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

NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 20 March 2025

Forthcoming dates for your diary

Fri 21 Mar	Red Nose Day – Casual Day (Non-uniform, wear some red)
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
Fri 28 Mar	*NEW* Walk to School Day
Tues 1 Apr	Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm. Letter can be found at: https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=9574
Thurs 3 Apr	*NEW* EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade 2.30pm
Fri 4 Apr	Close for Easter at 2.30pm
Tues 22 April	School re-opens at the usual time
Tues 29 Apr- Fri 2 May	*NEW* Book Fair
Mon 5 May	BANK HOLIDAY – Children not in school

Miss Woodcock led the whole school assembly on Monday which was all based around our 3Cs but with a focus on Curiosity. They talked about all the Cs and what they meant to us at Rossett Acre, e.g. Community, one child said it is about a group of people working together to achieve the same goal. Miss Woodcock agreed and said our goal at Rossett Acre is Excellence and Happiness for All which we do through Curiosity, Challenge and Community. They watched a clip about a little girl showing curiosity and having an amazing discovery. Click the link if you want to hear the story [Maria de Sautuola and the cave paintings of Altamira - BBC Teach](#)

Miss Woodcock then gave all the children the challenge to be as curious as they can be so they can discover new things.



This morning, Mrs Jones and Mrs Reddish's class performed their class assembly, which was fabulous. The children shared their work on The Iron Man; their oracy skills were amazing – very clear and you could hear every child. The children's artwork was stunning and they even finished their assembly with a lovely song accompanied by glockenspiels.

Congratulations to the children – you were amazing and a special thank you to Mrs Reddish, Mrs Jones and Mrs Nunns for supporting the children with creating their assembly. A huge thank you also, to all the parents/carers who came to watch the children – I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible.' (Tony Robbins, author and motivational speaker.)

PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY



Today, Mrs Sims read 'Margaret and the Moon. How Margaret Hamilton Saves the First Lunar Landing' written by Dean Robbins and illustrated by Lucy Knisley. This story is so inspiring and follows Margaret Hamilton's life from a girl who loved numbers and problem solving, to a woman who wrote computer code that helped NASA and US astronauts travel to the moon. This links to Pi Day, which is on the 14th March each year as the date when written down, corresponds to the first three digits of Pi: 3.14

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywps6R6B4vY>

The Music this week was by Kate Bush: Pi

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Charlotte G (AC), Harriet F, Sofia D (SK/CN), Edwin B (RB), Grace P (HH), Amelia W (ZM), Banoo H (KM/BS) Rosie C (JJ/CR), Whole Class (EW), Emma M (AI/LS), George S (PA/EH), Emily G (JW), Harley N-M (RI), Maggie P (CD), Lily M (TM).

Congratulations to the children who were on the Top Table last week: Ivy K (EYFS), James K (Yr 1), Luke F (Yr 2), Effie D (Yr 3), Rajana H (Yr 4), Annie W (Yr 5), Chloe H (Yr 6).



Tomorrow is Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to come to school in casual wear wearing something red if they wish to. Please bring £1 which will be donated to the charity. Please ensure your child's clothing is suitable for school and for the weather. Thank you.

ECO – TIP

Fix it, don't throw it away.

Try to mend items rather than discarding them.

Y5&6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL AT ROSSETT HIGH SCHOOL

On Tuesday afternoon, ten girls from years five and six attended a football tournament run by Sporting Influence at Rossett School. Despite there being fewer teams than expected, our team brought enthusiasm and enjoyment, and every single one of them played with really excellent teamwork and determination. The Rossett Acre 'Lionesses' won all of the games they played and triumphed as overall winners of the event. As Mrs Wilcox, who kindly ran the tournament commented at the end, the wonderful sporting attitude of all the children involved was the greatest prize of the day. Special mention should be given to Erin (Y5) for receiving a certificate for the sporting value of 'encouragement' and to Laina (Y6) for receiving a certificate for the sporting value of 'determination' and for having arguably the most powerful right foot in Harrogate.

Congratulations to: Pearla B, Shine A, Lily M, Laina S, Elsa B, Elise H, Erin W, Abigail C, Emilia J, Annabelle E. Thank you to Mr Marshall and Miss Smith for accompanying the children.

KS2 GAMES EVENT

On Wednesday after school our PVA (Pupil Voice Ambassadors) held a KS2 Games event, which was well attended and lots of fun!

There was a wide range of games to choose from and the children really enjoyed the event. I particularly liked playing the chair stacking game with the children and a Pictionary style game where you had to search for the illustrations on the cards dealt which were all on the picture boards somewhere! I had great fun with Henry, George and Joe trying to find the illustrations before they did. They showed some great observational skills.

A huge thank you to our PVA, Miss Harrison and Miss Barker for organising the event and to Mrs Tinfina, Miss Smith, Mrs Haslam and Mrs Rant for staying to supervise the children and play the games with them.

A massive £290 was raised for Candlelighters, which is the charity that our PVA choose as the beneficiary of this event.

Well done, PVA. A marvellous effort!





THE GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN – IT STARTS TOMORROW



Tomorrow marks the beginning of our efforts to join in with the Great Big School Clean.

We have only received one pledge so far! Thank you and well done to Ben and George (Y1 & Y3) who have already collected a bag of litter – brilliant!

We need more support with this. We can make a huge difference if we all work as a community together. Come on everyone – let's do this!

We would love it, if parents/carers and children could join us in our efforts to keep our community clean and tidy and to help nature and wildlife, by also pledging to fill a bin bag(s) by litter picking in and around our community during 21 March – 6 April 2025. (This can be a fun family activity!)

It would be great to know how many bags of litter we collect together as a whole school community. So please do let us know and send us a photo with your bag(s) of collected litter – we'd love to see them.

Send photos to our office email address office@rap.rkt.co.uk and put 'Great Big School Clean' in the subject bar.

Record your efforts on our school collection form (very quick and easy) here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KYLk2gsKbK?origin=lprLink>



Or scan here:

That way, we can find out exactly how many bin bags of litter we have collected as a whole school community and see the difference we have made as a team.

IMPORTANT

There is some safety guidance and suggested equipment you will need. **Please read this before doing your litter pick:** <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/clean-preparation-and-safety-advice>

Please be aware that you are responsible for your own safety (and your children's safety) when litter picking - we will not be held responsible for any injuries that may occur.

Only take part if you are willing to do so at your own risk and you are completely comfortable with doing so. Please think about the safety aspects of litter picking and choose areas away from traffic, where possible, and don't pick up anything if you consider it to be dangerous - leave it where it is and let the local council know.

What constitutes a bag? See here: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/what-bag>

What are the benefits of litter picking?

*Well, it reduces pollution – lots of non-biodegradable materials, such as plastic bottles take hundreds of years to decompose; they can also release toxins into the soil and the environment. *It protects wildlife – many animals every year are hurt and/or killed by being entangled in litter or by ingesting it.

*Whole ecosystems can suffer due to litter too.

*We are wasting resources. So many items such as plastic bottles and aluminium cans can be recycled if they are disposed of correctly.

For more information on the benefits of litter picking, see here: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean/why-do-we-need-to-pick-litter>

Be a Litter Hero and help us to tidy up our environment and make it a pleasant place to be. Together we can make a difference!

EARTH HOUR

This Saturday (22 March) is Earth Hour starting at 8.30pm – 9.30pm.

This is a global event that takes place every year – it encourages people to turn off their lights for 60 minutes to raise awareness about big issues affecting the environment. More information can be viewed here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/c2d4zdgqj6o#:~:text=Earth%20Hour%20is%20happenin%20at,big%20issues%20affecting%20the%20environment>.

KS2 BROWNLEE FOUNDATION MINI TRIATHLON - FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025 - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We have been sent information regarding the Brownlee Foundation Mini Triathlon taking place at Harrogate Leisure and Wellbeing Hub (formerly the Hydro). Before we sign up for the event, we are trying to gauge interest and whether it is something we can be involved with.

The event is inclusive, non-competitive and not timed. The event will give **Key Stage 2** pupils an opportunity to try the disciplines of the triathlon. No previous experience or expertise in triathlon is required. Children will swim 3 sides of the pool, cycle 800m on grass and run 300m (all distances are approximate). Bikes and helmets will be provided and every child will receive a t-shirt beforehand and a medal and goody bag when they cross the finish line. For less confident swimmers, a one width swim option is available, remaining in shallow water and scooters are available for children who are unable to ride a bike.

For an idea of what to expect on the day, see one of their previous events in action [here](#).

The event will run from 9.30am – 3.00pm and schools who would like to attend will be allocated a timeslot for their children to take part. We will request an afternoon slot to minimise disruption, however each school will be given an arrival time which may not be as we request. Schools will be on site for approximately 1½ hours in total (subject to the number of schools and children participating).

Parents will be required to transport their children to the event and possibly return them to school after the event (depending on the time we are allocated).

If your child is interested in taking part, please follow the link to register your interest. We will then collate the results and let you know if we decide to take part.

[Triathlon Expression of Interest](#)

PARKING

Unfortunately, I am having to remind parents again not to park on the double yellow lines and zigzags outside school. It really is so dangerous for our families, particularly those with toddlers and pushchairs. If you are running a minute or two late, staff will look after your children until you arrive. We would rather you park further away and be a couple of minutes late, than park inconsiderately.

ATTENDANCE



Attendance 14 March 2025 to 20 March 2025
96.63%

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 14

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

School attendance on Thursday last week was 96.8 % which was great.

Today's attendance is: 96.6%, still good. Well done.

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 YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	ABSENCE	ABSENCE	ABSENCE	ABSENCE	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%
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	

PTA NEWS

Quiz Night – TOMORROW: Friday 21st March - 7pm

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>

Harrogate
WALK TO
SCHOOL
DAY

Friday
28th
March

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ZERO
HERO

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TENNIS

OPEN DAY

Saturday 29th March
Adults 12-2pm
Families 2-4pm

Firs Road Harrogate

Contact Vanessa
cdm@harrogateracquetsclub.co.uk

Try Tennis @ Harrogate Racquets Club

Our aims:

We encourage our siblings to be independent, confident and unapologetically themselves.

Experience the outside world via group trips by public transport.

To create friendships with those of similar age and circumstance and develop a community.



To sign up your child
contact
us

Contact info

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Find us on facebook and Instagram too



The sibling group



ABOUT US

Oscar's Pathway is part of The Sibling Group was founded by Grace Williams (CEO/provision lead). Grace has a brother called Oscar who is autistic, non-verbal and has a severe learning disability. Grace has experienced first-hand the lack of appropriate support for brother growing up and for young people and adults with complex sensory and communication needs. She decided to set up OPL to support people with similar needs.

OPL is dedicated to creating positive change to adults with complex needs. Our goal is to support these individuals to thrive in adulthood by giving them appropriate support and guidance.

We offer a range of specialist activities lead by a team with vast experience and training. Join us in transforming lives and creating a brighter future.



Grace Williams

CEO/Provision Lead

Grace is an experienced and qualified special needs teacher (QTS) with experience working with young people and adults with autism, a severe learning disability, communication and sensory needs and challenging behaviours.

Grace has a first-class degree (BA hon) in Special Education and is currently undertaking a masters degree in autism and inclusion.

Grace is a trained attention autism practitioner and has extensive training in sensory needs and planning and delivering sensory stories and activities. She has also published a range of research focused on the impact of having a disabled child on families, in particular siblings.

OUR SESSIONS

Sensory Activities

We offer engaging sensory activities such as sensory exploration, art, cooking, TACPAC and physical activities.



Communication

We are dedicated to enhancing the communication skills of our service users. We use a variety of specialist methods such as PECS (Picture exchange), object cues and intensive interaction techniques.

Life Skills

We help individuals enhance their confidence and self reliance through; cooking, personal care, cleaning and motor development.



Community Trips

We are dedicated to enabling our service users to access the community. This will encourage social interaction, personal growth and teamwork.



Music

We encourage our service users to experience the joy of vibrant music, including instruments, dancing and vocal expression



Easter Fun!

Starting Saturday 29th March, step into the pages of Beatrix Potter's magical tales on our family-friendly trail.



Come along and see if you can spot Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher and other well-known characters surrounded by fun and imaginative scenes.

The trail will run from Saturday 29th March to Monday 21st April inclusive.

Standard Entry applies. Trail sheets can be purchased on the day at an additional cost of £3.00 which includes a prize for all!

Just a kindly reminder that by pre-booking your day entry tickets via our website, you make a saving versus purchasing on the day

Little Crickets Pre-School

Exciting News! Our New Blog & Open Afternoon at Little Crickets Pre-School

We're thrilled to introduce our brand-new blog, "Welcome to the Little Crickets Family: A Home Away from Home for Your Little One" – a heartfelt look at what makes our pre-school so special.

Choosing the right pre-school is a big decision, and we're here to support you every step of the way. Our latest blog explores how we create a warm, nurturing environment where children feel safe, happy, and ready to learn.

Read our blog: <https://www.little-crickets.co.uk/post/welcome-to-the-little-crickets-family-a-home-away-from-home-for-your-little-one>

Join Us for Our Open Afternoon – 28th March!

If you're considering Little Crickets for your child, we'd love to invite you to our Open Afternoon on Friday, 28th March, from 1:15 to 2:30 PM. Come and meet our friendly team, explore our engaging learning spaces, and see firsthand how we make early education magical.

When? Friday, 28th March, 1:15 – 2:30 PM

Where? Little Crickets Pre-School, The Cricket Ground, St Georges Road, Harrogate. HG2 9BP

Book a visit: <https://www.little-crickets.co.uk/contact>

We can't wait to welcome you into the Little Crickets family!

Easter Bunny Hunt



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5TH - 21ST APRIL

THE BUNNIES ARE BACK! BUY YOUR NEW SUPERSIZE MAP FOR £5 FROM -
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THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



I look forward to seeing the children wearing their casual clothes tomorrow and something red, if they wish, for Red Nose Day – Please bring in a £1 that will all go to the charity. Thank you.

Good luck to everyone who is taking part in the PTA Quiz Night tomorrow.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Penhale', enclosed in a light purple rectangular box.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher