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*Our school:
 'Excellence and happiness for all'*

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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 7 November 2024

Forthcoming dates for your diary	
Sat 9 Nov	PTA Jumble sale 10am
Tues 12 Nov	*NEW* Odd Socks Day – Wear odd socks to school to raise awareness for Anti-bullying Week. (School Uniform should be worn as usual – except for the socks which can be whacky!)
Thurs 14 Nov	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	Training Day – Children not in school.
Tues 19 Nov	Parents' Evening – In person 4-7pm: Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/latest/letters/
Thurs 21 Nov	Open Day for new starters 2025
Thurs 21 Nov	PTA Story Evening 5.45-6.45pm
Fri 22 Nov	Walk to School Day
Sat 30 Nov	PTA Christmas Fair – 1-4pm
Thurs 12 Dec	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Mon 16 Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert St Mark's Church 7pm
Fri 20 Dec	Close for Christmas 2.30pm
Mon 6 Jan	*NEW* Training Day
Tues 7 Jan	*NEW* School opens

Welcome back, everyone. I hope you had a lovely half-term break.

This half-term is always a very busy one, so steady yourself and let's go!



At Rossett Acre we are a Centre of Excellence for Financial Education and Enterprise and feel it is so important for children to know about money early in life. This week is Talk Money week, with the theme being 'Do one thing.' The following website Money Helper, is a useful resource for parents:

[Talk Learn Do | MoneyHelper](#)

The children have been learning about money this week in class.

On Monday I led an assembly reminding the children of our school rules: **Ready, Respectful & Safe (RRS)** and our Golden Rule 'Treat others the way you would want to be treated.'

The children have been remembering to use their manners around school, with lots of doors being opened and 'please' and 'thank you' being used, which is fabulous. We will be continuing this focus and adding the following: how children should walk around school (walking sensibly) and tidy cloakrooms. I will be giving out the first 'Tidy Cloakroom Award' tomorrow.

Next week is Anti-bullying Week and Miss Whiteley (Year 3 teacher and PSHCE leader) and I will be leading an assembly around this year's theme which is: 'Choose Respect' to start off the week. The children will be looking at Anti-bullying in class too. Here is a short video from the Anti-bullying Alliance https://youtu.be/sZ_CkltlgS4

We will also be holding an 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday 12 November to show our commitment to Anti-bullying and to raise awareness. We hope the children will join us in wearing odd socks on the day – the whackier the better! Here is this year's song from Andy and the Odd Socks – Choose Respect 2024 for Anti-bullying Week. It's catchy!! [Andy and the Odd Socks Choose Respect 2024 for Anti Bullying Week](#)

More on what we get up to in next week's newsletter.

PRIOR NOTICE – SCAFFOLDING

Our solar panels are not working correctly in school, and we need to have work carried out on them. Scaffolding will be erected in the school grounds around the Sports Hall on 15th November 2024 and work will commence on 9th December. This should cause minimal disruption.

JUMBLE SALE

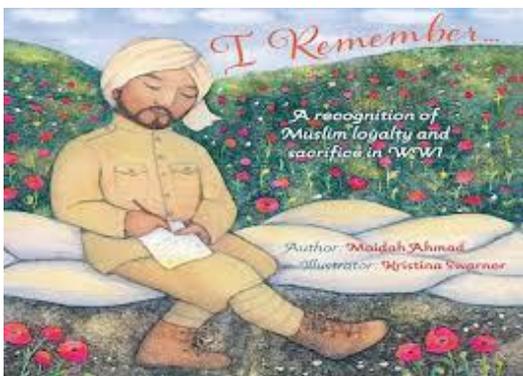
Our Jumble Sale is this Saturday 10am – midday in our Sports Hall. Access from the front of the school via the Sports Hall entrance.

Don't forget to drop off your jumble for us – the last day is tomorrow. Thank you for all the fabulous donations of jumble that have been sent in already. You are amazing!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I follow three rules: Do the right thing, do the best you can, and always show people you care."
(Lou Holtz – Former American Football Head Coach)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Mrs Mansfield read the book 'I Remember.... A recognition of Muslim loyalty and sacrifice in World War I' by author Ahmad Maidah and illustrated by Swarner Kristina.

Amazon states that "This book is a letter between a Muslim grandchild to his/her war hero great grandpa to reassure him that his story, his bravery, and his memory have not been forgotten. Through the eyes of an innocent child, we are reminded that, despite all our differences, people from across the world have a shared history and there are more ties that bind us together than separate us."

The music played this week was: The Kingston Trio: Where Have All the Flowers Gone?

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received an Exemplary Behaviour certificate in our Governor Assembly before the half term break: Mya K (AC), Sebbie P (CN/SK), Sophie L (RB), Alfie P (HH), George (KM/BS), Oscar R (AB), Gabriel R-C (JJ/CR), Gaurav U (EW), Aiden D (AI/LS), Holly W-M (PA/EH) James B (JW), Liam H (RI), Harry W (CD), Robbie F (TM).

Congratulations to the children on Top Table on the Friday before half-term: Mason G (Y1) Isabelle P (Y2), Noah D (Y3), Amber R (Y4), Liam H (RI), Robyn S (TM).

HOUSE TEAM WINNERS

On Friday 25th October, the Y6 House Point Captains announced the winning House Team for the first half-term of this academic year. I'm pleased to inform you (especially as I am in this house team) that 'Tigers' won! Well done, Tigers.

We listened to 'The Eye of the Tiger' song by Survivor to celebrate.

Good luck to all house teams this half term. I wonder who will win?

DRAMA KIDS

Year 4 had a great time on Wednesday morning with a drama workshop with Keiran from Drama Kids! The children acted out scenarios linked to World War II, which is the theme for this term. They were packing their bags for being evacuated and then they planned their escape back to London. Kieran gave the children tips on how to project their voices and how to engage the audience. This fed into our curriculum writing linked to the Shirley Hughes Book - The Lion and the Unicorn, where an evacuee child wishes to return to London to check on his mum.

Drama Kids also run a children's drama workshop in the Green Hut on a Thursday afternoon which children can attend.



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

Fill the kettle less – only use the water you need for the amount of drinks you are making.

ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

**Attendance: Friday 25 October 2024 to Thursday 7 November 2024
95.93%**

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 5

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

Stay on Track

It is difficult to "catch up" when time is missed. Starting the day late can impact your child's entire day and affects the whole classroom



Reduce Anxiety

Your child will feel connected academically and socially when they have good attendance



Build Confidence

Good school attendance helps to build habits that will last a lifetime and transfer to life beyond public school



Let's keep focusing on attendance. A big thank you to everyone who arrives each day at school on time.

PTA EVENTS

Jumble Sale

Our annual Jumble Sale is this Saturday, 1000 – 1200. It will be well worth the visit with lots of clothes, toys, books, electronics and some hidden treasures - at really great prices.

Story Evening

Story Evening for Early Years, Y1 and Y2 is being held on Thursday 21st November at 5.45pm. Please book your child in asap <http://pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre>

Christmas Fair

Please also don't forget to secure your Santa experience slot. These are limited so it is very important to book in advance: <http://pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre>

Plans for our Christmas Fair are in full swing. You should have all received the volunteer sign up link through your class WhatsApp groups - please take a look and see how you can help.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Rossett Acre Christmas Fair is back!

Please help us make this another fabulous event for all! We cannot do this without the support of families, teachers and friends. Please support us in any way you can.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

WE NEED DONATIONS!

- Christmas decorations
- Craft supplies
- Tombola prizes
- Mince pies
- Financial contributions towards the entertainment on the day

ON THE DAY HELP AND SUPPORT

If you can help please call 0740211322 or email rossettacrepta@gmail.com

Thank you.



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CHRISTMAS At Rossett Acre

A festive afternoon with Santa with crafts, hot chocolate, mulled wine, mince pies, games and much more

NOVEMBER 30TH

1400 - 1600

QUIET HOUR FROM 1300 FOR THOSE THAT DON'T LIKE IT TOO BUSY!

We also need:

- Christmas decorations
- Mince pies
- Craft supplies
- Raffle prizes
- Fairy lights
- Mulled wine

Anything you are able to donate, and/or time you are able to give will be greatly appreciated and goes such a long way towards making these events possible.

If you do have any questions about any PTA events or would like to be more involved please email rossettacrepta@gmail.com

COMMUNITY

There are some online courses that may be useful. See below:



An online course to help parents communicate better with each other

Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Arguing better is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.

Register at this address www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england or scan the QR code

- *Arguing better* is designed for parents who want to learn healthy ways to deal with stress and conflict.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.
- The course will take about 40 minutes to complete, so it's best to give yourself enough time and space to reflect.



An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

Getting it right for children is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

You will learn:

- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.

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- *Getting it right for children* is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.



An online course for new and expectant parents

Me, You and Baby too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it's also one of the biggest changes you and your partner are likely to go through. You'll both be tired and stressed, and you may argue more.

Me, You and Baby Too is a free online course that can help you navigate these changes and keep moving forward together.

You will learn:

- What your baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

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Proposed School Admission Arrangements 2026/2027

In accordance with our statutory duty under The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulation 2012. North Yorkshire Council is consulting on proposed school admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools 2026/2027.

The consultation opens on 28 October 2024 and closes on 18 December 2024. You may view this at

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/consultations-and-engagement/current-consultations/proposed-school-admission-arrangements-2026-2027>

If you wish to respond, please use the following link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/rs8dl5> bearing in mind that this consultation ends on 18 December 2024.

Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC and Free Schools

The determination of admission arrangements for Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC and Free Schools is the responsibility of the schools' governing bodies as the admission authority for the school. Any comments relating to a Voluntary Aided, Foundation, Academy, UTC or Free Schools should be addressed directly to the school in question.

Drama Kids

Create and perform in your own unique class Pantomime this half term with Award-winning Drama Kids! Ages 5 – 18. No experience necessary. No auditions. Drama is for Everyone!
2-Week Trial for £20 – sessions £10 per week. Limited availability

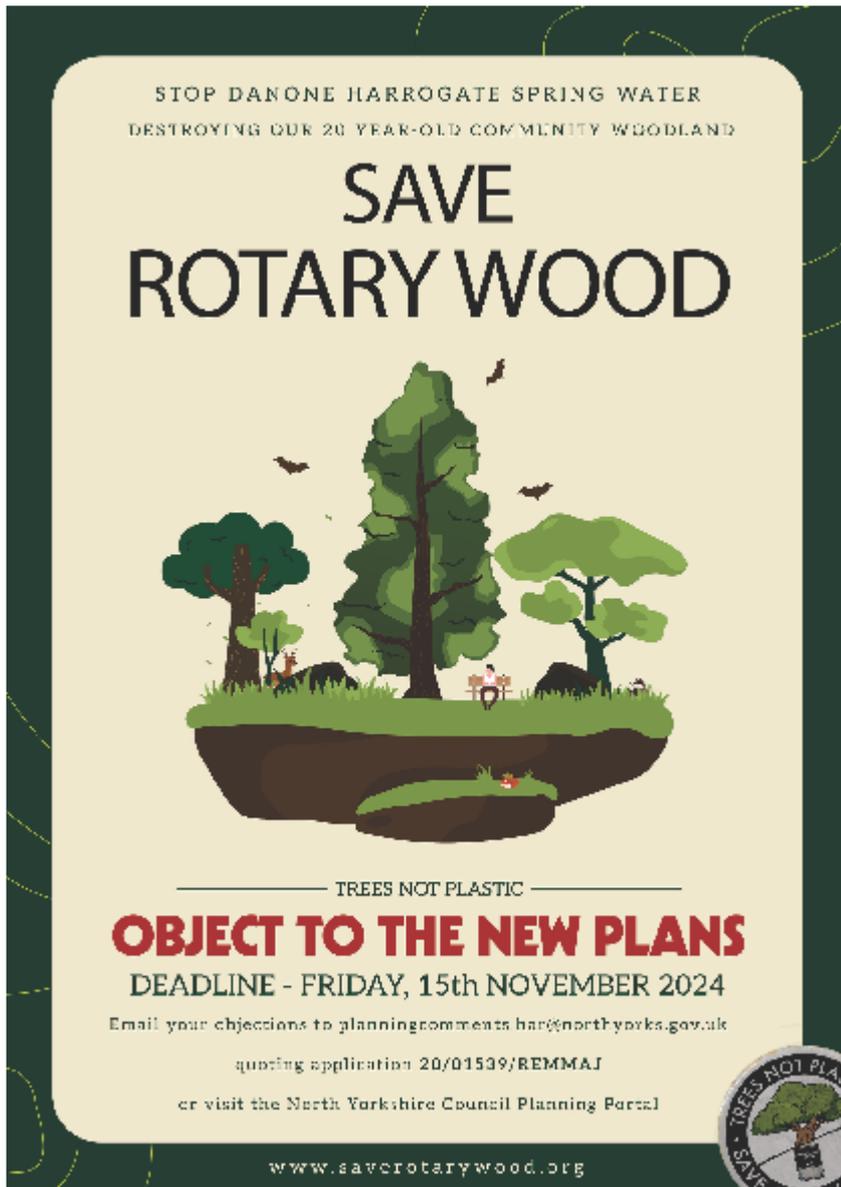


The advertisement features a group of diverse children in black t-shirts with 'DRAMA KIDS' written on them, posing in a line. Above them is a teal speech bubble containing the text '2-WEEK TRIAL FOR £20'. The 'DRAMA KIDS' logo is in the top left corner. Below the children, the words 'PANTOMIME TIME!' are written in large, stylized letters. At the bottom, a pink box contains contact information: 'CONTACT US', 'york@dramakids.co.uk', '07309 880805', and '01904 492998'.

Reserve your space at <https://york.dramakids.co.uk/list> or contact Caryn at york@dramakids.co.uk / 07309 880805 for more information.

Save Rotary Wood

Double click on flyer to open page 2.



Rotary Young Artist Competition 2024-2025

Children - you could win money for yourself and for school and be entered for the District Heats and hopefully the National final!

Introduction

The Rotary Young Artist Competition is organised and promoted by Rotary.

There are three stages to the competition:

- 1 **First stage** 'Local Heat'
- 2 **Second stage** 'District Finals' For the winners of the Local Heats
- 3 **Third stage** 'National Final'

Who can take part?

Junior - up to and including 10 year olds
Intermediate - 11 to 13 years old
Senior - 14 to 17 years old

Task

To produce one finished 2-dimensional, up to a maximum size of A2, unframed, piece of artwork based upon the theme, 'Wonderful Water'. Artwork in any medium is welcomed e.g. pen & ink, paint, collage, print making or digital formats.

THEME – ‘Wonderful Water’

The ‘Wonderful Water’ theme can be interpreted as broadly as you wish and does not need to conform to the dictionary definition.

Share your creative talents in showing what this theme means to you!

Entrants: MUST provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of the artwork to the theme. This sentence must be entered on the separate entry form.

Aims and Objectives

The competition aims to encourage you to: • be creative • develop skills in using traditional, contemporary or digital media • demonstrate interpretation of the topic • express personal ideas through a selected medium

Judges

The judges will be people with appropriate skills appointed by the organisers at the club and district levels for the Local Heats and District Finals. At the National level the judges will be appointed by Rotary GB&I and will not be Rotarians. The Judges will consider: • technical merit • content and composition • imagination and style • relevance to the Theme.

Recognition

At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a Certificate of Participation. Prizes of £75, £50 and £25 for the winner, runner up and third placed participant of each of the age groups for the National Final are kindly supplied by artist Lucy Pittaway and the Fine Art Trade Guild. The 3 winners will together, also have the opportunity to have a one-hour online meeting with Lucy, and fellow member of the Fine Art Group of the Guild and artist, Caroline Evans.

Deadline

For entry into the First Stage of District Heats: Thursday January 9th 2025

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend. I look forward to seeing you at our Jumble Sale this Saturday.



Corrine Penhale
Headteacher