



Rossett Acre Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: Thursday 15th October 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Another very busy week for Rossett Acre.

We enjoyed welcoming parents, carers, grandparents for our Afternoon Tea on Tuesday where we enjoyed Andrea's very tasty scones and treats. Then we loved opening our doors for everyone to join us for our first Open Classroom afternoon.

It was wonderful to see so many of you joining us in school to celebrate the wonderful work your children do.

Today, we held our first Open Day for September 2027 starters. I can't believe it is that time of year again. If you know of anyone with children due to start in September, please direct them to our website to sign up for our further Open Days happening soon.



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Kate Woodcock
Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 16th October
Year 4 Eden Camp Visit

Saturday 17th October
Jumble Sale

Monday 19th October
Harvest Festival – children event only

Tuesday 20th October
Year 5 Mrs Wood's Class Assembly
9.10am

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: 96.9%

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:

Aoife O'F-P (HH), Sienna J (RB), Zara S (EM), Rupert B-M (AB) Theo H (JJ/CR), Henry B (SK/BS), Jamie M (BS/LS), Charlie W (PA/EH), Margot C (JW), Darcy B (RI), Toby S, Kasjan P (CD), Freddie W (TM).

ROSSETT ACRE GARDENING CLUB WIN GOLD!

Last week, Mrs Robinson attended the Harrogate in Bloom Awards. Rossett Acre Gardening Club won a Gold certificate and were the overall winner in the school gardening competition. Well done to all the children who worked so hard last year to achieve this fantastic result for the second year running. Our school was commended for links with our local community and for the hard work the children have put into projects such as tree planting to improve our school environment.

ECO TOP TIP

Put an extra layer on before turning on the heating.



SAFEGUARDING

Please make sure you update us with any changes in circumstances and/or contact details.

This is to ensure we can contact you or someone on your approved list if we need to, as quickly as possible.

Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Reminders

- Jumble Sale on Saturday – pop along to find some bargains.
- Harvest Festival donations.
- Training Day on the 19 November **2027** has been cancelled.
- Our playgroup continues to grow in numbers, but we are happy to welcome more. This is open to the whole community and not limited to Rossett Acre parents and toddlers. If you know of anyone who would like to join us on a Friday morning, pass on these details...



DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, Miss Illingworth read the story April's Garden by Isla McGuckin.

This is a beautiful story and is linked to International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS

Being in school helps children learn, build friendships and feel connected.

100% **0 days** missed

97% about **6 days** missed

95% about **10 days / 2 weeks** missed

90% **19 days / nearly 4 weeks** missed
That is almost one day missed every fortnight.

85% about **29 days / nearly 6 weeks** missed

Not sure if your child is too ill for school?
Use the NHS guidance link below.

If attendance is becoming difficult, please talk to us – we are here to help.

We have noticed that our weekly attendance is starting to drop.

We understand that there can be many barriers to children coming to school and we are always here to listen and support this.

We also understand that it is getting to that time of year when colds, coughs and other nasty bugs start to do the rounds.

If you would like to discuss any concerns around attendance, please contact the office and ask to talk to Miss Bland, our Learning Mentor, who is always more than happy to make time for you.

NHS guidance: [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

YEAR 5 NETBALL TOURNAMENT - TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

On Tuesday, eight Year 5 girls attended the Sporting Influence High 5 Netball Tournament at Ashville College with Miss Blyde and Mrs Jauncey.

Bella B, Evie C, Hannah J, Lara K, Amelie C, Poppy J, Emily C and Mollie D all played with super enthusiasm and teamwork, showing great sporting support to each other and the opposing teams. Netball was a new sport to many of the players, and by the end of the morning, they had all had a try in each of the five netball positions available for the tournament.

Well done to Emily C who received the Sporting Influence certificate.



PTA NEWS

Jumble Sale: Saturday 17 October 10am-12pm

Our Rossett Acre Jumble Sale is this Saturday 17th October, 10-12, in the Sports Hall. £1 entry for adults. Please come along and grab yourself a bargain, we have a huge selection of wonderful things. All clothing is 50p. Invite your friends and neighbours and help make this event a big success.

Thanks to all the people who have volunteered to help. If you are free on Friday, anytime between 2-5pm, and could spare even half an hour to help us set up the Sports Hall, it would be greatly appreciated.



Parkrun Takeover: Sunday 8th November 2026 - 9am – Valley Gardens, Harrogate - Details have been shared by email.



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO (IN BRIEF)?

1. Go to the [Park Run](#) website and sign up to get your Parkrun barcode, which you will need on the day of the run (if you don't have one don't worry you can still take part)
2. [Click Here](#) to Sign up for the run with school. This is a separate sign up so we can get an idea of how many medals we will need (if you don't do this you can still take part, but your child might not get a medal).
3. Ask friends and family to sponsor your run to help raise money for the PTA.

Information of how you can complete these 3 steps along with date, time and the location is detailed in the email that you will have received on Monday.

We have provided the children with sponsorship forms and set up a [JustGiving](#) page for donations.

Thank you for your support

Save the date:

Christmas Experience: TBC – Watch this space!

Spring Ball - Tickets: Saturday 15th May 2027 – The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrogate - Scan QR code below or [Click Here](#)

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!!



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Glow Ride Cycling Event

Changing Landscapes in partnership with Cycling UK, are holding a cycling event in Harrogate. They want to light up the night with bright colours, high viz jackets and twinkly lights. They are aiming to highlight the need for better cycling provision as well as the need for safer streets.

The cycling event will be held on Thursday 22 October starting at 19:00 and finishing around 20:30. They will cycle about 4 miles around Harrogate. Meeting on **the Stray** near Prince of Wales Roundabout.

This is a family friendly event and everyone is welcome, but ask that participants are able to ride their bike safely on roads and wear a helmet.

<https://bbr.cyclinguk.org/events/details/?id=655f05b9-d4b8-f111-aaae-6045bdd24f82>



Chess Competition

The Harrogate & District Primary Schools Chess Association (HDPSCA) is holding its annual team tournament at The Manhattan Club, Beech Avenue, Harrogate HG2 8DY on Saturday 21st November from 9.30am to 1pm.

Each team shall comprise 4 players in fixed order of playing ability with the best player being on board 1. In addition, one reserve player can be selected who is only allowed to play on board 4. Each team will play 5 rounds of games.

If you would like to express an interest in this competition, please let the school office know and your child's details will be forwarded on. There must also be a parent who is willing to accompany the children on the day.