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Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 19 March 2026

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 19 Mar	TONIGHT , 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	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	Year 2 Pizza Express Visit – Mrs Bridge's Class.
Tues 28 Apr	*NEW* Book Fair
Thur 30 Apr	*NEW* Class Photos
Mon 30 May	*NEW* School closed for Bank Holiday

Thank you to everyone who walked to school last Friday and supported the Walk to School campaign.

Last Friday, the PTA held another successful Quiz Night. See the PTA update below.

On Monday, our Eco-Committee, with Mrs Kirkwood's support, led an assembly all about litter. The children stood at the front of the hall and showed some litter that had been collected on our school grounds, reminding the rest of the children in school that rubbish needs to go in the bin. Eco-Committee then read the story 'Somebody Crunched Colin' by author Sarah Roberts and illustrated by Hannah Jayne Lewin. This book highlights how a common piece of litter, such as a crisp packet, can be very hazardous to wildlife. An astonishing fact was then shared: it takes 80 years for a crisp packet to decompose! If you would like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeCc8dvjE60>



Well done to our Eco-committee children and thank you to Mrs Kirkwood for putting on an important assembly.

Eco-committee has informed everyone that the Great Big School Clean (13th – 29th March), operated by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy is now taking place. Some litter picking sessions in our school grounds and Rossett Nature Reserve have already taken place over the last week and yesterday another litter pick was carried out.

On Wednesday after lunch, eight pupils from Year 5 went litter picking at the Rossett Nature Reserve. We were really surprised to see more pottery than plastic! There was lots of glass carpeting the ground too. When we passed the pond area, we saw dozens of black newts sunbathing in the murky water. When we got back to school we took a picture with our two whole bags of rubbish.

By Hannah, Amber, Amelie and Varsha.

Thank you to all the children who collected litter – Hannah, Amber, Amelie, Varsha, Edward R, Maximus, Alexander and Charlie B.



A big thank you to Miss Smith who kindly came with me to help supervise the children. We certainly got good arm workouts, the amount of glass and broken pottery the children collected was extremely heavy!

On Monday, our Pupil Voice Ambassadors (PVA) put on a disco after school for Key Stage 1 and Upper Key Stage 2. Both discos were a huge success, and the children enjoyed a good 'boogie!'

A big thank you to Miss Barker and our PVA representatives for organising these discos, raising money for Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. A big thank you, also, to all other colleagues who gave up their own time to supervise the children.

On Wednesday this week, we had a visit from some colleagues at Western School. They watched Mrs Sims (Trust and school lead for Maths and class teacher at Rossett Acre) teach Maths (Multiplications) and had a tour of the school. We were delighted that they could join us.

Today, we also hosted six Lloyds Bank representatives, who came for a tour and to listen to our strategic ideas for the school going forward. It was a pleasure to show them our school in action.

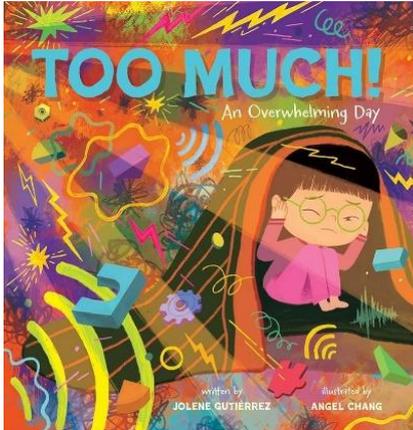
CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Leo J (AL), Persephone L (SK/CN), Cora G (HH), Mark F (RB), Charlie L (EM), Mila G (AB), Bobby H (JJ/CR), Evelyn O (SK/BS), Teddy M (AI/LS), Felicity L (AI/LS) Heston H, Freddie S (JW), Samuel D (RI), Ellie W (TM), Seth C, Chester L (CD).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.'
(Malala Yousafzai, activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate).

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Thursday, Miss Illingworth read the story 'Too Much! An Overwhelming Day' written by author Jolene Gutiérrez and illustrated by Angel Chang. The story linked well to Neurodiversity Celebration Week (16.03-20.03)

The ADHD Centre are hosting some webinars during this week. If you'd like to register for any, see this short video for details: [Bing Videos](#)

The music this week was 'Your Song' by Elton John.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQON0hioODE>

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

On Tuesday, Miss Barker's class performed their Class Assembly, and on Wednesday, Miss Harrison's class performed their Class Assembly to parents and carers. The assemblies were all about the work the children had been learning about in school; fabulous artwork and some super writing was shared, the children displayed their wonderful sock puppets they had made, there was great choral reading about a cat who liked to hide in boxes and a great song about kindness too.

The assemblies were amazing and I was so proud of the children.

A huge thank you to Miss Barker, Miss Harrison and the Y1 team for putting the assembly together and supporting the children to pull it all together.

Today, it was Y3's turn to do a Class Assembly. Their assembly was based on the Iron Man, a book the children have been learning about in class. Some super models of the Iron Man were shown and Charlie looked fabulous dressed as the Iron Man, with limbs that could be removed. (Well done to Mrs Nunns for this and the power of sticky Velcro!)

We saw fabulous artwork, singing model making, animations and even some science!

A big thank you to all the parents' and carers who came along to see their children, and to Mrs Jones/Mrs Reddish, and the Y3 team, for supporting the children to share their learning so effectively.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

On Tuesday, 20 Year 4 children competed in a Cross Country event at Ashville College against other primary schools. The ten boys and ten girls were proud representatives for Rossett Acre, loudly cheering each other along. Each and every competitor showed great determination and stamina to complete the two laps of the huge Ashville field. A particular mention to Effie D who was the fastest Rossett Acre girl, and to Elias P for winning the boys' race. Darcy B and Leo D also received a certificate for effort and determination. Congratulations and well done to you all.

We didn't win the competition; however the children tried their best and were great Ambassadors for Rossett Acre. Well done to Effie D, Elias P, Darcy B, Leo D, Orla B, Noah D, Deimante G, Maxim N, Toby R, Sammy S, Bram W, Amelie C, Olivia F, Harrison J, Hannah J, Lexi P, Thomas P, Maya P, Gabriel R-C, Sofia P-I.

Thank you to Miss Blyde, Mrs Littlefair and Mr Lancashire for taking the children to the event.

AIRECON INTER-SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Last Friday, four children in Y4 and four children in Y5 represented our school in the Imagination Gaming Tournament held at Harrogate Convention Centre, this is a huge analogue games tournament which is held every year against other local primary schools.

The morning was spent becoming familiar with the games, there were four to learn, Banagrams, Skippity, Jungle Speed and Figure It. After lunch the children were then split into separate groups to compete against the other schools.

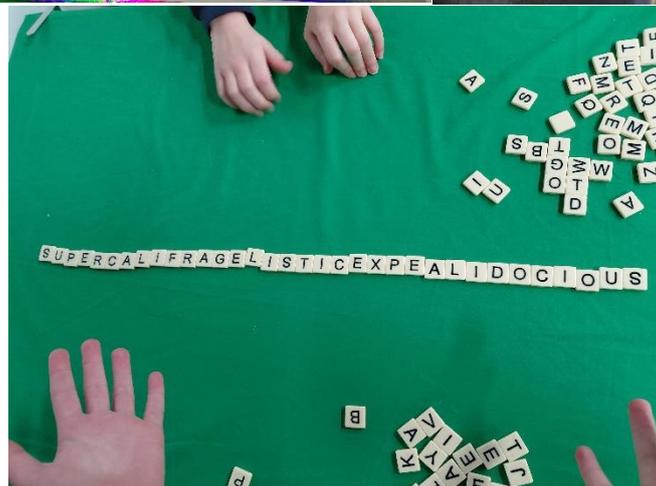
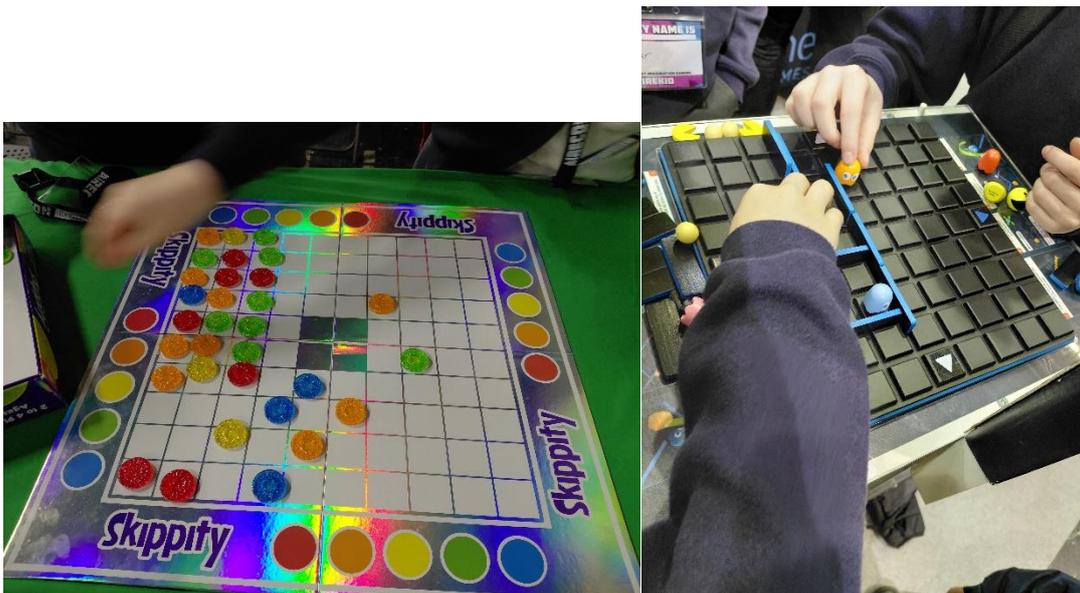
After everyone had played all four games, the scores were in and everyone was delighted when Etta, Y5 came third highest overall scorer, and Otis, Y4 was second highest overall scorer out of 28 competitors.

Then, all were amazed when we were named the overall winning school!

The children were in awe of the size of the event and the number of different games on show. They even tried a out few more on the way around the exhibition halls. The many different styles of dice/die on show were a particular fascination.

Congratulations to all who attended, you were a real credit to Rossett Acre and showed true team work and sportsmanship in each game, supporting the players from other schools too, even when competing against them.

Thank you to Miss Blyde who accompanied the children and to the children:
A big well done to Etta T, Erin B, Oscar G, Jack D, Emilia H, Thomas P, Toby R and Otis C.



STEP INTO THE NHS DAY

Last Thursday was 'Step into the NHS Day' and we were delighted to welcome a number of parents into school to explain their job to our children. We had visits from a wide range of professions within the NHS, such as; Dentist, Ophthalmologist, Psychologist, Surgeon, Nurses from different departments, Head of Finance, Speech Therapy, Midwife and Recruitment. Children were really engaged, asking questions such as "How much does it cost to run an ambulance"?

Here are some photos:



Y3 – What makes a good nurse?



Y5 – Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

PROTECTING NATURE IN OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS

Jenny Marks has been coming in to help make our school wilder and better for animals, plants and insects. She has done activities with Eco Committee to look at the school grounds to see what plants and animals live there. Some areas of grass are being left to grow long, and we are going to plant a few trees so it's better for wildlife. We collected flowers, leaves, feathers and other natural things to see what colours of nature were in this season. IT WAS REALLY FUN! You can find more colours in places with more plants and that are better for wildlife. By Emma M.



Jenny Marks has worked with the Eco Committee to create a vision statement for our school grounds.

ROSSETT ACRE'S VISION STATEMENT FOR OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS

Our vision is that our grounds will be a nature park where children are inspired by nature and will learn about the different habitats and species that are around us. It will be a place where a variety of animals and insects visit and create their homes.

The children of Rossett Acre School will enjoy learning outdoors and feel proud of our area. It will be a space where we can go and be in to relax and learn. We will be able to sit and feel calm in our outdoor spaces and hear birds, bees and other insects.

Our nature park will demonstrate the importance of looking out for plants, animals and insects and show our understanding of how we can be more environmentally friendly.

NEW XYLOPHONE

Emily and George got to try out the new xylophone in Orchestra this morning which has been bought with music funds.



BROWNLEE TRIATHLON REMINDER



The event will take place at Harrogate Wellness and Leisure Centre (Hydro) on Friday 5th June 2026 and is open to KS2 (Years 3-6 pupils). Mrs Wood has requested an afternoon time slot for the event, this will be confirmed much nearer the time. Parents will be expected to take their child to the event, however adults are unable to remain at the location for the event.

The event is free and designed to give children a non-competitive, positive experience of being active and try out the disciplines of triathlon (swim, bike, run).

Bikes and helmets will be provided and every child will receive a t-shirt beforehand and a medal and goody bag when they cross the finish line.

A one-width swim option is available, remaining in shallow water, for less confident swimmers and scooters are available for children who are unable to ride a bike.

For an idea of what to expect on the day, see one of our previous events in action [here](#). Spaces are limited! To express an interest in this event, please complete the [Brownlee Foundation Triathlon Ability form – Fill in form](#) so that Mrs Wood can begin to complete the required school paperwork. **Deadline: 25th March 2026.**

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Friday 13 March 2026 to Thursday 19 March 2026:
96.61%

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%. Well done everyone.

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ECO – TIP

Buy local produce that is in season.

PTA NEWS

GET YOUR EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS NOW

https://pta.events/easter_hamper2026



There are 13 wonderful hampers up for grabs. Each filled with some really lovely treats including chocolates, luxury hand cream, Chanel perfume, craft kits, fizz, wine and liqueurs!

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 23rd March, so there's only a few more days to get your tickets. Here's the link again: https://pta.events/easter_hamper2026

QUIZ ROUNDUP

We will put a full roundup of the event in our end of term newsletter next week, but for now, we just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone that came and supported this event. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. If you did attend, we would love to hear your Feedback:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CX7TYZB>



As some of you might already know, we were joined by the amazing Rock Kites (Ben and Stanley from Y6). Please support them and follow their [Instagram](#) account. If you would like to see them in action, you can also head to their [YouTube](#)

Thank you to the Rock Kites, to our wonderful Quiz Master Tom and to Ric and Naomi for being such an incredible help on the night. Thank you all. Events like this cannot be done without you and we are so very grateful.

COMMUNITY



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10am - 1pm**

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Fri 17 April

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- Varied and enriched learning which is child-led and supported by superb resources
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- Highly trained and experienced long term staff team
- Weekly enrichment activities led by specialists, e.g. Forest School, Drama or Spanish, and frequent pre-school trips within the local area
- A 'family feel' - we are a community as well as a pre-school; families are frequently invited in for 'stay and play' sessions, and events are held throughout the year to give families the chance to socialise
- A 'face free' digital presence - we have taken a proactive stance in our online safety of staff and children
- Strong links to local primary schools
- And much more...come for a visit and see for yourself!

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A fun introduction to cricket for children aged 5-8

It all starts with...

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Time 9:00am - 10:15am

Dates 2nd May - 27th June 2026 (8-week programme)

COST £50 for full program beckwithshaw.cc/allstars2026

Location: Beckwithshaw Cricket Club

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Fun Filled cricket sessions for girls aged 8-11

For girls of any ability! No experience required!

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Time: 9:00 - 10:00 am
Location: Beckwithshaw CC

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£25 for full the 8 week programme

Includes free **Dynamos T-Shirt**

Coach: Kath Langlands

Questions?
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Email: Oliver.b.wynn@gmail.com
Phone: 07729803193

Book Now!
beckwithshaw.cc/roses2026

ECB

Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new **BBC series about childhood friendship** and are looking for **kids aged 5 to 8** who are finding it hard to make friends.

If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

📧 Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>

BBC

Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship.

We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv

FIVE FILMS

Don't forget it's our Online Parents' Evening tonight. Hopefully, you have got your appointment organised. Enjoy!

Tomorrow is Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) however, we have decided not to raise funds for it this year. We are aware that our Y6 Enterprise Projects have required children to bring in money to buy from the Y6 entrepreneurs and of course we break up for Easter next week and it will be Casual Day, next Friday, which is another £1 to bring into school. Additionally, our PVA have held their discos to raise money for Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and our PTA have held a quiz and are currently selling raffle tickets for a chance to win Easter Hampers.

However, If you do want to donate to Comic Relief you can do by following this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5zMqDJtY1XQmF2dTZPYBwkh/red-nose-day-2026#:~:text=Red%20Nose%20Day%20takes%20place%20on%20Friday%2020%20March!>

Please note: children should come in school uniform tomorrow as usual. Thank you.

Have a fantastic weekend, everyone.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Penhale', is displayed on a light grey rectangular background.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher