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

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 30 January 2025

Forthcoming dates for your diary

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| Thurs 6 Feb | Parent afternoon tea 2-3pm – see information and booking link below. Open Classrooms 3-3.30pm |
| Fri 7 Feb | Walk to School Day |
| Fri 14 Feb | Doughnut sale 3.20pm |
| Fri 14 Feb | Close for half-term at normal school closing times. |
| Mon 24 Feb | School re-opens |
| Tues 4 Mar | Story Evening 5.45pm |
| Thurs 6 Mar | World Book Day |
| Thurs 13 Mar | Miss Whiteley's class assembly 9.10am |
| Fri 14 Mar | Red Nose Day |
| Mon 17 Mar | *NEW* EYFS & Y6 NHS Height and Weight Check |
| Thurs 20 Mar | Mrs Jones/Mrs Reddish class assembly 9.10am |
| Fri 21 Mar | PTA Quiz Night 7pm |
| Thurs 27 Mar | Parents' Evening – In person 4-7pm |
| Tues 1 Apr | Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm |
| Thurs 3 Apr | EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (TBC - PM) |
| Fri 4 Apr | Close for Easter at 2.30pm |

On Monday, I led an assembly about Anti-littering. The children were great at answering questions relating to the issues linked to littering and were very engaged. I shared some facts with the children e.g. Did you know that plastic bottles can last for about 450 years?! We also discussed how litter can affect our environment, even lowering the price of houses in some areas. We also looked at the impact littering can have on animals and how so many of them can get caught up in/eat litter and become injured or even die.



Great British Spring Clean/Great Big School Clean

Between 21st March – 6th April, Keep Britain Tidy are holding their Great British Spring Clean/Great Big School Clean. Individuals, groups or schools are asked to sign up and pledge to collect a number of bin bags full of litter. More details here: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean#:~:text=The%20Great%20British%20Spring%20Clean,than%20400%2C000%20bags%20of%20litter.>

We are hoping to take part in this as a school – the majority of children raised their hands when I asked who would be willing to join in with making our environment look better and helping to remove the litter from our streets and countryside. In fact, several children have come to me to ask how they can get involved, which is why I have shared this information with you in advance of the event. Additionally, quite a few children were very concerned with the litter on the beach and how this affects the animals and sea life creatures there, so maybe a trip to the coast at the beginning of the Easter holiday would be a possibility?

It would be great if as many of our families as possible, could be involved and help us to make our surroundings more pleasant and rid the litter that blights it.

There is safety and equipment advice on the link above but please remember to ensure that you and your child/ren are safe whilst litter picking. Strong gloves and litter pickers are a must, and a hi-vis vest is recommended. Remember: **Taking part in the Great British Spring Clean is at your own risk, so please only take part if you are willing to take this risk.**

You may need to ask permission from the landowner to litter pick if you wish to do so on private land.

I've had a quick look on Amazon and litter pickers can be picked up quite cheaply there; I also believe that Argos and Screwfix may sell them. I know that some councils also support litter picking and have some litter pickers that can be used – I don't know if Harrogate Council does this, but it may be worth asking.

I wonder how many bin bags of litter we can pick up as a school? If every child and adult in school managed to collect one bin bag each through litter picking, we would be able to pledge 475 bags in total. That would be amazing!

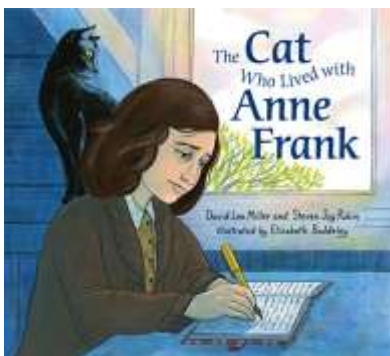
Pledging begins in February – Mrs Mansfield who is our Eco Leader in school and our school Eco-committee will be touch over the next few weeks but in the meantime, have a think about whether you would like to be involved in the Great British Spring Clean and if you do, where you might go to litter pick.

After looking at the state of some parts of the Chevin in Otley last weekend, I think I may litter pick there – a place where I have collected many bags of litter in the past!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Inside of you, there is the power to change the world.' (Avina Celeste)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday, Mr Marshall read the book 'The Cat who Lived with Anne Frank' written by David Lee Miller and Steven Jay Rubin and illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley.

This links to Holocaust Memorial Day which was on Monday this week. The book is written through the view of Anne's cat.

The music played this week was: Goodbye Odessa - Yiddish Song.

If you would like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGPfj_l00

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Henry B (AC), Sebbie P (SK/CN) George E (RB), Amelia S (HH), Jack R (ZM), Jael D (KM/BS), Valerie L (JJ/CR), Felicity L (EW), Martha P (AI/LS), Edward R (PA/EH), Juna B (JW), Abigail C (RI), Annabelle E (CD), Isla S (TM).

Congratulations to the children who were on the Top Table last week:

Jack B (CN/SK), Ivy T (RB), Maiya (ZM), Isobel W (EW), Tess B, (PA/EH), Teddy S (RI), Isla S (TM)

FOOTBALL COMPETITION SUCCESS

On Tuesday evening, 9 x Year 5 boys took part in a Sporting Influence football competition at Rossett High School. We played 5 matches in total and either drew or won all our matches. One of our boys commented "We didn't lose a single match - how ace is that!". The toughest match was the 5th and final one against Pannal, who always bring a strong team. The boys rose to the challenge in spectacular fashion and managed to secure a 1-1 draw, with Ozzy S showing incredible drive to maintain possession of the ball. Overall, we came FIRST and we were all very proud of this achievement! At the end of the event, Laurence was awarded an individual certificate for his determination as part of Sporting Influence's 'Social Skills' focus. Thank you to Mrs Wood and Mrs Jones who accompanied the children at the event and a huge well done from us all goes to: Chester L, Alexandros N, Lawrence R, Oscar B, Ozzy S, Ned C, Seb B, Sonny L-C and Teddy S.



NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

National Storytelling Week takes place from Saturday 1 February – Sunday 9 February. This is an annual event which is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. This year the theme is 'Reimagine your World.' Stories can take us into a whole new realm, can teach us about the world around us, help us to see a situation from someone else's point of view, evoke empathy, as well as bring great joy and trigger our imagination. Why not snuggle up with your child and a book this weekend, or visit the library together, have some quiet time to read your favourite book or start a new book and learn something new. The possibilities are endless. I hope whatever books you choose, bring you lots of joy.

PARENT/CARER/GRANDPARENT AFTERNOON TEA

We would be delighted for you to join us for Afternoon Tea on Thursday 6th February at 2pm in the Sports Hall. Miss Woodcock and our Nurture Team will be there to chat, and we will be offering scones and sweet treats together with tea and coffee.

Please complete the form below if you are able to join us. Please note that the form will close at 10am **tomorrow** (31st January). <https://forms.office.com/e/hcqme2JPG5>

ECO INFORMATION

Any water not drunk, use to water the house plants.

ATTENDANCE



Attendance Friday 24 January to Thursday 30 January 2025
96.02%

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 13

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



Did you know that if your child is just 5 minutes late to school each day, this is the equivalent of 3.4 whole school days in one year – that's 17 lessons!

HARROGATE IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Design a flower bed for 2025 depicting '250 years of the USA'

Harrogate in Bloom along with Harrogate Parks Department is promoting a schools' competition for children between the ages of seven and eleven years to design a flower bed, which will be planted in 2026, on the circular bed near the main entrance of the Valley Gardens to promote 'the 250th anniversary of the USA'. The title reinforces the link that the town of Harrogate has enjoyed with Menwith Hill, which is a USA base.

The criteria for the competition is below. A template for the design can be picked up from the school office.

- Please make sure your design is simple but colourful. The bed will be planted in June of the following year. Please bear in mind blue can be a difficult colour to source in flowers.
- Remember to draw simple shapes that our team can recreate using flowering plants.
- Please make sure your name, age, school address and telephone number are clearly written on the back.
- Harrogate Parks Department will be judging the designs and their decision will be final.

- Harrogate Parks Department reserves the right to change or reproduce any of the designs without seeking the individual's permission.

Suggestion of summer bedding plants

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| Begonia Non-Stop Yellow | Begonia super Olympia red | Begonia super Olympia pink | Marigold Durango Yellow |
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| Geranium horizon Violet | Geranium horizon Red | Gazania kiss yellow flame | Begonia Super Olympia White |

FOREST SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our Forest School team are hoping to acquire some cable reels (picture below). If anyone is able to get hold of a few, please drop them at school, opposite the office, next to the blue garage. Thank you.



COMMUNITY

Autism Central is a free programme commissioned by the NHS which provides high quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching for families and carers.

Daisy Chain is the charity delivering this service in the North East and Yorkshire. As well as group and individual coaching and support, we provide regular online and in-person learning opportunities covering a variety of topics relating to autism.

For more information, click on the following link: [Time Together In-person Learning Workshops - Harrogate - Daisy Chain](#)

Information for school families

LEAP – the energy and money saving service

You could be eligible to receive FREE energy advice to help cut your bills if you are: on a low income, receive Universal Credit or Housing Benefit, if you receive an income or disability related benefit. <https://www.communitysupportny.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/LEAP-flyer-2024.pdf> Call 0800 060 7567 www.applyforleap.org.uk

Household Support Fund

The Fund was set up to help people who are struggling with the increase in living costs and feeling the financial pressure of paying their bills. Anyone who has received a letter telling them that they are eligible for a Household Support Fund payment, must select their supermarket e-vouchers by 13 February 2025. Everyone who is eligible will have received a letter by 21 January 2025. Because the guidance has changed, some people who received a payment as part of a previous phase of the Household Support Fund may not this time. Find more information on the [North Yorkshire Council website](#)

Crafty Llamas at Artizan

Every Monday, 4pm-5pm at Artizan Café & Creative Space, Cambridge Road (next to McDonalds)

FREE crafty and fun after school session at Artizan Cafe & Creative Space for young people age 10-15 with additional needs. Get in touch to book your place today liz.cluderay@artizaninternational.org

Renew HG1 YP

<https://www.renewhg1.org.uk/young-people>

A space where young people in Years 7, 8 and 9 can come and be themselves, Renew HG1 YP is specifically designed to support young people who lack self-confidence, are anxious, find it hard to make friends, often express feelings of loneliness, struggle with their mental or emotional wellbeing. Tuesdays, from 3.30 - 5pm, at Harrogate Baptist Church Community Hall, opposite the Odeon cinema.

Free weekly football sessions with Harrogate Town AFC and Inspire Youth

Monday: 6:30-8pm and Thursday: 4:00-5:30pm, King George V Playing Field Knaresborough HG5 0LG
Wednesday: 6:30-8pm Boroughbridge Muga, Church Lane, Boroughbridge, YO519AY
A great activity for young people, with lots of social and physical benefit. Contact community@harrogatetownafc.com for more information or sign up [here](#). Find out about other Inspire Youth local sessions [here](#), including Inspire Together an inclusive youth and accessible youth club for ages 11+.

Pause at St John's, Bilton

The youth team at St John's & St Luke's are beginning a new weekly young people's group called **PAUSE** on a Tuesday from 3.15-5pm. It is going to be a drop in cafe space in St John's hall for young people in Y6-Y13. The aim is to provide a warm, welcoming space, where there is someone friendly to chat to, some games to play and some food and drinks. Contact Emma on youthwork@stjohnsandstlukes.org.uk for more information.

FREE money coaching session with CAP

Money coaching is a free service designed to empower you with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage your finances.

Tuesday 25 February, 11.30am – 12.30pm, Harrogate Neighbours Community Hub, Starbeck

<https://hadca.org.uk/events/free-money-coaching-sessions>

Meals and mini supermarket at St Peter's Church, Harrogate

Hot Breakfast 8.20 - 8.45 am Monday - Saturday

Mini Super Market 4.30 - 4.50 pm Thursdays - an opportunity to stock up on tins and bread

Breakfasts and mini supermarket produce are provided for those in need on a no questions asked basis.

If you have food or tins to donate, please place them in the hamper by the West door or contact the Parish Office. (07425 161 425 or stpeterschurchhgtoffice@gmail.com)

Essential Needs

The charity re-uses and redistributes good quality used furniture, household items and white goods to residents in need of support. They stock tables, chairs, beds, chest of drawers, cupboards and wardrobes. They also stock appliances including cooers, washing machines, driers, fridges, freezers and small electrical items such as lamps, toasters and kettles. Open to everyone, they run a two-tier price system – anyone in receipt of a means tested benefit or on a low income (less than £21k for an individual or £26k for a couple) can register with them to receive a 35% discount. Check out what's in stock right now at <https://essentialneeds.org.uk/in-stock>

Community transport in Harrogate

TVCSA provides community transport in Harrogate. Volunteer drivers provide door to door transport for individuals to attend medical appointments (e.g. doctors, hospital, dentist, etc.), shopping, or other social activities. Non-emergency service, bookings need to be made with at least two days' notice. **To book a journey please call 01423 206008.**

Online wellbeing

This NSPCC guide discusses the steps you can take to manage children and young people's digital/online wellbeing.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

Mums2Mums Market

Saturday 1 February, 2pm-4pm at Harrogate High School

35+ STALLS – Selling excellent condition baby and children's goods at BARGAIN prices. Well-known brands at a fraction of the cost. Literally everything you need for little ones.

Wondering what to do with your used stamps?

The Girl Guides are collecting them as part of their fundraising drive for the new Birk Crag Centre. They have an office in Community House, so you are welcome to drop them off here at reception any time during opening hours: Mon – Thurs 9am – 4.30pm. Community House, 46-50 East Parade, Harrogate, HG1 5RR.

Half term activities

Ideas for days out, free activities and fun for all the family this February half term

<https://harrogate.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/february-half-term/>

Birk Crag Centre Open Day

Saturday 22 March, 10am-2pm, Birk Crag Centre on Cornwall Road

Go along and take a look at the amazing progress that has been made with the build, show your support for Girlguiding North Yorkshire West, have a brew and buy a cake!

<https://www.birkcragcentre.org.uk/>

HADCA local resources

A reminder that our website has useful, local information on [Cost of Living Support](#) and [Welcoming Warm Spaces](#) (including for venues).

Half Term Clubs

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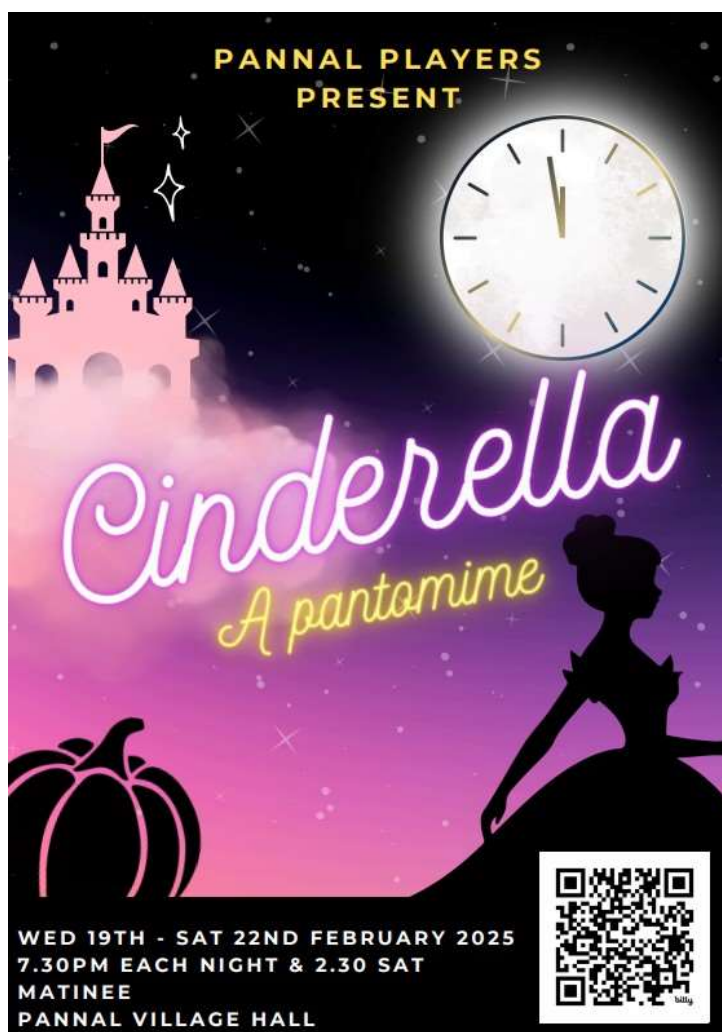
Book via our Facebook page
Outdoor Adventures Forest School

More Information Madeleine: 07886821453

FOREST SCHOOL

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

One of our pupils will be performing in Cinderella with the Pannal Players. If you can show support to Laurence (Y5), that would be wonderful.



Chess Championships

The Harrogate and District Primary Schools Chess Association is holding its annual Harrogate Junior Chess Championships at The Manhattan Club, Beech Avenue, Harrogate HG2 8DY on Saturday **5th APRIL** 2025 from 9am to 1pm.

The event is free to enter to all Harrogate & District Primary School children, all are welcome to take part, irrespective of playing ability. Please use the link below for entry.

Entry and further details can be found at: <https://hgjuniorchess.wixsite.com/website>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/JuniorChessHarrogate>

Recycle Sweet Tubs



TUB2PUB IS BACK FOR 2025!

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste! Bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to any Greene King pub between **1st January and 16th February 2025** to be recycled. All proceeds from the recycled plastic tubs will be donated to **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher