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 'Excellence and happiness for all'*

Charity No.1048680

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 24 October 2024

Forthcoming dates for your diary	
Fri 25 Oct	TOMORROW Break for half term – 3.30pm
Mon 4 Nov	School re-opens
Thurs 7 Nov	*NEW* Rescheduled Fire Service Visit
Sat 9 Nov	PTA Jumble sale 10am – Drop off jumble after half term
Thurs 14 Nov	*NEW* Parents' evening – Online 4-7pm: Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/latest/letters/
Thurs 14 Nov	*NEW* Children in Need – Details to follow
Friday 15 Nov	*NEW* Training Day – Children not in school.
Tues 19 Nov	*NEW* Parents' Evening – In person 4-7pm: Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/latest/letters/
Thurs 21 Nov	*NEW* Open Day for new starters 2025
Thurs 21 Nov	PTA Story Evening 5.45-6.45pm
Fri 22 Nov	*NEW* Walk to School Day
Sat 30 Nov	PTA Christmas Fair – 1-4pm
Thur 12 Dec	*NEW* Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Mon 16 Dec	*NEW* KS2 Christmas Concert St Mark's Church 7pm
Fri 20 Dec	*NEW* Close for Christmas 2.30pm

Well, we have reached week eight of this half-term; it has been a very busy one!

We continue to focus on children having good manners in school, and I must say that I have seen a definite improvement in this area. Well done to all the children showing good manners – I am so proud of you all.



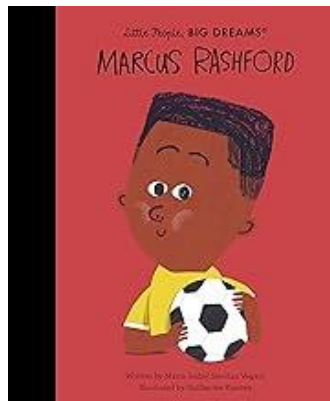
We still have a few children who do not always remember to use their 'please, thank you, excuse me, sorry, may I' so we will continue to work on this after the holidays, along with our mission to keep our school cloakrooms tidier and minimise hazards on the floor. After the holiday we will be re-introducing the weekly 'Tidy Cloakroom Award'. I wonder which class will receive the first award in school?

If you could support us with ensuring children use their good manners over the holiday period, that would be great, as we want to keep the momentum going, and for the children who always use good manners without being reminded (and there are a lot), I salute you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety."
(Abraham Maslow – American psychologist)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



October is Black History Month and on Wednesday this week, Miss Illingworth read the 'Little People, Big Dreams' book about Marcus Rashford written by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara.

This book is about the world-famous footballer and campaigner against child hunger.

The Music played this week was Billy Ocean – When the Going Gets Tough.

If you would like to hear this story for yourself, you can do so here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5S9cRSvQVfM>

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Freddie J (AC), Martha S (CN/SK), Sofija H (RB), Freya H (HH), Lilly F (KM/BS), Sophie P, Hargun K (AB), Harrison J (JJ/CR), Effie D (EW), Harry E (AI/LS), Charlie P, Varsha P (PA/EH) Ellie W (JW), Lennon G (RI), Isla S (CD), Aston W (TM).

POETRY SLAM

On Tuesday this week, we held our first Poetry Slam event, which was fabulous! I was incredibly proud of the children who got up and performed, showing us their oracy and drama skills, but also their confidence and bravery, getting up in front of a hall full of children and adults. Great job!

Thank you to every child who took part and learnt some poetry. I am looking forward to our next Poetry Slam in the Summer term.

Miss Dodgson put the following on Class Dojo on Tuesday to share with parents, however, I am aware that our EYFS parents may not have seen this, so I have included it below.

Wow! The first Rossett Acre Poetry Slam has been a runaway success!

Children from Y1 to Y6 have been learning poetry by heart over the past couple of weeks, focusing carefully on their oracy skills, including gesture and facial expression. It has been lovely to see children rehearsing at playtime and being excited about poetry.

Each class held a Poetry Slam Competition, and the winners performed in assembly. I was absolutely blown away by every single performance. Each group/child had a unique style and had selected poems from a wide range of poets. The audience - adults and children alike - were completely enthralled by the children's poetry performances.

I am hoping that we can share some of them with you as some Y6 children filmed the performances.

Well done to everyone for taking part in the first ever Rossett Acre Poetry Slam. Roll on summer when we will do it all over again :-)

Miss Dodgson





Mrs Ingle led an assembly on Monday about the BBC 500 Words competition which is open for children to enter with their own original stories ofno more than 500 words! There is more information on the website link below.

It is an excellent opportunity for children to use their imagination to write an original story. There are 2 age categories – 5-7years and 8-11years and the closing date is 9pm on 9 November. Children can enter via the BBC site. The top 50 entries will be invited to Buckingham Palace, it really is an exciting competition.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bbc-500-words>

Remember to also email your entries into the office if you enter so we can award house points and run our own internal competition too!

GOODBYES

Tomorrow, we say 'goodbye' to Mrs Lang who has been a TA in school for many, many years. We are really going to miss Mrs Lang and want to wish her the very best for the future and hope that her next chapter in life brings her happiness and joy.

HELLOS

After half-term we welcome Mrs Rebecca Bednall as a TA in Year 5, Miss Millie Stead 1:1 TA in EYFS and Miss Zoe Murray who will be covering Mrs Bridge's maternity in Year 2, who is an experienced teacher. We hope that all our new colleagues settle well and enjoy working with us at Rossett Acre.

HALLOWEEN CHICKENS!

Our school chickens have been given a Halloween treat this week, courtesy of George H, Drew and Scarlett. The chickens had a semi-carved Halloween pumpkin delivered to them, and it has obviously been a huge hit with them; they've found it rather yummy and have ensured that the facial features on the pumpkin are now fully shown - due to their pecking of it. Thank you to Mrs Robinson and Mrs Pearson who supported the children with this – the chickens love it!



Beymax, Mrs Cluckston, Nugget and Silky.



Nugget wanting all the limelight.



BULB PLANTING WITH THE ROTARY CLUB

Today, Miss Addyman and I took 13 KS2 children to plant bulbs at Valley Gardens with Harrogate Rotary Club members. We planted purple crocuses to promote awareness of the Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate Polio. Today is World Polio Day. The children had a great time, working with the Rotary members to carefully plant the crocuses in groups of ten in the holes provided. The weather was thankfully kind to us, and we'd like to thank the Rotary Club for inviting us to be part of this important event again this year.



OPEN DAY

Our next Open Day is on Thursday 21 November. If you know of anyone who has a child starting school in September 2025, then please do encourage them to book onto a tour. Thank you.

Please follow the link to book a tour: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-days-thursday-17th-october-and-thursday-21st-november-2024-tickets-717067065897>

ECO INFORMATION
Repair dripping taps!

ATTENDANCE

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Attendance: Friday 18 October 2024 to Thursday 24 October 2024
96.62%

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 6

Remember: The gates open at 8.40pm and school starts promptly at 8.50am.

How do we monitor your child's attendance?

If your child is absent from school, first we will phone you. If we have no response, we will complete a home visit.

- 95.5% Your child's attendance target
- Below 95% Child's attendance monitored by school
- Below 90% Child is considered a persistent absentee

190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 DAYS ABSENCE	19 DAYS ABSENCE	29 DAYS ABSENCE	38 DAYS ABSENCE	47 DAYS ABSENCE
	180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	A MONTH MISSED OF EDUCATION	A WHOLE HALF TERM MISSED	2 MONTHS OF SCHOOL MISSED	NEARLY 1/4 OF SCHOOL YEAR MISSED
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%

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We have had some great attendance figures this half term. Fabulous! Let's see if we can keep attendance high next half term too.

A big thank you to everyone who arrives each day at school on time.

PTA JUMBLE SALE

Please collect as much jumble as possible over the half term break. It's the perfect time for a clear out. We are looking for clean clothing (women, men, children), accessories, toys, games, & bric-a-brac (no books please). Bring it into school anytime between the 4th-8th November and leave at the front office and we will transfer to the garage.

We are still in need of more helpers to run stalls at the jumble sale on Sat 9th Nov, 9.45am onwards, please message Mrs Vlack if you can help, vlackg@rap.rklt.co.uk

COMMUNITY

FAMILY FUN WITH CRAFTS - FREE HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES BY ADULT LEARNING NORTH YORKSHIRE

Audience: Primary and Secondary Schools

Cascade: Headteachers, Safeguarding Leads, Senco, Parents, Carers & Adult Family Members

This half-term, Adult Learning North Yorkshire is offering free Halloween-themed family activities at multiple locations across the county. The Family Fun with Crafts sessions are designed for parents, carers, and their children to come together and create eco-friendly Halloween decorations using basic, sustainable materials.

Session highlights:

Craft spooktacular Halloween decorations: Using basic, sustainable materials, participants will create unique Halloween crafts. Inclusive for all skill levels: Everyone is welcome to join in the fun, whether a beginner or an experienced crafter.

Family bonding: Spend quality time together while making eco-friendly decorations.

Guidance provided: All materials will be supplied, and the friendly teachers will be on hand to assist throughout the session.

Locations and dates:

Catterick Library & Information Centre: Monday, 28th October, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Ripon Library & Information Centre: Monday, 28th October, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Scarborough Library & Information Centre: Monday, 28th October, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Whitby Library & Information Centre: Monday, 28th October, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Knaresborough Library & Information Centre: Tuesday, 29th October, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Norton Hive Library: Tuesday, 29th October, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Selby North Children and Families Hub (Pumpkin Carving Sessions): Tuesday, 29th October, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM and Wednesday, 30th October, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Selby Library & Information Centre: Thursday, 31st October, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Skipton Library & Information Centre: Wednesday, 30th October, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Filey Library & Information Centre: Thursday, 31st October, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Thirsk Library & Information Centre: Thursday, 31st October, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Harrogate Library & Information Centre: Friday, 1st November, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Malton Library & Information Centre: Friday, 1st November, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Northallerton Library: Friday, 1st November, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pickering Library & Information Centre: Friday, 1st November, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

To enrol, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/FamilyFunCraftsHalfTerm10>

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16th, 23rd, 30th Nov and 7th Dec

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Supporting your child with Key Stage 2 Maths
Mondays 11 November - 16 December, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Support your child to develop their maths skills in line with the current curriculum while improving your own maths ability. You will also explore tips and techniques to ensure that your child is fully prepared for their maths journey in Key Stage Two and beyond.

Supporting your child with Year 6 Maths
Mondays 24 February - 24 March, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

With the return of year 6 SATs this year, this course will provide you with increased knowledge of SATs content and how you can support your child.

For further information please phone and ask to speak with a Learner Engagement Officer

Web: www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning
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See overleaf for details of our Year 7 Taster Day and how to book



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Our formal Taster Day programme for girls considering joining College in Upper 3 in September 2025 or 2026 is a great way to find out more about the next school in your daughter's educational journey.

Year 7 Taster Day for 2025 and 2026 Entry


Saturday 9 November
9.30am - 1.30pm

Open to girls in Year 6 or Year 8
Experience a carousel of activities run by our teachers
Meet some potential classmates
Meet some teachers and form tutors
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Try out our food (prepared on-site by our catering team)

To register visit www.hlc.org.uk/taster-day or email events@hlc.org.uk



To find out more please email admissions@hlc.org.uk or call **01423 537045**



Have a wonderful half term holiday, everyone. I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 4th November 2024.



Corrine Penhale
Headteacher