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NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 27 February 2025

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Mon 3 March	*NEW* Exciting Opportunity - Parent Meeting re: Child Online Safety. Anna Sarjantson from Screen-safe will be leading a free, non-judgemental event at Rossett Acre at 6.30pm. Smartphone Free Childhood Harrogate are also attending.
Tues 4 Mar	Story Evening 5.45pm
Thurs 6 Mar	World Book Day
Thurs 6 Mar	Mrs Mansfield/Mrs Shaw's Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 7 Mar	Miss Murray's Class Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 13 Mar	Miss Whiteley's Class Assembly 9.10am
Fri 14 Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 17 Mar	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	Miss Dodgson's Class Assembly 9.10am
Thurs 27 Mar	Parents' Evening – In person 4-7pm. Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=9574
Tues 1 Apr	Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm. Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=9574
Thurs 3 Apr	EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (TBC - PM)
Fri 4 Apr	Close for Easter at 2.30pm

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half-term break.

On Monday, our assembly was led by Claire Garside from 'The EXA Foundation' who came to speak to the children about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) people and jobs, which linked well to our Careers Education, which we are developing this year, and is part of our School Development Plan. The goal was to encourage more young people to consider careers within the UK's



thriving STEM industries. Claire shared information with the children about her STEM hero: Manu Prakash, who created the foldscope – a microscope that is small enough to fit in a person’s pocket and costs less than £1 to make! Claire gifted one of the microscopes to school, which was very kind of her.

Claire asked the children if they had anything in common with Manu and a few children said that they wanted to be a scientist. Many of the children thought they had qualities such as curiosity (one of our 3C’s in school) and creativity which are certainly needed if you work in STEM professions.

Claire stayed during the day and provided STEM workshops for Year 5 and Year 6.

I spoke to some of the children after the event and they were keen to tell me about the exciting activities they did – many of them thought a job in STEM was a possibility in the future. See below.

Thank you to Mrs Aslam for arranging this fabulous visit.

YEAR 5/6 STEM WORKSHOP

On Monday Year 5 and 6 spent time with Claire Garside who led a STEM workshop for each class. Claire visited us from EXA Foundation and explained to the children all about cyber security and how we can stay safe on the internet and how to protect ourselves from scams on our devices such as an iPad and mobile phone. Our first task was to unlock a padlock by creating an algorithm to create combinations for the lock. Unfortunately, we didn’t manage to work it out, however there was over 10,000 possible numbers it could have been. Our second task was to try and break the code on the micro:bit. Our teachers sent a signal to the micro:bit, we then had to work out the combination to break the signal.

The children all enjoyed the sessions and feel confident in being able to spot a scam.



KIDS ALOUD MUSICAL MAGIC REHEARSAL

On Sunday 23 February, 45 of our children (Y3 – Y6) attended a music rehearsal for the Kids Aloud Musical Magic performance at Aspin Primary School. The children had a great time as did the adults. A huge thank you to Mrs Stott, Miss Illingworth, Miss Dolan and Miss Smith who accompanied and supervised the children, giving their time so generously on a weekend.

We look forward to the full rehearsal and the performance this Saturday (1st March) at The Royal Hall, in Harrogate, which I know will be amazing. It is a long day for children and adults, approximately 8 hours, but it is always worth it. I can't wait!

MR MARSHALL'S CLASS ASSEMBLY

This morning, Mr Marshall's class performed their class assembly which was amazing! It was even more incredible as due to a date mix-up, the whole assembly was created, practiced and performed in less than 24 hours!

I spent the whole assembly smiling and it was a wonderful way to start a Thursday morning.

The children shared the work they had been doing in class and wow, had they packed a lot into six months! The children shared their spy work, as well as their art work, passing it around the audience (parents/carers and children) for everyone to see, their 20th Century Entertainment work projects, gave book recommendations and reviews, performed the Charleston dance, sang excellently to the Beatles 'Live and Let Die' (with supportive harmonies from Mr Marshall, which was lovely to witness) and played musical instruments in tune with the song – who doesn't love a xylophone, shakers and bells?!

All the children were brilliant in their performance, and it was a real light-hearted humorous assembly, however, I must give special recognition to Edward, who played a stunning solo of the James Bond theme (twice) at the start of the assembly on the trumpet – Well done, Edward, you are a very talented musician!

I am so proud of all the children, and the assembly absolutely made my day. Huge thanks to all the children, Mr Marshall and his team and to all the parents/carers who came along to watch the performance. I'm still smiling now, just thinking about it.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY - PARENT MEETING RE: CHILD ONLINE SAFETY, SMARTPHONE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH

On the evening of Monday 3rd March, we are excited to be able to offer you a fantastic opportunity to join us and Anna Sarjantson from Screen-safe, for a free, non-judgemental event at Rossett Acre starting at 6.30pm. This follows the very popular event that was held at Brackenfield School in December.

We would love as many parents/carers as possible to attend. I attended the Brackenfield event, and it was extremely informative, hard hitting and gave plenty of food for thought. It certainly opened the eyes of those attending to the potential dangers of social media, the internet and how children use mobile phones! Children's smartphone use, social media use and mental health will all be covered at this event including ways to support you and your child to navigate this minefield successfully.

We are delighted to inform you that Smartphone Free Childhood Harrogate will also be attending our Parent Event to share their campaign briefly with you too.

Smartphone Free Childhood Harrogate is a community of local parents who want to safely navigate their children's technology use. They want them to make the most of technology and avoid the pitfalls and dangers of the online world.

'Smartphone Free Childhood Harrogate – Growing Independence, Navigating Tech, Building Community.'

To submit a question to be asked/covered during the evening, please complete the simple, very quick form that can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Ny4ffr2nYF>

You can also use this form to inform us that you will be attending – you don't need to add a question if you don't have one.

Important: Please note that due to the content, this event is for **adults only** and not appropriate for children.

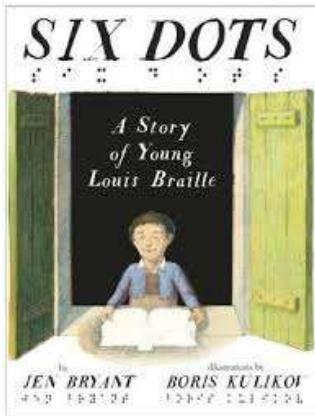
It would be great if we could have a huge turnout for this event as it is something that affects us all.

Refreshments will be provided.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Our attitude towards life determines life's attitude towards us.' (John N Mitchell, American politician)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



On Wednesday in our Picture Book Assembly, Mrs Wood read 'Six Dots. A Story of Young Louis Braille' written by Jen Bryant and illustrated by Boris Kulikon.

This book tells the biography of Louis Braille, a blind boy who is determined to read and invents his own alphabet.

The music this week was Stevie Wonder: Don't You Worry Bout A Thing.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9lQ5e1Hmog>

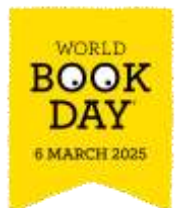
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in the Governor's Exemplary Behaviour Assembly during the last week of term: Freddie B (AC), Mark F (SK/CN), Martha C (RB), Isaac K (HH), Isabelle P (ZM), Zoe H (KM/BS), Jamie G (JJ/CR), Jacob W (EW), Erin B (AI/LS), Joe B (PA/EH), Ellie W (JW), Sonny L-C (RI), Erin W (CD), Harry S (TM).

Congratulations to the children who were on the Top Table last week: William M (EYFS), Emilia F (Yr 1) George J (Yr 2) Emily P (Yr 3), Toby S (Yr 4).

SPONSORED READ

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read starting on **World Book Day on Thursday March 6th to Thursday March 13th**. Again, school budgets are very tight this year and we are limited in what we can purchase over the current academic year and beyond. We would like to purchase some whole class sets of reading books as well as improving the selection of books in each class library or reading corner. The Reading Ambassadors already have some ideas about which books they would like to purchase and are currently talking to their classmates to seek their views too.



We would really appreciate your help in supporting our Sponsored Read. Miss Dodgson will launch the Sponsored Read next week in our Monday World Book Day Assembly, although you may want a head start in collecting sponsors. Children can read or be read to at home as well as completing additional Sponsored Read Sessions and additional book based sessions in school. Children can collect sponsors using the form provided (which will come home with your child) and then the donation can be made via your Arbor account (Arbor-School Shop-School Shop Products- Sponsored Read Donations). We appreciate all donations - large or small. Thank you for your support with our Sponsored Read.

WORLD BOOK DAY

It is World Book Day next Thursday on March 6th. If they wish, children could dress up on Thursday: wear pyjamas to curl up with a book, dress as a book character or dress as an adjective e.g. 'Wild' (come in an animal costume), 'Spotty' (come in spots), 'Cool' (come in a leather jacket, sunglasses etc), 'Magic' (come as a magical being). Children can also bring their favourite book into school. There is no pressure for children to dress up if they do not want to, the main focus is reading and for children to develop a love of books and reading. Throughout the week, children will be taking part in different book related activities. The Reading Ambassadors have lots of ideas which they have discussed with their class teachers to promote both World Book Day and the Sponsored Read. If you want to access some picture book videos for younger reader, click here.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/share-a-story-corner/> and there are tasters of books for KS2 on this link: <https://audioboom.com/channels/4903516-world-book-day-a-world-of-stories-online>. Happy reading everyone!

Please remember to send children in clothing that is warm enough to go outside in for breaks and lunchtime. They will need a warm coat and school shoes too.

IMAGINED THINGS BOOKSHOP – BOOK DONATION

As part of World Book Day, we have been gifted lots of the £1 WBD books and bookmarks from Imagined Things Bookshop in Harrogate. Miss Dodgson has distributed the books to each class which the teachers will hand out to each child. Thank you so much to Georgia, who owns Imagined Things Bookshop for organising this. If your child would like to swap their book for a different one, please call into the bookshop on Montpellier Parade.



YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 VISIT TO THE ROYAL HALL

On Friday 14th February, before half term, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 5 and 6 children to The Royal Hall by invitation from St. John Fishers Catholic High School to watch their school production of Sister Act. We all had a marvellous afternoon watching the show which was fabulous! The children at St. John Fishers were extremely talented and we saw some wonderful acting, singing and dancing; I expect to see the lead actor, who played Deloris Van Cartier, (Whoopi Goldberg's character in the actual Sister Act film), on the West End Stage or our televisions soon, as she smashed the role and was magnificent!

A huge thank you to St John Fishers school for inviting us and a massive well done to all the children and adults involved, including those working backstage and playing in the amazing band! We loved it! Thank you also to the Y5 & Y6 staff who accompanied and supervised the children and to some of our parents who also helped with supervision too. Your support was greatly appreciated.

YEAR 5 AND HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER

During the next two half terms, HGS Year 12 Sports Leaders will be coming in every Thursday morning to work with our Year 5 children during PE. This term they are focusing on football and next term it will be cricket. We love working with other schools and are delighted that the students will be joining us to help develop and support PE in school. It is also lovely to see some of our ex-students returning to work with us.

ECO INFORMATION

Ensure you have loft insulation – keep the warmth in!

ATTENDANCE



Attendance 14 February 2025 to Thursday 27 February 2025
95.35%

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 8

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	10 DAYS	19 DAYS	29 DAYS	38 DAYS	47 DAYS
DAYS FOR	ABSENCE	ABSENCE	ABSENCE	ABSENCE	ABSENCE
YOUR	180 DAYS	A MONTH	A WHOLE	2 MONTHS	NEARLY 1/4
CHILD'S	OF	MISSED OF	HALF TERM	OF SCHOOL	OF SCHOOL
EDUCATION	EDUCATION	EDUCATION	MISSED	MISSED	YEAR
EACH YEAR					MISSED
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success!!		Worrying 30 hours of maths missed 45 hours of English missed 15 hours of playing with friends missed 12 hours of PE missed		Serious concern—possible court action 50 hours of maths missed 75 hours of English missed 25 hours of playing with friends missed 20 hours of PE missed	

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have lots of second hand jumpers and cardigans looking for a new home. If you would like a few more, please email Mrs Vlack. We have lots of jumpers in all sizes and a lot of smaller cardigans. Email your request to Mrs Vlack, including the sizes you need and the class to deliver to: vlackg@rap.rklt.co.uk

PTA NEWS

Arrival of the new stage bought by the PTA

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported PTA activities by helping out, donating items, attending events or buying items. Your support has allowed the PTA to buy a new stage for school which arrived yesterday! Whilst the pictures below are far from exciting, staff are really excited as it means that this will double the size of the existing stage and provide tiered staging - meaning that more children can be on the stage at any one time and be more visible when performing.

There are a number of PTA events coming up - Story evening, Quiz night and the Easter Raffle. We would love to see as many people as possible attending these community events.

Mrs Ingle



Story Evening - Tuesday 4th March - 5.45pm

Our last Story Evening of the school year is THIS TUESDAY! Please don't forget to book your space: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93670>



STORY EVENING

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH 2025
1745 (DROP OFF), 1845 (PICK UP)

Open to Early Years, YR1 and YR2 pupils.

Children are invited to enjoy a magical experience of adventure, imagination and storytelling.

They are invited to come in their pyjamas, get cosy, listen to stories and enjoy a little drink and a biscuit.

[SIGN UP NOW!](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre/)

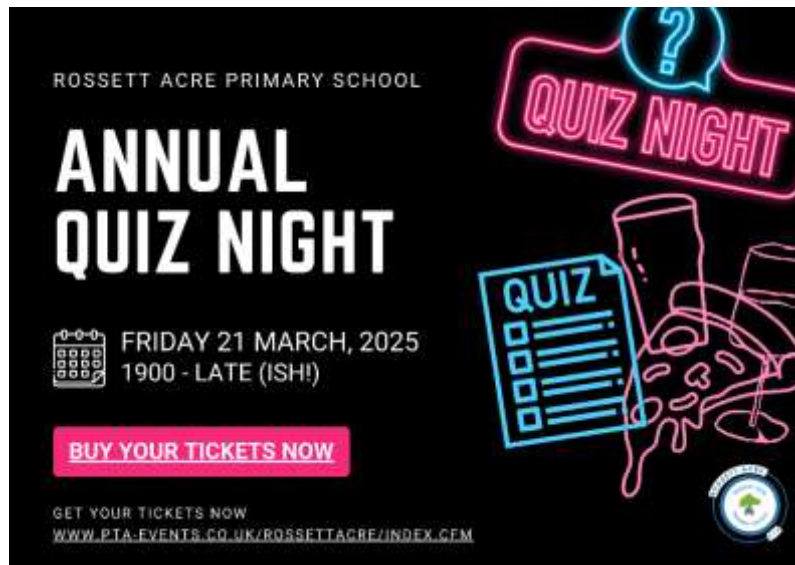
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The poster features a central illustration of an open book with a castle, a tree, and a dragon on the pages. The background is dark blue with white clouds. The Rossett Acre PTA logo is in the top right corner.

Quiz Night - Friday 21st March - 7pm

Preparations are well underway for our annual quiz night. Don't miss out on this wonderful evening of entertainment - and all for a good cause. Seats are limited so, please book your tickets now:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettacre/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93672>



Easter Hamper Donations

To round off the Spring term we will be raffling some hampers, lovingly created by the entire school community. That being said, please could you send your child to school with at least one hamper item. This can be anything from some chocolate and sweets to candles, craft kits, wine and fizz. Think about what you might like to receive in a hamper and that will probably be perfect! Please don't donate anything perishable or out of date.

Please take all donations to your child's classroom by Friday 14th March.

A poster for 'EASTER HAMPER DONATIONS'. At the top right is a cartoon rabbit head. The title 'EASTER HAMPER DONATIONS' is in large yellow letters. Below it, 'WHICH CLASS WILL HAVE THE BEST HAMPER?' is in pink. The text says 'Please send your child to school with one hamper item. This can be anything from a single chocolate bar or bag of sweets to a candle, craft kit or bottle of champs!'. A pink button says 'DONATIONS NEEDED BY 14TH MARCH'. At the bottom is an illustration of a basket of Easter eggs and a hamper. On the right, a pink box contains text: 'Donations from each class will be gathered to create a lovely Easter hamper. These hampers will then be raffled, and the lucky winner will be announced at the end of term.' Below that, 'Donation ideas:' is followed by a list: 'Chocolate', 'Sweet treats', 'Candles', 'Beauty products', 'Craft kits', and 'Booze'.

COMMUNITY

Harrogate Music Centre



HMC are able to offer two early years groups at Harrogate Music Centre. They currently offer the following sessions which each last 35 minutes: 09:30-10:05 – Musical Munchkins – For children aged 2-4, accompanied by 1 parent. 10:15-10:50 – Sound Explorers – For children aged 5-7, unaccompanied.

These sessions are free for the first half term and then will be charged at £40 per term.

Musical Munchkins takes place from 09:30-10:05, and Sound Explorers from 10:15-10:50 – both based at St Aidan's High School on Saturday mornings during term time.

If you would like to register your child for either of these groups, please visit our website harrogatemusiccentre.org.uk where you can find our Term Dates and a link to complete the online application form. Please note that places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. If you have any queries, please contact Emily.Jones@northyorks.gov.uk.

New Park Grocery

We are once again running our successful open day at New Park Grocery.

There are still people in our community struggling to pay for food, and many are still not aware of our groceries or how to use them. Here's a chance to visit and have questions answered.

When: Thursday 27th March 11:00 –15:00

Where: New Park Community Groceries. New Park Community Hub, New Park Primary Academy, West St, Harrogate, HG1 3HF (through the large blue gates).

Why: To see how Resurrected Bites is tackling food poverty and how we stop good quality food going to landfill and make it available to those who need it. We hope you may be able to refer your contacts that are struggling financially to our service.

What: Join us for coffee & cake and visit our Community Grocery Store to experience first hand the service our customers receive. We will explain how for a small fee of £5 for a household of three or fewer, or £10 for a larger family, members can shop at the store and receive approximately £35 / £70 of groceries, fruit & veg, chilled, frozen and bakery items.

Register: If you would like to pop in for half an hour, please reply to admin@resurrectedbites.co.uk with the hour slot you plan to visit. If you need directions on the day, or you have any questions, please call David on 07835 354810. And feel free to forward this invite on to any referral agency you feel may be interested.

Anyone for cricket?!

Ripley Cricket Club are recruiting new players for 2025.

We are now recruiting new players for our Under 9 and 11 teams.

Pre-season training starts on Friday 7th March and runs every week up to and including Friday 11th April at King James School sports hall, Knaresborough at the following times:

- School year 3 & 4 boys and 5 & 6 girls: 6-7pm
- School year 5 and 6 boys: 7-8pm

We then commence outdoor training at Ripley Cricket club every Friday from 25th April, 6.15-7.30pm.

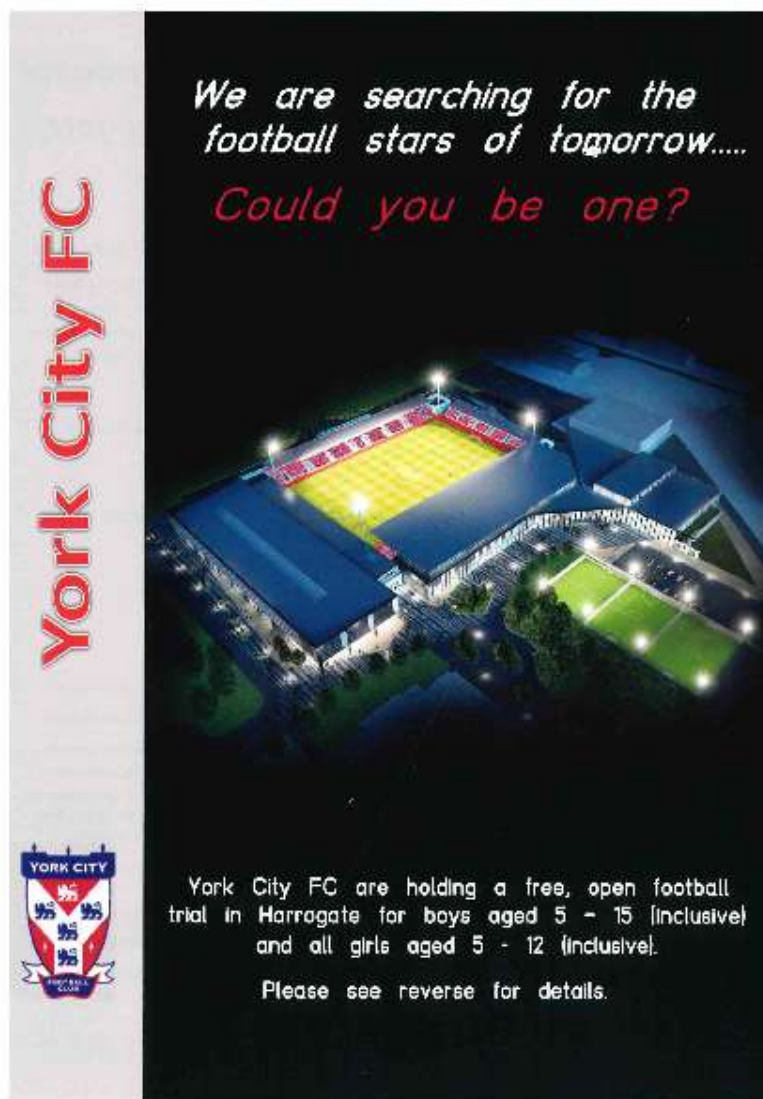
There is no charge for pre-season training. Everyone is very welcome and no previous experience or equipment is necessary.

To register interest, please call / text / WhatsApp Mark Hardcastle (Head of Junior Cricket) on 07476992792 or email sbmhardcastle@hotmail.com.

For children in school years 1 and 2, Ripley are delivering the ECB All Stars Cricket programme. All - Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. The programme starts on Friday 16th May from 6.15-7.15pm and runs every Friday up 18th July. Booking details will follow in due course.

Judo and Aikido Martial Arts Club

Classes are available for Judo and Aikido for young people aged 6 to 18. The club runs from 18.00 to 20.30 every Monday out of the sports hall at St John Fisher Catholic High School. If you are interested, contact Claire on 07916 948 196 or Mick 07422 507 543.



The poster features a vertical banner on the left with the text 'York City FC' in red. The main body has a black background with a night-time aerial view of a football stadium. Text at the top reads 'We are searching for the football stars of tomorrow....' and 'Could you be one?'. At the bottom, it states: 'York City FC are holding a free, open football trial in Harrogate for boys aged 5 - 15 (inclusive) and all girls aged 5 - 12 (inclusive). Please see reverse for details.'

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Trials are being held at Harrogate High School on Friday 7 March 2025 starting at 5.45-7pm. Players must register before the trial. **To register, call The Trials Message Line 07415 129087.** This is open to all boys and girls aged 5-12, including goalkeepers.

Trials will take place on astro turf, players will need to arrive wearing astro turf boots or trainers, football kit and shin pads and will need to bring warm clothing, drinks and any relevant medication.

I hope you all have a marvellous weekend. Good luck to the Y3 – Y6 children who are performing at The Royal Hall on Saturday. You'll be amazing and I'm looking forward to spending the day with you all.



Corrine Penhale
Headteacher