Rossett Acre Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: *Thursday 22nd October 2026*

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful and busy first half term we have had!

It has been so lovely to see everyone back and enjoying all the exciting, fun learning activities which having been going on each week.

We have even had Ofsted which was 'an experience' but one where we were able to shine and demonstrate what a fantastic school Rossett Acre is.

Once again, thank you to everyone for all your support.

Staffing Update

We are saying au revoir to Miss Smith (GTA, Y1) who is taking on a new challenge and will be working in France. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all she has done and in wishing her the very best for her future.

I hope you all have a lovely, fun filled half term break and we will see you all again soon.

Kate Woodcock
Headteacher



UPCOMING DATES

Friday 23rd October
Training Day – school closed. Half term.

Monday 2nd November
Back to school

Sunday 8th November
Junior Park Run

Wednesday 18th November
Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 19th November
Parents Evening – Face to Face. Details to follow

Tuesday 24th November
Parents Evening – Face to Face. Details to follow

Wednesday 25th November
EYFS Open Day
Year 4 Mrs Haslam/Mrs Aslam's Class Assembly 9.10am

Friday 27th November
Training Day

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance: 93.2%

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:

Isabella B (HH), Olive L (RB), Laurence J (EM), Daisy J (AB), Emilia L (JJ/CR), Jacob T (SK/BS), Deimante G (JW), Thomas P (RI), Charlie P, Edward R (CD), Heather D-G (TM).

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

On Monday afternoon, we gathered at St Mark's Church for our annual Harvest Festival, where the theme, 'Seeds of Kindness', encouraged everyone to reflect on how small acts of kindness can grow into something bigger and more beautiful. The children shared poems, explored practical ways to show kindness within their community and thoughtfully considered the impact their actions can have on others. A small ensemble of children also performed 'Seeds of Friendship' beautifully, adding a special touch to the celebration. Our Harvest table was filled with generous donations and we would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who contributed. These donations will be given to Resurrected Bites in Hornbeam Park. We are also very grateful to Liz for her lovely words at the church and to all the parent helpers who made it possible for us to walk safely to and from the celebration. One final big thank you needs to go to Miss Illingworth who organised the whole event.



ECO TOP TIP

Cut food waste: Plan your weekly meals, write a strict shopping list, and freeze leftovers before they spoil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Reminders

- Finish for half term **today** (Thursday 22nd October – back in school Monday 2nd November
- Park Run Takeover – Sunday 8th November
- Training Day on the 19 November **2027** has been cancelled.
- Emblazon are currently selling coloured PE T-shirts for £2.

CAR PARKING

Please be mindful of where and how you park your car during drop off and collection times. We had a rather disgruntled neighbour turn up at the end of the school day on Tuesday because his, and others, driveways are being blocked by parked cars.

SAFEGUARDING

Before and After School Safety Rules

1. Please keep children off the play equipment, trim trails and Forest School area before and after school.
2. Ensure children do not ride their bikes and scooters until they have left the site.
3. Please keep your children with you as you wait for the teachers to open up.

Thank you for your support.

Poetry Slam

The Poetry Slam performances last Friday were fantastic across school. All groups improved from their rehearsal by taking on board feedback and taking their performance to another level and we held the Poetry Slam assembly on Wednesday this week. The children were fantastic and put lots of effort and expression into their performances. Well done to all the children who took part in the auditions and the final, itself!

First class assembly of the year – Year 5 Mrs Wood's class



A huge well done to Mrs Wood's Year 5 class for their fantastic class assembly on the science topic of Forces. Throughout the term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this area of physics through a range of practical investigations, answering scientific questions and developing their understanding of how forces affect the world around us.

The highlight of the assembly had to be their brilliant performance of "Can You Feel the Force?". With enthusiastic singing, fantastic actions and plenty of smiling faces, the children showcased their learning with confidence and energy. It was a wonderful celebration of their hard work and scientific curiosity.

Well done, Year 5!

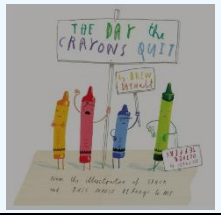
Year 3 had quite a shock on Monday!



Both classes came in after break to find that they had no chairs because they had quit! There was an accompanying letter from the chairs explaining all the reasons why they felt they could no longer be used by the children in the classes. The children then had to use all their powers of persuasion to 'persuade' them to come back. They worked together to write powerful messages to try and win the chairs over.

Thankfully they succeeded and the children were able to use them again.

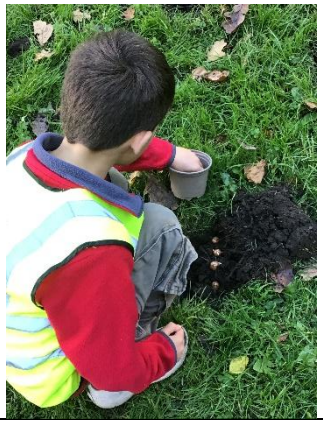
This was part of the work we have been doing linked to the story The Day the Crayons Quit.



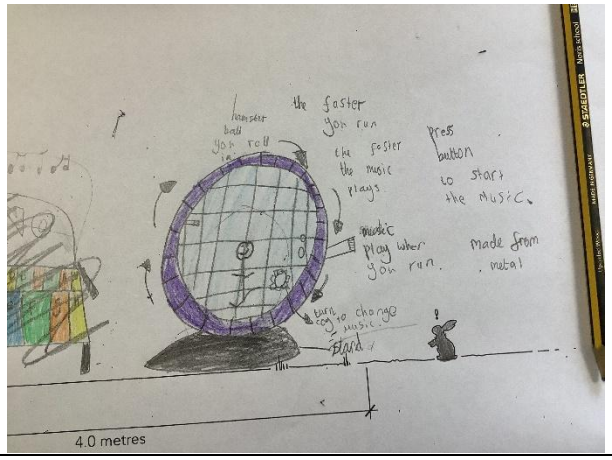
Today, children from Year 4 went to the top of Valley Gardens to plant 2000 crocus bulbs with the Rotary Club. The purple crocuses signify the global irradicating of polio campaign which the Rotary Club champion. This is the 4th year we have been involved in the bulb planting and the children did a fabulous job and it was a pleasure to take them.

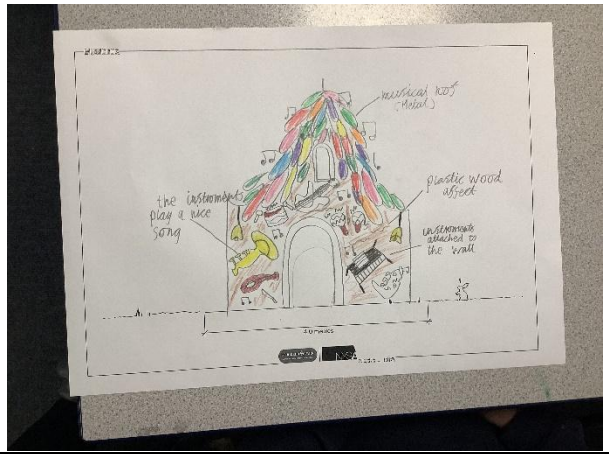
Mrs Ingle
Deputy Headteacher





On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting workshop led by four professional architects from the North Yorkshire RIBA Branch. The children learned about careers in architecture before putting their creative skills to the test by designing a unique “Music Box” structure for a county-wide competition in partnership with Stockeld Park. Their designs aim to capture the fun and imaginative spirit of the Music Garden and bring smiles to visitors. The winning design will be built as a full-size installation and permanently displayed at Stockeld Park from summer 2027, while all entries will be showcased in an online exhibition. We look forward to seeing how our budding architects get on!





PTA NEWS

Jumble Update:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Jumble Sale and an especially big THANK YOU to the staff and parents who helped to set up, run the stalls and clear down. It was a big success and so far, we have made **over £800**!!!

ParkRun Take Over: Sunday 8th November – 9am, Valley Gardens

Our next event is not far away now, our Annual Park Run Take Over! We are sure the kids are excited for this one and hopefully everyone has collected lots of sponsors already.

A reminder of the info to sign your child up:

👉 To get a barcode and time register your child with Park Run here:

👉 To receive a medal and certificate sign up here:

👉 To start raising money, share this JustGiving link with family and friends:

We can’t wait to see our school come together for this very special event.



Christmas Experience: 21st November 2026 from 1pm - 4pm

We are also excited to let you know about our Christmas event. We are hoping this gets the Christmas season off to a fantastic start!

We are planning a Christmas experience where you will be able to make reindeer food, write a letter to Santa, make a Christmas wish and decorate a festive biscuit - this ticket will be £5 per child (adults and babes in arms are free).

If your child would also like to visit Santa and receive a small gift in addition to the above, this ticket will be £10.

We will also have a bar selling festive treats and an opportunity for your child to visit 'Elfridges' to buy a family member or friend a little gift, as well as entertainment from our fabulous singing squad!

Book your tickets NOW! Please choose your time slots for Santa visits when purchasing your tickets (https://tinyurl.com/33zhhv7m).

Any donations for Elfridges would also be greatly appreciated (new or unopened gifts please). Please also contact us if you are able to help make this event happen, whether it be in the lead up or on the day itself by emailing us at rossettacrepta@gmail.com.

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

Please follow the link to see the month's edition of: **Primary Times**

Harrogate & District Community Action (HADCA) - Are You A Young Person?

Want to try something new, meet new people and make a difference in your local community?

The Power of 10 is a great way to get started with volunteering.

Whether you already know what you'd like to do or have never volunteered before, we can help you find opportunities that suit your interests, skills and availability.

You don't need to have previous volunteering experience, and you don't have to know exactly what you want to do. The Power of 10 is about giving it a go, finding something that interests you and discovering what you can achieve.




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THE SUNDAY TIMES
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A BIODIVERSITY NET LOSS - SMEEDEN FOREMAN REVIEW OF BNG INFORMATION
REASONS TO DONATE
Our beautiful Asset of Community Value woodland is still under threat by Danone development.
Danone/Harrogate Spring Water are appealing our councillors' decision to refuse their plans.
We need to make sure the community's voice and the case for protecting Rotary Wood are heard.
We intend to defend local democracy and our precious woodland: Rotary Wood, The Pinewoods.
Your support is needed to raise vital funds for legal fees and expert support. These funds will help us build a strong case to uphold the planning committee's decision, and the community's wishes to refuse the Danone/HSW planning application.
PLEASE DONATE TODAY.
Visit https://gofund.me/6b36b0dec or scan the QR code to donate.
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Scan to donate to Sarah Gibbs's fundraiser
"A Legal Fighting Fund For Rotary Wood."
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