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

Charity No.1048680

## NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 12 March 2026

### Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 13 Mar	<b>Walk to School Day - TOMORROW</b>
Fri 13 Mar	PTA Quiz night 6.30pm. <b>TOMORROW EVENING</b>
Mon 16 Mar	Year 1&2 Disco 3.30-4.30pm. Year 5&6 Disco 5-6pm.
Tues 17 Mar	Miss Barker's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Weds 18 Mar	Miss Harrison's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Thurs 19 Mar	Mrs Jones/Mrs Reddish's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Thurs 19 Mar	Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm 10-minute appointments.
Tues 24 Mar	Mrs Morley's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Tues 24 Mar	Parents' Evening – In Person 4-7pm 10-minute appointments.
Weds 25 Mar	Mrs Bridge's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall.
Thurs 26 Mar	<b>*NEW*</b> Easter Bonnet Parade Reception & KS1 – 2.30pm.
Fri 27 Mar	Year 2 Pizza Express Visit - Mrs Morley's Class.
Fri 27 Mar	Close for Easter 2.30pm. Non-Uniform £1 donation.
Mon 13 Apr	School opens at the usual time
Fri 17 Apr	<b>*NEW*</b> Year 2 Pizza Express Visit – Mrs Bridge's Class.

On Monday, Miss Woodcock led an assembly all about British Values this week's theme being about democracy. We thought about democracy across our country and what this means to us. We also talked about democracy in our school and how we can show respect and listen to each other's opinions.

Today, Miss Dodgson's class performed their class assembly. Unfortunately, Miss Woodcock and I couldn't attend, however, Mrs Lamb did and said that the assembly was amazing. Children showcased all their amazing work they have been doing this year. There was a musical rendition of Live and Let Die, they danced the Charleston, read performance poems and shared Ringo Starr biographies.



A huge well done to Miss Dodgson and her class for a fantastic assembly and thank you to all the parents and carers who attended.

Today was also our 'Step into the NHS Day' in school. We will report on this next week.

### **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

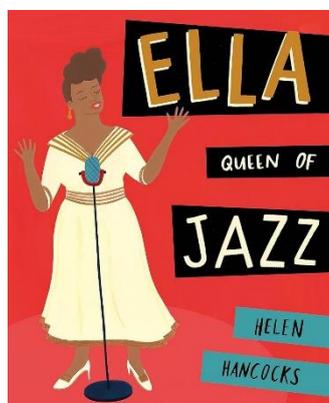
Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in our Governor Assembly during the last week of term: Connie J (AL), Esme H (SK/CN), Maisie W (HH), Rusandu H (RB), Theo H (EM), Monty M (AB), George J (JJ/CR), (SK/BS), Willow W, Marilou N (AI/LS), Lara K (JW), Ewan T (JW), Lettie M (RI), Charlie J and Whole Class (TM) and George N, Abigail C (CD).

HT Awards: For all the children who spoke to the Headteacher candidates during the interview process.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

**"Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions."** (Dalai Lama)

### **PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY**



This week, Mrs Sims read 'Ella Queen of Jazz' written by author Helen Hancocks. The story is about Ella Fitzgerald. This book links to International Women's Day which was on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The music this week was 'Dream a Little Dream of Me' by Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong.

If you would like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sw4SscSRJYc>

### **PVA DISCO**

On Monday, our Pupil Voice Ambassadors (PVA) held a disco to raise money for the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. EYFS and Y3/4 had a great time dancing around to a whole host of pop tunes. Thank you to Miss Barker and our PVA for organising the disco and for providing a great time for all. Thanks also to all the staff who stayed to supervise the children. The PVA will be running another disco next Monday for Y1/2 and Y5/6.

### **PARENT BREAKFAST EVENT**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Breakfast Event on Tuesday morning; it was a lovely turnout, and we hope you enjoyed all the breakfast treats that our catering staff provided. Mr Tucker (CEO) and Miss Amanda Thornton-Jones (Trust Director for Primary Education) also joined us, which was special. Mrs Stott and our Singing Squad made an appearance and sang four songs beautifully; I was so proud of them all – they even managed to make me cry! (Happy tears as they were so brilliant, mixed with sad tears as I am leaving shortly). The children (and Mrs Stott) were an absolute credit to our school.

I managed an emotional few words to thank parents/carers attending and to say how much I am going to miss Rossett Acre when I leave. A huge, heartfelt thank you for all the lovely, kind words and messages/cards of support which were shared with me during the event; they mean so much.

A massive thank you to Mrs Macnair, Miss Woodcock and Andrea (and her team in the kitchen) who organised the event and got everything set up. They did an amazing job!

Rossett Acre is such a wonderful school, and I am delighted that Miss Woodcock has been appointed as Headteacher from Easter to continue to lead the school forward; I know the school is in safe hands! 🤝  
Congratulations and well done to Miss Woodcock. You will be an amazing Headteacher.

## **GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION AT ROSSETT SPORTS CENTRE**

On Tuesday 9 girls - 7 from Y5 and 2 from Y4 played a 7 a-side football tournament against 5 other local schools.

One school were unexpectedly short of players, having only 2 arrived for their team. Our fabulous Rossett Acre community spirit shone through and we rotated two players per match to help build a "community team" so that everyone from each school got to play full matches.

Well done to all the players, Lissy W, Sofia I, Annabella S, Etta T, Mabel C, Amelie F, Sonay S, Lara F and Martha P. Congratulations to Lissy who received the Social Skills certificate for enthusiasm for each position played for both teams.

Thank you to Miss Blyde and Miss Smith who accompanied the children and to the parents who came to support them.

## **LITTER PICKING AT ROSSETT NATURE RESERVE**

On Wednesday morning, Mr Roberts and I took eight children to Rossett Nature Reserve to do some litter picking. We all had a great time and collected three bags of rubbish! I was especially proud of the children when they used teamwork and perseverance to retrieve a large pop bottle from behind a small-holed metal fence; the children passed the bottle along, using their litter pickers to move it along the fence to where there was a larger hole that they could coax it through. It was so lovely to see the children acting in this way and being so thrilled when they finally achieved the task.

The children found plastic and metal bottle caps, sweet wrappers, silly string, glass, pottery and at one point one of the children shouted that they had found a chicken teriyaki sandwich; imagine Mr Roberts disappointment when it was an empty sandwich cardboard wrapper! 😊

The children were a joy to litter pick with and were excellent ambassadors for Rossett Acre. Several members of our community, shared with us how positive it was to see the children tidying up their environment and being community minded.

Well done to Edie and Jack (Y3), Lara and Gurav (Y4) and Daisy, Stanley, Amita and Martha (Y6)

I look forward to taking some children in Y5 litter picking next Wednesday afternoon with Miss Smith.



## **TRUSTEES AND GOVERNOR VISIT TO ROSSETT ACRE**

On Wednesday, four of our Red Kite Learning Trust Trustees visited Rossett Acre, joining Miss Woodcock and myself. It was lovely to welcome them into school, giving them a tour and sharing all the exciting learning opportunities that are going on in school. The Trustees were very impressed with our school and the learning and engagement of the children taking place, and thoroughly enjoyed their visit with us.

Thank you to our Trustees for giving up their own time to join us. It was an absolute pleasure.

## ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Attendance Friday 6 March 2026 to Thursday 12 March 2026:  
96.72%

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 97.6%. Well done everyone.

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## ECO – TIP

**Make your own compost and save money**

### NAMED UNIFORM

As the weather starts to warm up please ensure that all clothing items are labelled with your child's name. Children often take off their coats, cardigans or jumpers and they get left outside. These can only be returned easily if they are named.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform supplies are overflowing, we would love to see these free items being reused and going to a good home. If you need any additional logo jumpers or cardigans please email Mrs Vlack, and include the size you need and the class we can deliver the clothing to: [vlackg@rap.rklt.co.uk](mailto:vlackg@rap.rklt.co.uk)

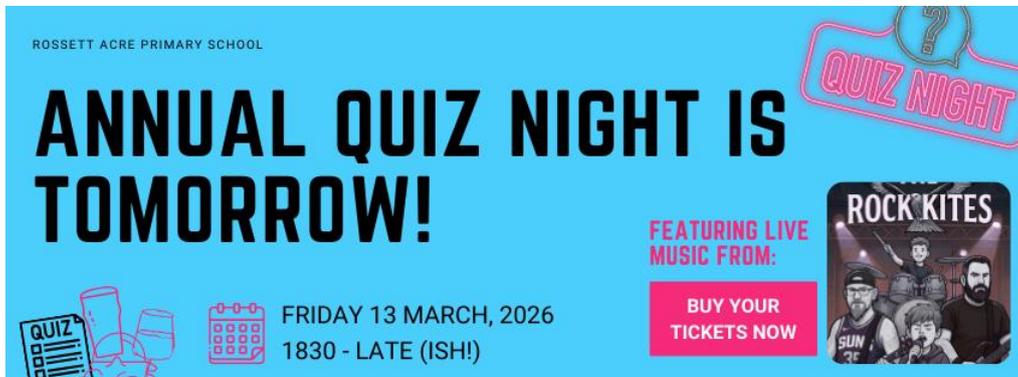
## PTA NEWS

### LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKET!!

[https://pta.events/quiz\\_night26](https://pta.events/quiz_night26)

Our Quiz Master and the Rock Kites are ready - are you!? The Rossett Acre Annual quiz night is tomorrow!!!

We have some incredible prizes on offer this year including vouchers from the amazing Starling Independent Bar Cafe Kitchen. You've got to be in it to win it though!



You don't need to have a team, just turn up! If you haven't already, please book your ticket and support this truly fabulous event! A quiz, with live music, good food, a fully stocked bar and great prizes... what more could you want for a Friday night! Book your tickets [https://pta.events/quiz\\_night26](https://pta.events/quiz_night26)

### EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

[https://pta.events/easter\\_hamper2026](https://pta.events/easter_hamper2026)

Don't miss out on this - the hampers are amazing and filled with some wonderful treats including chocolate, fizz, wine, craft and lots of other goodies!!



The raffle will be drawn on Monday 23rd March, so there's not long to get your tickets. Here's the link again: [https://pta.events/easter\\_hamper2026](https://pta.events/easter_hamper2026)

## COMMUNITY

A final reminder about the annual Harrogate Junior Chess Championships which will take place at The Manhattan Club, Beech Avenue, Harrogate HG2 8DY on Saturday 21st March 2026 from 9am to 1pm. The closing date for entries is 19th March so there is still time for children to be registered at <https://mstokeschess.wixsite.com/website/event-details/harrogate-junior-chess-championships-2026> by clicking on RSVP and following the instructions.

### Raring2Go Magazine

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/harrogateandyork/spring2026/>



# RS15 BUS

## MINIBUS FUNDRAISER

One of our school minibuses has reached the end of its journey and we need your help to get Rossett back on the road!

We're aiming to raise £15,000 to purchase a high-quality replacement minibus.

- Our minibuses are vital to school life. With your support, we can continue to:
- Transport students to sporting fixtures and competitions
  - Enable school trips and enrichment opportunities
  - Assist other schools in our area when additional transport is needed
  - Bring primary pupils to Rossett for concerts and events
  - Support our local community and charities



### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. **Follow and share:** Please follow us on social media and share our weekly videos.
2. **Make a donation:** Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Please scan the QR code to donate to our [GoFundMe campaign](#).
3. **Support our Auction of Promises:** We will be hosting an Auction of Promises to support the campaign. We are looking for donations of 'promises' such as hampers, meal vouchers, dog walking, gardening, the use of a holiday cottage or similar!
4. **Save the Date:** The Auction of Promises will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 6.30pm. Keep an eye on our website for more details: [www.rossettschool.co.uk](http://www.rossettschool.co.uk)



**ONLY £28 PER DAY 1000 - 1500**

**EASTER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP**

**MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> March 2026 - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> April 2026**

**HARROGATE TOWN AFC**

**INSIDE SPACE AVAILABLE**

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 - YEAR 6. THE CAMP OFFERS A PERFECT MIX OF FUN ACTIVITIES AND FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE. INSIDE SPACE AVAILABLE TO COMBAT FEBRUARY WEATHER! TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZDiOKFuAAq>

**Harrogate Town Football Club**  
**See message below regarding their safeguarding survey.**

As part of our quality assurance and being in the EFL, we regularly review what we do and make sure that we can provide the best services possible. We will shortly be undertaking a safeguarding review, internally and with external partners from the EFL.

Just to reassure you that the focus is on us and not you or participants.

To get a feel from our participants and partners, and to give them a voice, we would be really grateful if you could email/share this short form with any parents who have children attend our programmes, from after school clubs to in-school delivery.

It only takes 5 minutes, doesn't ask for personal details and will help us reflect and shape future sessions through the feedback obtained.



# Snap Survey

Every organisation associated with English Football League in the Community has a regular safeguarding review. We are having ours shortly with **dialogue**, an independent organisation.

They'll be coming to visit us, will look at some of our activities, review records and speak to lots of you, to our team and to our board and partners. It's a real opportunity to learn about what works well and what we can do better to keep people using our services safe.

**dialogue** are running a very short survey for young people, parents and other people who use our facilities. We would be really grateful if you could spend just a couple of minutes completing the survey. It's confidential and anonymous, so we won't be told who the feedback has come from.

You can [access the survey here](#), or scan the QR code below



# Table Tennis Easter Camp 2026



**Date**

30 March – 1 April  
10am-12pm

**Where**

Harrogate Racquets Club  
Firs Road HG2 8HA

**To Book**



**Ages 7+**

All abilities welcome

**Cost**

£20 per day  
£57 for all 3 days

**What to Expect**

Fun, structured coaching, skill development and match play. Individual focus and game improvement. Bats and balls provided

**Booking**

- Limited spaces available
- Members receive 20% discount
- Choose individual days or all three





FOR AGES 4 1/2 - 13

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Sign up today to secure your place.  
Prizes up for grabs & certificates for all.  
Get your trainers on & join us!





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## Essay Writing Competition

**We would like to invite you to write about our topic 'If you had a superpower, what would it be and how would you use your power for good?'**

**Finalists will be invited to a special event on Thursday, 14th May, when the winners will be announced and the winning entries will be read aloud!**

Book prizes worth **£50** will be awarded for 1st places in each age category, **£20**, for 2nd places in each category, and **£10** for 3rd places in each category. There will also be a book prize worth **£50** for each first-placed school.

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Entries can be typed or handwritten and can include illustrations, pictures or photos. The word limit for pupils in Years 3 and 4 is 500 words. For pupils in Year5 the word limit is 750 words.

Please email your entry to [essay@hlc.org.uk](mailto:essay@hlc.org.uk) with 'Essay Writing Competition' in the subject line.

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**Closing date for entries: Monday, 6th April**  
**Finalists announced: Friday, 17th April**

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Don't forget that it is Walk to School Day tomorrow. If you can walk, cycle or scooter to school, that would be great! Let's help the environment, make the roads safer and get healthy.

It is also our PTA Quiz Night tomorrow. I hope you have a great time if you are attending.

Have a fantastic weekend.

**Corrine Penhale**  
Headteacher