Rossett Acre Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: *Thursday 5 November 2026*

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, everyone! I hope the half-term break offered you some time to rest and enjoy being together. It is lovely to see the children back in school and I look forward to all the learning and shared experiences this half term will bring.

On Monday, we thought about fire safety and linked this to safety around fireworks. If your family is enjoying Bonfire Night celebrations, I hope you have a lovely, safe time together.

November also offers an opportunity for reflection. As Remembrance approaches, we can help children think about peace, gratitude and the importance of caring for others, in ways that are appropriate to their age.

Later this month, Anti-Bullying Week, from 16–20 November, carries the theme "Break the Silence". It is a reminder that every child deserves to feel safe, valued and included. A kind word, an invitation to join a game, or speaking to a trusted adult about a worry can make a real difference.

There is plenty to look forward to, including the Park Run takeover and our parents' evenings. Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make our school a welcoming community. Let's make this a half term full of kindness, curiosity and friendship.



Kate Woodcock
Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday 8th November
Junior Park Run

Wednesday 18th November
Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 19th November
Parents Evening – Face to Face

Friday 20th November
Flu Vaccination Catch Up

Tuesday 24th November
Parents Evening – Online

Wednesday 25th November
EYFS Open Day

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

Friday 27th November
Training Day

Tuesday 2nd December
Year 4 Mrs Sims/Mrs Shaw's Class Assembly 9.10am

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance: 97.3%

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 term's Governor Assembly:

Lily H (HH), Harry T (RB), Zachary W (EM), Imogen W (AB), Dhaanish M (JJ/CR), Mila G (SK/BS), Sophie P (BS/LS) Max L (PA/EH), Luna G (JW), Gabriel R-C (RI), Luke D (CD), Harry M-G (TM).

Year Group Spotlight – Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed their first Forest School session of this academic year - a lovely opportunity to spend time together outdoors and begin a new season of discovery.

There is something special about stepping beyond the classroom, taking notice of the natural world and sharing new experiences with friends.

We look forward to seeing their curiosity, confidence and teamwork grow as their Forest School adventures continue throughout the year.

ECO TOP TIP

Make the most of every sheet. Before recycling paper, reuse the blank side for shopping lists, notes or children's drawings. Keep a small scrap-paper pile handy at home.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Reminders

- Park Run Takeover – Sunday 8th November
- 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 recently because his, and others, driveways are being blocked by parked cars.

SAFEGUARDING

Online Safety: Keep the Conversation Going

This half term, take a few minutes to explore the games, apps and videos your child enjoys. Ask what they like and whether anything has made them feel worried, uncomfortable or upset.

Check that content is age-appropriate, review privacy settings and parental controls, and agree simple family rules together. Keep talking: settings alone cannot replace regular conversations.

Remind your child: if something online worries you, stop and tell a trusted adult. If your child shares a concern, stay calm, listen without blame and reassure them that telling you was the right thing to do. Use the service's reporting tools where appropriate.

For support, speak to a member of staff about contacting the school's safeguarding lead. You can also find practical advice in the NSPCC's online safety guidance.

DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, Miss Kirkwood read the beautiful story Rainforest Warrior by Anita Ganeri. This non-fiction book is a fascinating tale of one of the first well-known environmental activists, Chico Mendes, who fought tirelessly to save the Amazon rainforest as well as fighting for people's rights.



Tree Mulching





On Thursday 29th October, some Eco Committee members took part in a tree workshop. It was run by Fund4Trees as part of their charity cycle. We helped put mulch around newly planted and young trees in our school grounds to help them establish and thrive.

Mulch provides a protective layer against hot, dry summers by locking in soil moisture. This is so valuable to tree roots and adds valuable organic matter as it decomposes. Mulch also keeps mowers and strimmers away from tree bases preventing bark and internal vascular tissue damage.

The interactive workshop discussed their favourite trees; how trees grow; products from trees that are used in everyday life; the value of trees in urban areas (e.g. for wildlife, the peaceful feeling they provide); picking up on environmental themes such oxygen production and CO2 absorption and linking this to climate change.

Meeting Joseph Coleho

Several of our children were lucky enough to attend the poetry talk and the Reading Rave as part of Raworths' Literature Festival during half term. We have all of Joseph Coelho's picture books and poetry books in school and he was the inspiration for starting our own Poetry Slam three years ago. The children listened to a talk and had their books signed by the man himself. It's great to meet an author, especially when it is someone we learn about in school.





Children in Need - Friday 13th November

To support Children in Need 2026, we are inviting children to wear something spotty to school on Friday 13th November for a £1 donation.

The PVA children will also be visiting classes during the week commencing 9th November to sell Pudsey ears and badges, which children can then wear on the Friday 'spotty' day. Please send your child in with £1 cash if they would like to purchase these. We will initially limit purchases to one item per child to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to buy something.



In addition, raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the playground from 3.15pm on several afternoons next week, giving children the chance to win a large **Pudsey Bear soft toy.** The winner will be announced on Friday 13th.

There is a fundraising link: https://www.enterpriseteampudsey.co.uk/page/rossett-acre-primary, as well as the **QR code** should you wish to donate electronically. Please feel free to share this link with our wider school community, family and friends.

QR Code

Let's see how much we can raise!

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Message from BBC Look North

BBC Look North are currently organising a Children in Need challenge, which is taking place Monday 9th to Friday 13th November.

The challenge involves the presenter Amy Garcia and Lindsey Burrow walking 5 x 15 plus mile routes through Yorkshire whilst pulling a red Look North sofa.

On Day 1 of the challenge the ladies will take on North Yorkshire – walking from Ripon to Knaresborough, via Harrogate.

They will arrive through Harrogate at around 17:00 on Monday 9th November via these roads:
Across the back fields via the Nidd Gorge Viaduct
Woodfield Road
Skipton Road
Dragon Road to the station
Cambridge Crescent to Bettys



We will be live in Harrogate on Look North then depart at just before 7pm via:
West Park
York Place
Knaresborough Road to Starbeck

This is a link to the website, which will have a live tracker on throughout the day: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/pushforpudsey/

PTA NEWS



ParkRun Take Over: THIS SUNDAY!!!! 8th November – 9am, Valley Gardens

The annual Park Run Take Over is THIS SUNDAY! We are sure the kids are excited for this one and hopefully everyone has collected lots of sponsors already.
Children are welcome to wear their Rossett Acre PE T-Shirt but this is not essential.

There is still time to sign your child up, here below is the info to do so:

👉 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

To get the 2026 Christmas season off to a fantastic start we have our Christmas Experience on Saturday 21st November at 1-4pm!

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

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!

Any **DONATIONS** for Elfridges would also be greatly appreciated (new or unopened gifts please). **VOLUNTEERS WANTED** - 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 or messaging Jen 07859 338163 or Sarah 07791 170164.

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

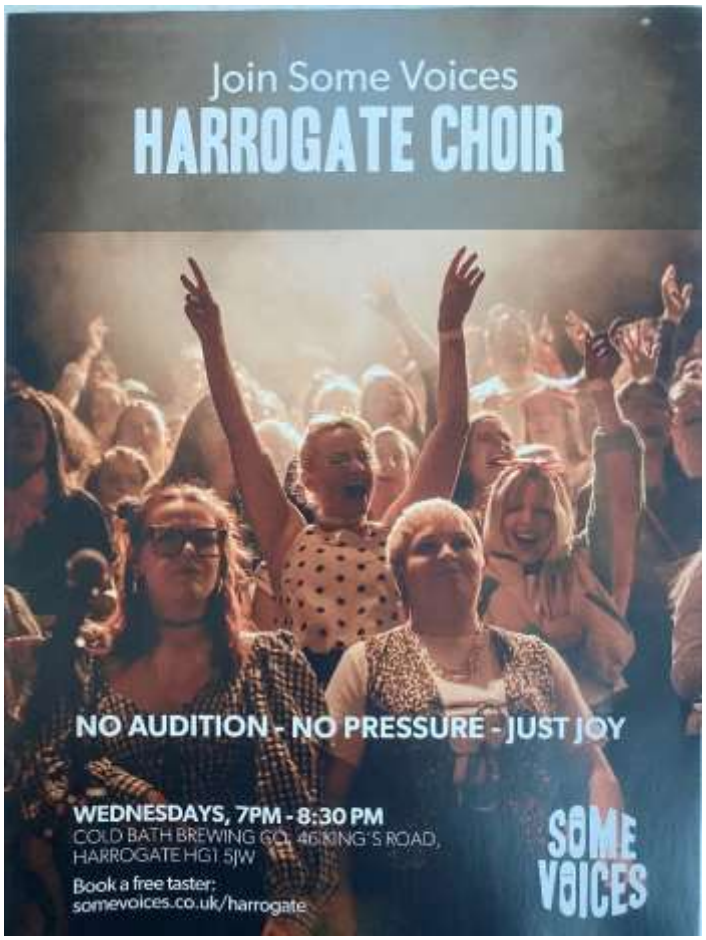
If anyone would like to support the *first ever* Rossett Acre 'Parents Spring Ball' as sponsors or helpers, please email Louise Lodge at louisealodge@gmail.com. We are looking for raffle prizes, DJ contacts, table decorations or anything that can make the Ball fabulous!!



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES









Please follow the link to the October half term edition of the Primary Times. [Primary Times Magazine]