based on Friendship: how to gain friends, how to keep friends and how to be a good friend. This linked to last week's assembly about belonging, community and inclusion. We looked at this [video](#) and listened to this [song](#).

Thank you to all parents/carers who visited our Open Classroom event last Thursday. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you enjoyed sharing your child's work with them.

ROAD SAFETY

We have received reports that some children in school are not crossing Pannal Ash Road using the pelican crossing or with John (Crossing Patrol). Some children are choosing to cross the road on their scooters and are not looking sufficiently for cars. A parent has witnessed, on several occasions now, some children who have been very close to getting knocked over.

Today, I led a special assembly on Road Safety to remind our children to cross safely and to be alert. This included, pushing scooters across roads and wearing a helmet (not scooting across them), not looking down at mobile phones when crossing, crossing at a safe place - preferably at a zebra, pelican crossing or with John, listening carefully for quiet cars (electric) which can be tricky to hear if you are not concentrating and not kicking a football along the pavement.

The message being that all children should: STOP, Look, Listen, think!

We would really appreciate it in school, if you could speak to your child/ren about road safety and reiterate the message of being safe and alert when crossing the road, preferably at a specified crossing point. Wearing a helmet when using a scooter is highly recommended.

Please help us to keep your child safe. Thank you.

CEO OF RED KITE LEARNING TRUST LEAVES

Today, we say goodbye to Richard Sheriff (CEO) of our Trust. We would like to thank Richard for his leadership and service to education and wish him and his family all the very best for the future. Richard has a message for you all here:

Message from Richard Sheriff OBE

Last summer I shared the news with colleagues and our schools that I planned to retire from leading our Trust. It is almost 40 years since I started as a teacher and 25 years since I first had the privilege of leading a school. Over the last ten years I have had the opportunity to lead our Trust and work with a group of great schools, their staff teams and the inspiring young people they serve. We have come a long way in that time and, although there is much left to do, now seems a good time to step away and bring in new energy and ideas. When we appointed our first headteacher who knew me as their headteacher I knew my time had come!

I am delighted that the Trustees were able to appoint an outstanding person to replace me and it has been a pleasure working with Ian Tucker over the last few months preparing for him to join us.

Finally, I would like to thank all our parents, carers, young people and those in our wider communities for all the support and kindness I have received over the years. It really has been a huge privilege, and I look forward to watching the Red Kite Learning Trust flourish in the future.

WELCOME IAN TUCKER (NEW CEO of RKLT)

We would like to welcome Ian Tucker (New CEO of RKLT) and wish him all the best in his new post. We are looking forward to working with him. Ian has a message for you below:

Message from Ian Tucker

It is a real honour to introduce myself to you as the incoming Chief Executive Officer of Red Kite Learning Trust. Over the past few months, I have had the privilege of working closely with Richard Sheriff and colleagues across the Trust, and in doing so I have gained a deep appreciation of the strong values, high expectations and moral purpose that underpin Red Kite's work.

The Trust's commitment to nurturing ambition and delivering excellence for every child resonates strongly with my own beliefs about education. I am passionate about ensuring that all young people, regardless of background, are supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best, and that our schools remain places where children feel safe, valued and able to flourish.

It is a privilege to follow Richard's outstanding leadership and to build on the strong foundations he and our schools have established. I am also delighted to be returning to my Yorkshire roots as I take up this role from the middle of February. I look forward to working in close partnership with our parents and carers, and to meeting many of you over the weeks and months ahead as we continue to strengthen and grow the Red Kite Learning Trust together.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Harry J (AL), Alfie P (SK/CN), Charlotte G (HH), Autumn J (RB), Sophia H (EM), Jacob T (AB), Jacob G (JJ/CR), Noah R (SK/BS), Bella B (AI/LS), Jude H (PA/EH), Rajana H (JW), Archer K (RI), Ozzy S (CD), (TM).

HEADTEACHER AWARD

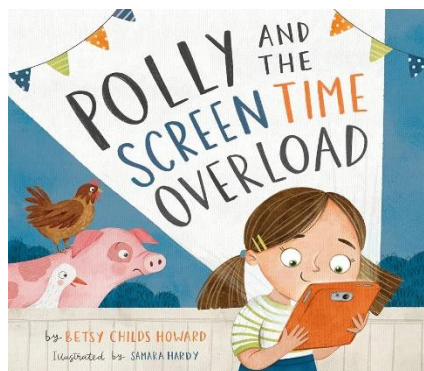
Congratulations to Hallie (AB) for receiving a HT Award this week. Well done.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage."

(Anais Nin - Author)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



This week, Mrs Aslam read 'Polly and the Screen Time Overload' by author Betsy Childs Howard and illustrator Samara Hardy. This story provides a lot of food for thought and links to Safer Internet Day which was on Tuesday 10th February.

Amazon description: 'In this new picture book, readers meet Polly while on a trip to her grandparents' farm. During her visit she spends all her time on her new tablet instead of enjoying the farm animals and playing with her cousins. A chat with her grandfather teaches her that, though screen time can be good, it can also keep kids away from *better* things. Using simple language and beautiful illustrations, children ages 3–7 are introduced to the idea that technology is best enjoyed within boundaries.'

The music this week was One Direction Parody Song 'Who do you share your details with?'

If you'd like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x1YUXtnDdA>

MESSAGE FROM MRS REDDISH – BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK, HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

To get everyone in the mood for this year's British Science Week in March we're setting a little holiday challenge.

The theme this year is 'curiosity' so let's be curious and investigate - what is the best design for a paper aeroplane?

You'll find all the instructions and resources on the attachment with this newsletter.

Teachers would love to see the children's designs and results so please share with us on Tapestry/Dojo or bring your aeroplanes/results into school after the holidays.

Happy investigating!

NUMBER DAY FOR NSPCC

EYFS and KS1 celebrated NSPCC Number Day last Friday by dressing as digits for the day. We had some wonderful outfits on display and were impressed with how everyone had created their favourite digits at home. Thank you to everyone who donated to this important charity – we raised £100 on the day.



YEAR 3 RABBI VISIT

Year 3 had a visit from Rabbi Alby from the United Hebrew Congregation Synagogue. They learnt all about what it means to be Jewish, what it means to be a Rabbi and even got to hear him blow (a very large) shofar!



Y6 VISIT TO HGS – OLIVER PRODUCTION

The Year 6 children were invited to Harrogate Grammar School on Tuesday to watch the dress rehearsal of their musical, *Oliver!* It was a fantastic performance, featuring a cast of over 100 students, accompanied by a full orchestra of talented young musicians.

It truly felt like being at a West End production, as the quality of the show was so impressive. The singing was outstanding, particularly from the students playing Nancy, Fagin and Oliver Twist.

It was wonderful to see so many former Rossett Acre pupils on stage. Our various Year 6 productions over the years have clearly inspired many children and given them a lasting love of drama.

Y6 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

On Tuesday evening, 8 Year 6 boys competed in the latest Sporting Influence sports competition: Football. The person running this event commented on our respectful play, high standard of football and being such excellent role models for our school. This made the teachers who attended the event (Mrs Wood, Miss Smith and Mr Lancashire) feel very proud indeed! Everyone was so well-mannered and showed such determination, strong teamwork and a real passion for the sport. Although we didn't win, everyone had the most enjoyable time! Special mention went to Teddy as he was awarded the 'Social Skill' certificate for our school team.

Well done to all the boys who played so brilliantly: Will M, Oliver W, Chester L, Charlie J, Oscar B, Seb P, Teddy S and George N.



NEW CHILDRENS' ONLINE SAFETY WEBSITE LAUNCHED AS PART OF GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN

We need your help in keeping children safe online. The Government are launching a new website on 16 February 2026 to support families and encourage regular conversations about what children are seeing online, asking simple questions, like "who shared this" and "why?". Based on parents' main concerns and needs, the website provides:

- tips for parents' conversations with their children
- actions to support each stage of their child's life
- parental controls information

The website can be found here: [Kids online safety](#) from 16th February.

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Friday 6 February 2026 to Thursday 12 February 2026:
94.37%

Let's try really hard to get this back up to at least 97% or higher again after half-term.

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 93.7%.

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

Check your cupboards and fridge before going shopping so you don't buy what you already have.

ROSSETT ACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT

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

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM:

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW

QUIZ NIGHT

ROCK KITES



This Could Be Our Best Quiz Night Ever!! - 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://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre/>

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



ACE AUCTION
**RALLY WITH ROYALTY:
 TRAIN WITH A LEGEND**

**ENTER THE
 RAFFLE NOW!**

The winner will enjoy a one-on-one training session with James Willstrop, one of Britain's greatest squash players.

Win a 1:1 Coaching Session with a World No.1 Champion!

You probably already know that we have Squash legend in our Rossett Acre Family. He is a true sportsman and has very generously offered a coaching session, where you can not only learn about the game but also find out what it takes to be a professional sports person.

Enter now: https://pta.events/james_willstrop

Squash is one of the best sports for fitness - and you can play whatever the weather! More information about the game, and where you can play locally has been sent out separately today. The PTA also has squash rackets and balls that you can borrow if you'd like to give the sport a try.

Please support James, and the PTA, and enter the competition here: https://pta.events/james_willstrop

COMMUNITY



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**World Book Day
 Competition
 March 6th**

Our annual World Book Day is back! Where we invite children to partake in creating their favourite book characters using potatoes.



 **The winning potato character in each school receives a £10 book voucher!**

The overall winner receives £100 worth of book vouchers for their school!

To enter reply to this email or give us a call!
ojewitt@veritas-education.com
 0113 4032200

Harrogate Junior Chess Championships

The annual Harrogate Junior Chess Championships will take place at The Manhattan Club, Beech Avenue, Harrogate HG2 8DY on Saturday 21st March 2026 from 9am to 1pm.

To guarantee your child's place please go to <https://hgjuniorchess.wixsite.com/website/event-details/harrogate-junior-chess-championships-2026> click on **RSVP** and complete the form as soon as you can.

The competition is organised by Harrogate & District Primary Schools Chess Association (HDPSCA) - and is free to enter for all chess playing Harrogate & District Primary School children irrespective of their chess playing ability. All are welcome!



Join Us for SoulSounds Relaxing Soundbath at Rossett Acre!

Chill out with soothing tunes and calming vibes at the SoulSounds Relaxing Soundbath—your perfect unwind session!

Ready to unwind? Come experience the soothing vibes of our in-person soundbath session. Let the gentle waves of sound wash over you and melt away stress. Perfect for anyone looking to relax, recharge, and reconnect. Bring your comfy mats and open ears - this is all about good vibes and peaceful moments.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/soulsounds-relaxing-soundbath-tickets-1982887087657>

Remember: Tomorrow is Casual Day where children can wear their own clothes for a £1 donation. Please ensure children are dressed for the weather and have a coat. Thank you.

School closes at 3.20pm (EYFS) and 3.30pm (KS1 & KS2) as normal tomorrow.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 23 February at the usual time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'C. Penhale'.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher