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Our school:
'Excellence and happiness for all'



Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 26 February 2026

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 26 Feb	Story Evening 5.45pm. TONIGHT
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 Sports Hall.
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 9.15am-10.15am on Tuesday 10th March 2026 - Fill in form
Thurs 12 Mar	Step into NHS Day
Thurs 12 Mar	Miss Dodgson's Class Assembly - 9.10am Sports Hall.
Fri 13 Mar	PTA Quiz night 6.30pm.
Thurs 19 Mar	*NEW* Mrs Jones/Mrs Reddish's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Thurs 19 Mar	Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm 10-minute appointments – Letter being sent tomorrow.
Tues 24 Mar	Mrs Morley's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Tues 24 Mar	Parents' Evening – In Person 4-7pm 10-minute appointments – Letter being sent tomorrow.
Weds 25 Mar	Mrs Bridge's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Thurs 26 Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade Reception & KS1 – Details to follow.
Fri 27 Mar	*NEW* Year 2 Pizza Express Visit
Fri 27 Mar	Close for Easter 2.30pm. Non-Uniform £1 donation.
Mon 13 Apr	School opens.

Welcome back, I hope you had a lovely half-term break.



On Monday, Miss Woodcock led an assembly all about Mutual Respect and Tolerance linked to British Values. This is the first in a series of assemblies and I will be leading next week's assembly on another area of British Values – The Rule of Law.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in our Governor Assembly during the last week of term: George W (AL), Isla R-M (SK/CN), Caitlin H-S (HH), Martha S (RB), Zac S (EM), Mason G AB), Grace M (JJ/CR), Harvey W (SK/BS), Olivia F (AI/LS), Sammy S (PA/EH), Matha P (JW), George W (RI), Liam H (CD), Ozzy S (TM).

INSPIRING LIBRARIES COMPETITION

Congratulations to Eleanor S (Y3, JJ/CR) who has been selected as a finalist in the Inspiring Libraries Competition for recognition of a highly rated library design entry. Eleanor receives a £10 book token from Portakabin.

Eleanor's design was innovative; it even included a reading dog! Eleanor's certificate and book token will be given out in our Celebration Assembly tomorrow.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“More smiling, less worrying. More compassion, less judgment. More blessed, less stressed. More love, less hate.” (Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart)

GOODBYE

Tomorrow, we say goodbye to Miss Baxter from our administrative team who is leaving us to concentrate on her passion for fitness. We will miss Miss Baxter and wish her all the very best for the future.

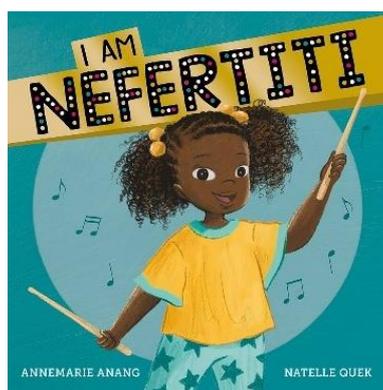
VISITORS IN SCHOOL – HEADTEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday 4th March (next week) we will be hosting the candidates for the Headteacher position here at Rossett Acre for part of the morning. The candidates will be on the playground at the beginning of the school day with Amanda Thornton-Jones (Our Trust Primary Director) and with another Red Kite representative; please do say hello, if you see them.

The candidates will then spend time in some of our classes before being involved in a range of tasks during the rest of the day and the following day.

We are looking forward to welcoming the candidates and wish them all the best of luck.

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Tuesday, Mrs Jones read 'I am Nefertiti' written by author Annemarie Anang and illustrated by Natelle Quek.

This story linked to International Mother Language Day which was on 21st February.

The story is about identity and belonging.

The music played this week was Flo Perlin – Mother Tongue.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WvHwOUQ4Ltl>

HARROGATE LADIES COLLEGE MUSIC DAY ATTENDED BY ROSSETT ACRE CHILDREN

On Tuesday, eleven of our children attended a Music Day event at Harrogate Ladies College, accompanied by Mrs Stott. The children who have all played their instruments to at least Grade 1 standard, had a fabulous time. I was able to pop in and watch the children's performance at the end of the day, which was a wonderful experience – they were amazing!

Thank you to Harrogate Ladies' College for inviting us to take part and for hosting our children for the day and a big thank you, as always, to Mrs Stott for accompanying the children.

Well done to Lara, Pearla, Felicity, Amelie, Mabel, Edward, Daisy, Charlotte, Jonah, George and Heather.



Additionally, thank you to the children's parents/carers who dropped off/picked up their children at Harrogate Ladies College on the day.

BIG SCHOOLS' BIRD WATCH

Well done to all the children who took part in the RSPB Big Schools' Bird Watch. We spotted a variety of birds in our grounds including blue tits and robins. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful school grounds full of nature.

For more information about the RSPB have a look at their website www.rspb.org.uk

Maybe you could do your own bird watch this weekend! You can find details of birds you might spot on this website.

WORLD BOOK DAY WEEK

It is World Book Day on Thursday March 5th. We like to celebrate for the entire week by having bookish events and activities for the children to promote reading. There is nothing better than reading or sharing a book - it is great for concentration, mental health and language development.

Your child(ren) will have already received their World Book Day token which can either be exchanged for one of the books in the photo, or used to obtain a £1 discount from any book of their choice.

Our theme for this year is Inspirational People and we have got plenty of Little People Big Dreams books to share with the children. If your child(ren) would like to do so, they can come to school on Thursday March 5th dressed as an inspirational person. In the past, we have had children wearing the purple and green sash like Emmeline Pankhurst as well as children arriving as a famous scientist. This is completely optional as it is the reading of books which is the focus of the week.

The website Authorfy is completely free for this year as it is the National Year of Reading. Why not check it out as there are lots of authors on there reading from their books and giving ideas for creative writing. Happy reading!

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Friday 13 February 2026 to Thursday 26 February 2026:
95.92%

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 96.2%.

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

Mend and reuse items.

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



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!

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 was sent out last term. 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

HARROGATE TOWN AFC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Brand New Girls Skills Centre!

For KS2 Girls looking to develop their football skills in a supportive environment. Great for new starters or those wanting that little bit of extra training each week.

- Mondays
- 18:00-19:00
- Harrogate High School
- Indoors
- For girls in school years 3-6

- Sessions will be delivered by our qualified, female foundation coaches and will consist of technical skills, fun activities and small sided games. An opportunity to work on both social and individual development.

Launching Monday 23rd February
-5-week block
-23rd February- 23rd March
-Priced at £25

For more information, email community@harrogatetownafc.com or scan the QR to book

HARROGATE TOWN AFC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

FUN, ADVENTUROUS, AND CREATIVE, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS

MONDAY 30TH MARCH 2026 **TUESDAY 31ST MARCH 2026**

£35 Per day

Activities 9am-3pm

- ✓ Den building
- ✓ Fire lighting
- ✓ Tool area
- ✓ Mud Kitchen
- ✓ Games

Admiral Long School
 Burnt Yates HG3 3EJ

Book via our Facebook page
Outdoor Adventures Forest School
Bookings open 19th February

More Information Madeleine: 07886821453

FOREST SCHOOL

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Harrogate Junior Chess Championships - Saturday 21 March

To register to take part in the event, please use the **new** link below. Children who have already registered using the previous website address will have been accepted.

<https://mstokeschess.wixsite.com/website/event-details/harrogate-junior-chess-championships-2026>



**CELEBRATE
YOUNG CARER
ACTION DAY
WITH US!**

Access a **FREE** webinar about Young Carers, their rights and how we support Young Carers in Bradford, Craven, Harrogate and Selby.

Webinar 1:
11th March 2026
12:00-13:00

Webinar 2:
11th March 2026
16:00-17:00

Empowering Young Voices

Free Online Webinar
Booking via email to :
youngcarers@carersresource.org

carers' resource
you care for them, we care for you

Reminder - Little Crickets Indoor Car Boot Sale

February 28th 2pm - 5pm. Join Little Crickets for a fantastic Indoor Car Boot Sale at Oatlands Infants School on Saturday 28th February, from 2pm–5pm.

Come along to browse great bargains, pre-loved toys, books, games and more – perfect for families! There will also be a tombola and refreshments available. Entry is just £1 per family (cash only).

Don't forget our PTA Story Event (EYFS/KS1) this evening for those of you who have already bought tickets for your children.

I hope you have a fabulous weekend.



Corrine Penhale
Headteacher