



Rossett Acre Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Gold & Silver Gilt Award - Rossett Acre in full bloom!

Yorkshire in Bloom have announced the 2026 winners of their awards and we are pleased to tell you that Harrogate in Bloom won a gold award and were overall winners in their category. As a school, we were very proud to be a part of the Harrogate entry; Eco Committee and Gardening Club showed the judges around our school in the Summer Term. The judges were very impressed with all the hard work and the many wonderful projects around school.

Our Gardening Club also entered the Young People's Award competition and won a silver gilt award - well done to all of our children involved both on the day and throughout the year. A big thank you also needs to go to Mrs Robinson and Miss Kirkwood who work very hard in making sure we continue to do so well.

We received comprehensive feedback including the following, "It was impressive to see the importance which the school places in giving children a chance to explore and love nature."



Kate Woodcock
Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 2nd October

Training Day

Monday 5th October

EYFS Parent Wellbeing and Attendance information evening – 6pm

Tuesday 13th October

Afternoon Tea 2pm and
Open Classrooms 3-3.30pm

Thursday 15th October

EYFS – Open Day for 2027 starters.
Booking details are on our website.

Friday 16th October

Year 4 Eden Camp Visit

Wednesday 21st October

EYFS – Open Day for 2027 starters.
Booking details are on our website.

Thursday 22 October

Casual Day £1

Friday 23rd October

Training Day

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance: 94.9%.

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. Visit our website for our Attendance strategy.

Congratulations to the following children, who received a certificate in last week's Celebration

Assembly: Oscar F (HH), Ruby J (RB), Albie M (EM), Max K (AB), Ivy T (JJ/CR), Reuben D (SK/BS), Harvey W (BS/LS), Sophia B (PA/EH), Poppy J (JW), Lexi F (RI), Varsha P, Matilda W (TM).

YEAR GROUP SPOTLIGHT – Year 4

Jam Coding visited Year 4 last Wednesday to introduce the children to programming using KODU, a free game-development environment that helps children develop their understanding of basic programming.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and had great fun creating and experimenting with programming their own games.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Reminders

- Remember to keep collecting for our PTA Jumble Sale.
- Our Gardening Club are always on the lookout for any gardening equipment, seeds and things to grow.
- We love having parents visiting us in school and hearing about the work you do. As part of our Careers curriculum, we like to invite you in to talk to the children about your job. Contact Mrs Shaw via the office to arrange this.
- School is closed to children tomorrow due to our Training Day.

ECO TOP TIP

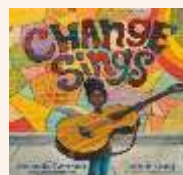
Check Your Tyres - Tyres that are underinflated use more fuel and have less grip. Topping them up will save you money, fuel and improve safety.

SAFEGUARDING

I wanted to tell you all about the FREE access all North Yorkshire families have to online parenting support through North Yorkshire Council: [Togetherness - Togetherness](#)

There are all kinds of online learning opportunities covering everything from sleep, resilience, play, behaviour, understanding trauma, your role as a parent, developing parenting resilience and much more. If you have any worries, this is a great place to start to help you learn more.

DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday Mr Marshall read the story Change Sings by Amanda Gorman. We joined a young girl as she led a cast of characters on a musical journey. They learnt that they have the power to make changes - big or small - in the world, in their communities, and most importantly, in themselves.

PTA NEWS

Jumble Sale: Saturday 17 October 10am-12pm

Our annual Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 17th October, from 10am-12pm. Please save the date and start saving all your jumble donations. We need lots of clean clothing (adult & child), shoes, accessories, toys, and bric-a-brac (no books). We have limited storage so please keep these items at home and bring into school the week starting Oct 12th.

We really need a few more volunteers to help with the Jumble Sale, at the moment we don't have enough help to run the stalls. Helpers are needed either at 9.45am or at 10.45am, for one hour, or for the full morning. It's always a fun morning, so please come and help us. Email Mrs Vlack if you are able to help: vlackg@rap.rklt.co.uk. We also need people who might be able to come after the sale at 12noon with their car to take leftovers to local charity shops. Thank you.



Save the date:

Parkrun Takeover: Sunday 8th November 2026 - 9am – Valley Gardens, Harrogate - more details to follow soon.

Story Evening: Tuesday 17th November 2026 – More info coming soon!

Christmas Event: TBC – Watch this space!



Spring Ball!!!: Saturday 15th May 2027 – The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrogate – more details and ticket sales coming soon!

If anyone would like to support the *first* ever Rossett Acre 'Parents Spring Ball' as sponsors or helpers, please email Louise Lodge at louisealodge@gmail.com. We are looking for raffle prizes, DJ contacts, table decorations or anything that can make the Ball fabulous!!

Road Safety Information

Please have a look at the road safety leaflet via the link below and share with your children as a gentle reminder of how to use roadways and pedestrian footpaths safely.



[RedKite-RoadSafetyLeaflet-March-2026](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Christmas Card Competition

Attached are details of a Christmas Card competition that your child can take part in if they wish to.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING

Holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors at Ilkley. The other option is climbing indoors and receive an amazing introduction to such an awesome sport. Activities include climbing, abseiling and weaselling. An action packed day they'll remember.

Holiday Session - from £62.50 (7-17 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: 26th, 28th, 30th October 2027
Big Depot Leeds: 27th-29th October 2027
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