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

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE –26 March 2026

Forthcoming dates for your diary

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	Book Fair
Thurs 30 Apr	Class Photos
Mon 4 May	Date Correction School closed for Bank Holiday
Mon 18 May	*NEW* New Starter Information Evening – 6pm (TBC)
Tues 19 May	*NEW* Miss Kirkwood/Mrs Shaw's Class Assembly – 9.10am Sports Hall
Tues 19 May	*NEW* Year 4 Minotaur Show - Performance to parents - 2pm to be confirmed.
Weds 20 May	*NEW* Year 4 Minotaur Show - Performance to parents - 6pm to be confirmed
Weds 20 May	*NEW* Open Classrooms for Parents – 3-3.30pm.
Thurs 21 May	*NEW* Close for Half Term
Mon 1 June	*NEW* School opens

After over nineteen years as Headteacher at Rossett Acre, this is my last newsletter to you all. I wanted to thank all parents, carers and the wider community for their support over the years – Rossett Acre is a very special place to be, and it has been a delight to have led the school and have the great privilege of touching the lives of so many children and their families. I will miss you all.

On Monday this week, Rev. Liz Resch from St Marks Church led an assembly all about the Easter story. A huge thank you to Liz for giving up her time to come in and join us and for providing an interesting and interactive assembly for the children.



On Tuesday, Mrs Morley's class performed their class assembly and on Wednesday, Mrs Bridge's class performed theirs. The children in Y2 have been learning about 'The Circus' and fairs and they showcased the tricks they had been learning, brilliantly. There was juggling with beanbags and scarves, balancing tricks with sticks, ribbon waving, hoop play, plate spinning and even some clowns clowning around in Mrs Bridge's class! (Hearing the giggling that ensued from the children, and some adults, was delightful.)

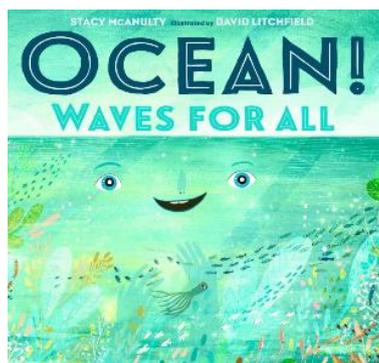
The children also shared the models they had made in Design and Technology using pivots, levers and sliders, as well as their wonderful writing with had lots of interesting adjectives in. The song the children sang at the beginning of the assembly, (which was the song from the opening of The Greatest Showman film), was great, especially as it was so quick – a real tongue twister; the children did this amazingly. Well done to the children and to Mrs Morley, Mrs Bridge and the Y2 team. It was a real treat to start off Tuesday and Wednesday with such joy and positivity. A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to watch and support; it was great to see you all.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our Parents' Evenings. I particularly enjoyed seeing so many of you on Tuesday evening in school, which gave me the opportunity to say goodbye personally to some of you. Thank you for the kind words you shared with me and for all the well wishes; they meant a lot.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Be the positive impact on the lives of others.' (The Light in the Heart, by Roy T. Bennett)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Mrs Wood read the book 'Ocean! Waves for all' by author Stacy McAnulty and illustrated by David Litchfield. The book channels the voice of the ocean and links well to World Water Day (22.03.26)

The music this week was 'Beyond the Sea' by Bobby Darin.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tgHZCeNUYw>

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Connie J (AL), Isabelle B (SK/CN), Freddie J (HH), Finn T-J (RB), Daniel S (EM), Hugh J (AB), Sophia B (JJ/CR), Bailey M (SK/BS), Thomas P (AI/LS), Bram W (PA/EH), Toby S (JW), Freddie D (RI), Will G (TM), Oscar B, Olivia L(CD).

YOUTH BOARD

On Monday, I had the great pleasure of joining Joe and Edith (Y5 – Youth Board Representatives) at our Trust Offices to meet up with the Youth Board Reps of all the other schools in our Trust. The children shared ideas about how to improve playtime/lunchtimes in school and Miss Zoccolan, our Trust Inclusion Lead, spoke to the children about gaining their views to be incorporated into our Trust Inclusion Pledge. The children also had the opportunity to put themselves forward to join the Digital Transformation working party; representatives will be chosen for this in the near future. Lunch was provided and went down well with the children, as always, and lots of interesting discussion took place. Well done Joe and Edith for your contributions to this meeting.

Y4 NORTHERN BALLET WORKSHOPS

Yesterday, our Year 4 children took part in a workshop led by the Northern Ballet. The children thoroughly enjoyed the chance to perform, learning ballet phrases such as plie, jete and first position. We re-enacted parts of the story in expressive ways - much fun was had by all the children!

Little Red Riding Hood is coming to Harrogate theatre on the 6th May. Tickets can be purchased here: [Northern Ballet presents Little Red Riding Hood | Harrogate Theatre](#)

TREE PLANTING

This week, Eco Committee and Gardening Club joined forces to plant some new trees in our school grounds. Along with Mr Roberts and Mrs Robinson, the children worked hard to plant 55 new trees! They planted silver birch, rowan and wild cherry trees which will provide extra shade on the school field. They also planted hawthorn, hazel, crab apple, dog rose and dogwood hedging along our school boundary.

Thank you to Jenny Marks who has supported us in this project and led the planting, showing us how to plant the trees and care for them.



WIN TICKETS TO RHS HARLOW CARR GARDENS! SUNFLOWER GROWING COMPETITION

Would you like to win a family ticket to RHS Harlow Carr Gardens?
This summer, our SEN Gardening Club are running a sunflower growing competition.

To enter, come along to our stall at the shed shop and purchase a growing kit. The stall will be open on Wednesday afternoon playtime during the first 2 weeks of next term. Kits cost £1 and include a small compostable pot filled with compost and a giant sunflower seed. After a few weeks, you will need to transfer your sunflower seedling to a larger pot, or plant into the ground. Visit www.rhs.org.uk for some top growing tips.

We will also have packets of 10 sunflower seeds available to buy for £1. We harvested these seeds from the sunflowers that we grew in school last summer.

Please send a photograph and measurement of your sunflower to rossettacrefamily@rap.rklt.co.uk by Friday 10th July. There will be a prize for the tallest grown for EYFS/KS1 and KS2.

All money raised will go to Gardening Club who are running many projects that you may have spotted around our school grounds.

Thank you to RHS Harlow Carr Gardens for supporting us and kindly donating 2 family tickets.



CAN YOU HELP US?



**CAN YOU SPARE
A FEW HOURS
TO HELP THE
SCHOOL BUILD
A GREENHOUSE?**

PLEASE CONTACT: ROBINSONJ@RAP.RKLT.CO.UK

Do you have a few hours to spare please? We need your help to build a greenhouse. If you are available on Monday 30th March, please let us know asap. If you can help, but on a different day, we would love to hear from you too.

This cannot be done without your help, so whatever time you can give is desperately needed and much appreciated.

Please reach out if you can help or have any questions. RobinsonJ@rap.rklt.co.uk or you can also message/call Becky on 07402113222

PICTURE FRAME PLEA!

We would love to celebrate the children's work in school by making a Whole School Art Gallery on the wall in the Activity Area. It would be lovely if we could display work in different sized frames and we are looking for kind donations of picture frames (ideally A3 sized or a little larger). Any kind of frame would be fine. It would be nice to have an assortment of styles and materials. If you have any donations, we would be so grateful (before we buy). Please bring them to the office. Huge thanks!

Mrs Kilner

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION 2026

Harrogate in Bloom along with Harrogate Parks Department is holding a competition and would love you to enter!

Children between the ages of seven and eleven years are challenged to design a flower bed on the theme of 'Sunshine', which will be planted in 2027, in the circular bed near the main entrance of the Valley Gardens. Your design should be bright, colourful and easy to recreate using flowering bedding plants, the bed is 7m wide. Please avoid using black, dark blue as plants in this colour as hard to source. Green should be kept to a minimum. Suggested flowers to include in your design are marigolds, begonia, verbena and ageratums.

The winner will receive an award from Harrogate in Bloom.

Our Gardening Club will distribute the entry sheets or you can collect one from the school office. Please return entries to the school office by 12th June 2026.

Good luck!

HARROGATE JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Some of our children took part in the Harrogate Junior Chess Championship last week. Archer K won the Yr 5 group and received a trophy. Luke & Aiden D (Y5), Benjamin F and Liam M (Y2), Mark F, Joshua S-K (Y1) all received certificates for taking part. They played brilliantly and represented the school well. Well done to everyone.



RESOURCES FOR GAMING AND ONLINE BULLYING

New resources for gaming and online bullying on the 'Kids online safety' website.

Together with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), we have published new resources on the 'Kids online safety' website to help parents and carers understand and get support for online bullying and gaming.

These new sections are designed to help families and give them more confidence in talking to their children about what they're doing and experiencing online.

The updated content includes:

- how to spot the signs of online bullying
- guidance and support if a child is being bullied
- practical tips to help make online gaming safer
- information on age ratings and parental controls for games

We continue to link to trusted charities and expert organisations where families can find specialist support, including helplines and further advice.

The new updated website is [Kids online safety](#)

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Friday 20 March 2026 to Thursday 26 March 2026:
95.36 %

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%.

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ECO – TIP

Use a water butt to collect rainwater. Your plants will thank you for it.

PTA NEWS

Easter Hampers

The winners were drawn on Monday. Winners would have received an email. Please check to see if you are a winner as all hampers have been collected apart from number 2. Please pick up your hamper before 3:30pm on Friday.

Thank you so much for all your wonderful donations - they are what have made this possible.

Please find attached this month's PTA newsletter.

COMMUNITY

Trinity Methodist Church
Warmly invites
you to our

Easter Family Party
*For Pre-School & Primary school
children with parents or carers*

*On Thursday
9th April 2026*

*Lots of crafts & fun
ending with an
Easter Egg hunt*

10:30am till 1pm with lunch provided.
Please let us know of any dietary requirements

To book your space email:
eventstrinitymethodistchurch@gmail.com



Calling all budding young artists
and designers...

North Yorkshire Police needs you!

We are launching a competition for children in key stage 2 in the Harrogate area to design a new poster for our police station.

The theme of the poster can be: How crime impacts the community,
What we do, or a thank you.
It can be a painting or a drawing or something creative (two-dimensional/2-D).

We will choose our favourite designs to be printed and framed in Harrogate Police Station, and prizes will be awarded to our favourite designs.

The closing date for entries will be Friday 1st May 2026.
All posters can be created on A4 or A3 sized paper and a picture or digital copy emailed in as a pdf attachment.
Please include the name of the artist, their school, and parent or guardians email contact.

Email: harrogatetown@northyorkshire.police.uk

We look forward to seeing your pictures, Thank you,
Inspector Greg Davies

Entries will close on Friday 1st May 2026

Ripley Cricket Club

Ripley Cricket Club are recruiting new players for the 2026 season and beyond!

We are now recruiting new players at under 9 (school years 3 and 4) and under 11 (school years 5 and 6).

Training starts on Friday 24th April and continues every Friday from 6.15-7.30pm until the end of the summer term. Matches will take place weekly.

Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience or equipment is necessary. Every new player that joins as a member will receive a club branded match shirt.

To register interest, please call / text / WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476992792 or email sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com.



HARROGATE TOWN AFC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

- FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES
- MULTI-SPORT GAMES
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- EASTER EGG HUNTS
- COOKING LESSONS

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5-11 YEARS OLD
TUE 7TH - FRI 10TH APRIL
9.30AM - 3.30PM
RICHARD TAYLOR PRIMARY SCHOOL HG1

£22 PER DAY | £80 PER WEEK
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL
CHARLIEDOHERTY@HARROGATETOWNAFC.COM

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GIRLS PLAYER PATHWAY

St John Fisher 3G
Friday 6-7pm

Age U9 - U16
Ongoing match programme
UEFA qualified coaches
Goalkeeping sessions available

SIGN UP HERE...




HARROGATE TOWN AFC EMERGING TALENT CENTRE



HARROGATE TOWN AFC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Brand New GirlsSkillsCentre!

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

FIRST SESSION FREE!

- 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.

Next block of sessions now available
-13th April - 18th May
-Priced at only £5 per session

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




HARROGATE TOWN AFC
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Don't forget it's Casual Day tomorrow for the children where they can wear their own clothes to school instead of school uniform. Please ensure the children dress appropriately for school and the weather, and please bring in your £1 donation. Thank you.

Additionally, don't forget **we close at 2.30pm tomorrow**.

Well, it's goodbye from me. Thank you so much again for all your support and for all your kind words. I wish you all the very best for the future in everything you do.

Have a fantastic holiday and Miss Woodcock and the team will look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 13th April at the usual time.

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

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher