Rossett Acre Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Date: *Thursday 26 November 2026*

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Although we have had a lot of poorly children, parents and staff this week, we have still managed to have fun while learning.

This week, our Maths on the Move activities have brought together learning and movement, giving every class the chance to get active while practising their maths skills. It is a lovely reminder that maths can be explored in lively and enjoyable ways. We hope the week inspires the children to keep spotting opportunities for maths in their everyday play and activities!

What a lovely Christmas experience we shared on Saturday! Full of joy and Christmas spirit, it was a wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy a little festive magic. A huge thank you to our PTA for all the time, care and hard work that went into making the event so special. Also, to Mrs Stott and our wonderful KS2 Singing Squad who performed beautifully.

A very special thank you also goes to Matilda W, Finley W, Amber R, Alfie R, Seb S, Xander S, Oscar R, Freddie S, Charlie B, Freddie W, Ben E and Penny B for supporting the event. We are so grateful to you for being part of this lovely occasion and helping to make it such a joyful celebration for our school community.

I really hope everyone starts to feel better soon and we see everyone back in school again on Monday.

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Kate Woodcock
Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES

Friday 27th November
Training Day

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

Thursday 3rd December
Mrs Lamb's Re-scheduled Parents' Evening (Face to Face)

Miss Barker's Re-scheduled Parents' Evening (Online)

Tuesday 8th December
9:30am – EYFS Nativity
2:30pm – KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 8th December
Year 3 Temple Newsam Trip

Wednesday 9th December
9:30am – KS1 Nativity
2:30pm – EYFS Nativity

Thursday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance: 87.9%

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:

Harry E (HH), Sophie L (RB), Emily L (EM), Imogen O (AB), Maisie R (JJ/CR), Martha (SK/BS), Amelia W (BS/LS), Oliver S-B (PA/EH), Lara K (JW), Amelia D (RI), Amber R (CD), Hannah S, Freddie S (TM).

This week's Spotlight – Year 2

Alongside lot of rehearsals for their Nativity, Year 2 have been writing about the magic chocolate machine in English for the past week and they have absolutely loved it:

Last week, Year 2 received the Magic Chocolate Machine from Mr Willy Wonka. We followed instructions to operate the machine which turned a simple paperclip into a delicious chocolate bar! Mr Wonka shared a competition to design a new chocolate machine for his factory, so this week Year 2 have been busy designing their own chocolate machines and writing a clear set of instructions to work the magic machines.



ECO TOP TIP

Primary schools are invited to take part in the **Hidden Treasure Hunt**, a national campaign encouraging families to recycle unwanted electrical items. Schools can earn points every time a family recycles an old electrical item and registers it online, with the chance to win a share of **£20,000 in Currys vouchers for Microsoft technology prizes**.

The campaign is free to join and includes ready-made resources for schools, including lesson plans, posters and parent communications. Families can recycle any unwanted electrical item with a plug, battery or cable at their local household waste recycling centre or Currys store.

For more information and to register visit:
[The Pod | The Hidden Treasure Hunt 2026-27]

The first 400 eligible schools to sign up will receive a FREE printed flyer pack to help get their whole school community involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- School is closed for a training day TOMORROW.



SAFEGUARDING – SAFER WALKS HOME

With the evenings getting darker, please take a little time to talk with your child about staying safe when walking home from school or after-school clubs.

Help children be seen by adding reflective strips or accessories to coats and bags. Remind them to use pavements, choose safe crossing places and stop, look, listen and think before crossing. Phones should stay tucked away and headphones be removed when crossing roads.

If your child walks independently, practise an agreed route together and talk through what to do if plans change or they need help. Consider whether they need adult company as conditions change, and hold younger children's hands near roads. Thank you for helping everyone enjoy a safer journey home.

DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Mrs Shaw read It's your World Now! by Barry Falls. This is a beautiful and funny celebration of the world and the potential of each and every child. This is the perfect book to read out loud - helping children to appreciate the wonderful things that exist in the world, and the great things that they can do, as well as allowing them to understand some of the setbacks that may happen.

Also, in school …

Energy Sparks visit to Eco Committee and Year 3

On Wednesday 18th November, Energy Sparks came in to work with Eco Committee and Year 3. We explored Miss Kirkwood's classroom using the thermal camera. It was fascinating! We looked at the heat imprint on our chairs after we had sat on them and saw what happens when you touch a wall and remove your hand - a handprint shows up on the wall! We used the camera to find items which were producing heat hence using energy and discussed how to save energy. We also used the camera to see what happens when you open a window and watched the heat escape.

In Year 3's workshop, we explored our school's energy usage using the Energy Sparks portal. We also learnt how our school's solar panels work and watched a demonstration using the Energy Spark's solar box. The children loved seeing the lightbulb light up using purely solar energy.

Year 4 Mrs Aslam and Mrs Halsam
A huge well done to Year 4 for their lovely class assembly, sharing their learning about the Second World War. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's hard work and the care they have taken in exploring this important topic. We are very proud of you all! Thank you to Mrs Aslam and Mrs Haslam for supporting the children and helping them bring their learning together.

Year 3 & 4 Football Competition
Last Tuesday our Year 4 footballers braved the cold and rainy conditions to take part in an interschool football tournament at Rossett. We took two teams of seven children, and every player gave their best effort throughout. The children showed excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship, playing some fantastic football despite the cold weather. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school. Well done, Year 4!

Scroogical Pantomime

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome the pantomime 'Scroogical' to school, which provided a thoroughly enjoyable experience for children and adults alike! There was plenty of singing, dancing and laughter, with everyone enthusiastically joining in. The children had already learnt some of the songs during singing assemblies, enabling them to participate - which they really enjoyed! There were lots of positive comments from the children afterwards, particularly about how funny and entertaining it was. It was also a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a live theatrical performance and be inspired by the actors' performance in the run-up to our own Nativity and KS1 Christmas performances.

Gardening Club



Well done to the children at Gardening Club who made this fantastic Room on the Broom scarecrow for the Southlands care home scarecrow festival. We hope it made the residents smile!

CHESS COMPETITION

Last Saturday we had two teams enter the chess competition at the Manhattan Club. They tried their absolute hardest and did so well representing our school. They had 5 chess matches each and the level of concentration from each of them was incredible, their parents were very proud of them all!

Team 1 - Archer K, Luke D, Aidan D, Mark F were placed 4th which is an incredible achievement.
Team 2 - Luke F, Seamus S, Joshua S-K, Alwyn H-G, Edwin B didn't place but tried their absolute hardest.

Team 1 received medals and both teams received a certificate. Well done boys.





Events Coming Up



KS2 Christmas Concert

The KS2 Christmas Concert is on Monday 14th December at St' Mark's church for a 6:30pm prompt start. This year's theme is 'Classic Christmas Stories' and we would love to see you there. There is limited seating so please can only 2 people per child attend. It is an optional event so if you're child cannot make the evening please let your child's teacher know so they are able to organise speaking parts effectively.

PTA NEWS



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along and supported the Rossett Acre Christmas Experience on Saturday! It was lovely to see so many families and smiling children enjoying the festive activities, atmosphere and the magical visit from the big man himself, Santa!

Here are some of our amazing helpers.



EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- **Quiz Night –** Date TBC – Early 2027
- **Story Evening –** Date TBC – Early 2027
- **Rossett Acre Spring Ball –** Saturday 15th May 2027 – See below
- **The Nidderdale Challenge Walk/Run –** Sunday 16th May 2027

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





3rd Harrogate Scout Group are opening a Squirrel section (4-6 years) from January on a Monday from 5pm. They also have availability for Beavers (6-8 years) and Cubs (8-10.5 years) sections. I have attached our flyer and wondered if you would be able to sha