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

## NEWSLETTER FOR ROSSETT ACRE – 27 March 2025

### Forthcoming dates for your diary

Thurs 27 Mar	<b>TONIGHT</b> Parents' Evening – In person 4-7pm.
Fri 28 Mar	<b>*NEW*</b> Walk to School Day
Tues 1 Apr	Parents' Evening – Online 4-7pm. Letter can be found at: <a href="https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=9574">https://www.rossettacreprimary.co.uk/seecmsfile/?id=9574</a>
Thurs 3 Apr	<b>*NEW*</b> 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	<b>*NEW*</b> Book Fair
Mon 5 May	BANK HOLIDAY – Children not in school
Tue 6 May	School re-opens at the usual time
Mon 12 May – Thurs 15 May	Y6 SATS week

On Monday, I led an assembly all about litter and promoted the Great Big School Clean, encouraging children to litter pick and send us a photo of themselves with their bag of collected rubbish, as well as completing the online form. We also watched a short video from Keep Britain Tidy, explaining some health and safety tips when litter picking.

It would be wonderful if as many children and families as possible could be involved and carry out a litter pick - doing your bit for our community.

Send photos to our office email address [office@rap.rklt.co.uk](mailto:office@rap.rklt.co.uk) and put 'Great Big School Clean' in the subject bar; we'll put some in the newsletter.

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.

Some of our Y2 children carried out a litter pick around our school grounds with Mrs Mansfield on Monday morning; I also carried out a litter pick with a Y5 child on Wednesday afternoon too. Well done to these children and a big thank you for making our environment look more pleasing to the eye.

This morning, Miss Dodgson's Y6 class performed their Class Assembly all about the work they have done across the year. The children were amazing and I loved the acting, dancing, singing and sharing of super poetry and artwork. We had glockenspiel playing and even a short sketch of Little Red Riding Hood with a difference!

Congratulations to the children on such a great Class Assembly and to Miss Dodgson, Mr Latty and Miss McKeown for supporting the children. A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who came to watch; I hope you enjoyed the assembly as much as I did.

Last week, the children were overjoyed to be allowed on the field, which was dry enough to let the children play out on it - they thoroughly enjoyed all the extra space: tig, handstands, resting, chatting, playing on the Trim Trail and on the Multi-sports pitch were some of the activities the children were involved in. There were lots of smiling faces. Today, I observed the Play Leaders doing an amazing job involving lots of children in a game. Thank you and well done to these children who give up their lunchtime to help others play.

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



Tomorrow is 'Walk to School Day'.

Walk, scooter or cycle to school!

Get active whilst helping combat climate change! Can you leave the car at home for most, if not all, of the school run?

Did you know that in North Yorkshire more carbon emissions are created by transport than anything else, and that more than three quarters of this comes from cars and vans? By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Even if you live too far from school to walk or cycle all the way, there are other options such as public transport, car sharing or 'park and stride' – this is where you park sooner than normal and walk the last part. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint. We do what we can, when we can and every mile counts!

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies also showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps students arrive ready to

learn. Making the journey on foot, by bike or using public transport means fewer vehicles on the road, benefitting the wider community with less traffic and cleaner air.

Zero Carbon Harrogate will be awarding all schools that take part this year, with a gold award to those that do so most regularly – so let's build great transport habits and choose a sustainable method of travel on the day and beyond!

## **We do what we can, when we can and every mile counts!**

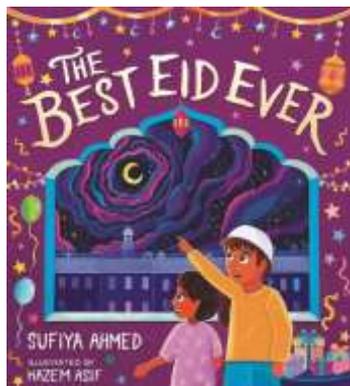
Please go to [www.zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk/walk-to-school-day](http://www.zerocarbonharrogate.org.uk/walk-to-school-day) for more information.

For guidance on road safety please go to <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get-active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/walking-safety-tips-for-children/>

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

**'Help others and give something back. I guarantee you will discover that while public service improves the lives and the world around you, its greatest reward is the enrichment and new meaning it will bring your own life.** (Arnold Schwarzenegger, actor)

### **PICTURE BOOK ASSEMBLY**



Today, I read 'The Best Eid Ever' written by Sufiya Ahmed and illustrated by Hazem Asif.

This is a lovely book showing a family enjoying Eid at the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Muslims all over the world celebrate Eid; it is the first day (after 30 days of fasting) when Muslims do not fast and celebrate together as a family.

If you'd like to hear the story for yourself, you can do so here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPIiY\\_fY4Js](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPIiY_fY4Js)

The music this week was: Maher Zain - Eidun Mubarak

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the children who received a certificate in last week's celebration assembly: Florrie T (AC), Kit R (SK/CN), Monty M (RB), Liam M (HH), Finn K (ZM), Jacob G (KM/BS) Olivia F, Whole Class (JJ/CR), Sammy S (EW), Heston H, Reuben A (AI/LS), Charlotte F (PA/EH), Benjamin B (JW), Teddy S (RI), Harry W, Chloe W, Logan W, Spike T (CD), Isla S (TM).

### **RED NOSE DAY**

On Friday, we celebrated Red Nose Day/Comic Relief by wearing red in school. Thank you to everyone who sent in £1 to donate towards this worthy cause; we raised a wonderful £307.88.



A sea of red in our Celebration Assembly.

### **PTA QUIZ NIGHT**

Last Friday, parents and staff took part in the annual Quiz Night. It's always great fun and very competitive! Reception Rookies, a team from Early Years were victorious, winning a tub of choccies.

Thanks to our quizmaster Tom Spence for hosting and setting some of the questions, and to David Bradbrook for setting the tricky science and nature questions! Thank you to the PTA for organising it, particularly Becky Duffield and Sarah Rhodes. We will find out how much was raised in due course.

## NETBALL COMPETITION



Team line up – Nancy J, Orla D, Chloe H, Robyn S, Annabelle E, Tilly D, Chloe W, Eva W, Esmée M, Jemima S-S and Erin W.

On Tuesday 11 of our Y6 girls attended the Red Kite netball tournament at Harrogate Grammar School. They played 4 matches against Oatland Juniors and Western. All the girls showed excellent team spirit and sportsmanship throughout, with Annabelle and Chloe receiving the sportsmanship certificate. After some very competitive games we came out with a fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place result.

Netball training will commence in the summer term, ready for some local matches later on in the year.

Thank you to Miss McKeown and Miss Smith for accompanying the girls.

## HARROGATE FAIRTRADE SHOP

On Wednesday, Cathy and Rosie from the Fairtrade Shop visited school and led an assembly on 'What Fairtrade is' and told the children about 'Fairtrade products. Some of our Eco-committee helped at the front of assembly to demonstrate how some things in life aren't fair. The children listened attentively, and Rosie commented on how well behaved the children were. Cathy and Rosie then stayed to carry out some workshops with Y3. They tasted food, learnt about Fairtrade and why it is important and carried out some activities linked to this. A huge thank you to Miss Whiteley for organising this visit; the children thoroughly enjoyed it.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY TRAINED 'PLAY LEADERS'**

At the beginning of the Spring Term, all Year 5 pupils were offered the opportunity to become 'Play Leaders'. The aim of the Playground Leaders scheme is to introduce and develop leadership skills in Year 5 children by training them up and getting them to organise activities for other children in the playground. We hope that it will continue to increase the amount of physical activity undertaken during playtime and ensure all children enjoy their playtimes, with a range of activities available and groups of children to play with. The scheme will also hopefully raise self-esteem and self-confidence of the leaders too.

Each lunchtime, our Play Leaders will organise an activity for either Early Years, KS1 or KS2 children. Any child is encouraged to join in if they need someone to play with or want to take part. Play Leaders also ensure that our play equipment is being used responsibly and shared. The Play Leaders will wear a bright yellow visibility jacket, so they are always visible and easy to find by the staff and children. After an intensive 8 weeks of training led by Mrs Wood, 14 pupils have successfully completed the course and received their special 'Leadership' certificates in assembly. Congratulations to: Ed F, William T, James B, Charlie J, George P, Annie W, Ellie W, Hollie S, Elise H, Afie C, Shine A, Amelie M, Pearla B and Liam H and a huge thank you to Mrs Wood for giving up her lunchtimes to support and train the children.



## **RED KITE LEARNING TRUST ART EXHIBITION**

On Wednesday evening, Mrs Kilner (Art leader) and I attended an Art Exhibition at our Trust Office. The stunning artwork on show was created by Y9, Y10 & Y11 pupils from Rossett School. It was an absolute pleasure to meet the artists themselves and mingle with other art lovers. A huge thank you to our Trust and Rossett School for inviting us – we loved it!

### **ECO – TIP**

**Grow your own vegetables and flowers.**

**Now (Spring) is the time to start planting your seeds and watch them grow. Anyone can do it, give it a try!**

# ATTENDANCE



Attendance 21 March 2025 to 27 March 2025:  
96.04%

Number of pupils late at least once this week: 7

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

School attendance on Thursday last week was 96.6 % which was great.

Today's attendance is 96.07%.  
Good but let's see if we can increase this percentage next week.

**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%

Good Best chance of success!!	Worrying	Serious concern—possible court action
	30 hours of maths missed 45 hours of English missed 15 hours of playing with friends missed 12 hours of PE missed	50 hours of maths missed 75 hours of English missed 25 hours of playing with friends missed 20 hours of PE missed

## Easter Hamper Raffle

Don't forget to buy your Raffle tickets! <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/rossettaacre/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=96697>

There are nine gorgeous hampers up for grabs - filled with lots of chocolatey treats, wine and lots of other gifts. The draw will be done on the evening of 31st March and the winners will be emailed directly. Good luck!



**THE EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE**

**DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS**

We have nine gorgeous hampers up for grabs - thanks to some incredible donations from our school community.

Filled with Easter eggs, chocolates, sweets, candles, wine, gin, crafts and much more, they will make a lovely Easter treat.

There is just under a week left to be in with a chance of winning one.. or maybe more! So please click on the link where you can have a nosey at the hampers and buy your tickets.

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO BUY UNTIL 31ST MARCH ONLY**

## The 2025 Challenge

The PTA is challenging you to raise £20.25 or more in any way that you can think of - be as creative as you wish. You can work individually, with your siblings, or with a group of friends. All we ask is that you incorporate the numbers 2 & 5.

## When

The 2025 challenge will take place from 1-25 April, giving you 25 days to complete your challenge and gain sponsorship, especially over the Easter holidays!

## Ideas?

- Run/walk/cycle 2.5km
- Read 25 books
- Swim 25 lengths
- Bake & sell 25 cupcakes
- Do 25 household jobs
- 25 hours of silence (1 hour per day)
- Wash 25 cars

## Challenge Sponsorship

Ask friends, family and neighbours to sponsor you. Complete the sponsorship form and submit your money raised on to our JustGiving page no later than 2 May.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/rossett-acre-pta-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/rossett-acre-pta-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

## Share

We would love to see the activities the children get up to so if you are able to share some pictures through the class WhatsApp groups or email them to [rossettacrepta@gmail.com](mailto:rossettacrepta@gmail.com) this would be really lovely. If we are able to use these pics, they may help to encourage and inspire others too!

Good luck!

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Or click the link below to download a copy <https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue2-25-download>



**RIPON MUSEUMS** Hop into the Easter spirit at Ripon Museums during the school holidays!!

With creative, hands-on activities for the whole family, there's something for everyone to enjoy across our three museums. Here's a taster of what's coming up this April:

- Victorian Easter Cards - every day
- Baking sessions - 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th
- Make a Scarecrow - 9th
- Easter Crown Making - 16th
- Lettuce Planting - every day
- Cops and Robbers Puppets - every day
- Easter Code Breakers - everyday

All activities are included in the price of your ticket/annual pass. Don't miss out - check out the 'What's On' section on our website for more fun happenings

<https://riponmuseums.co.uk/things-to-do/>



**Trinity Methodist Church** Warmly invites you to our

**Easter Family Party**  
For Pre-School & Primary school children with parents or carers

On Thursday  
17th April 2025

Lots of crafts & fun ending with an Easter Egg hunt

10:30am till 1pm with lunch provided.  
Please let us know of any dietary requirements

To book your space email:  
[eventstrinitymethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:eventstrinitymethodistchurch@gmail.com)



**Kairos NETWORK CHURCH**

**EASTER**

**Children's Easter Story time**  
Friday 28th March, 4th and 11th April  
2.00- 2.30pm, Kairos Room, Westcliffe Hall, HG2 0PN  
Grab a bean bag and get comfy for a fun story all about the first Easter!  
Free event, drink and a hot cross bun included  
For further information contact: [families@kairoschurch.net](mailto:families@kairoschurch.net)



[www.netball4all.com](http://www.netball4all.com)

**EASTER CAMP DATES**

Come and join us this Easter!  
Our camps are filled with lots of netball activities and match play which you will love.  
All abilities welcome.

Sign up today to secure your place  
Prizes up for grabs & certificates for all.  
Get your trainers on & join us!

**NETBALL4ALL**

**HLC Open Morning, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 9.30am-12pm**

Harrogate Ladies' College will be opening their doors again on Friday 2 May. It's a normal teaching day so you'll get to see the school in action!

Open Morning is the ideal opportunity to look around College and is a great way to meet Department Heads and teaching staff; tour the school with pupils including academic, extra-curricular and social facilities; observe lessons taking place and find out practical information about joining Harrogate Ladies' College.

To register please call 01423 537045, email [events@hlc.org.uk](mailto:events@hlc.org.uk) or visit [hlc.org.uk/openday](http://hlc.org.uk/openday).

Don't forget that it is Parents' Evening tonight for those attending our face-to-face session – I look forward to seeing you. Our Online Parents' Evening is next Tuesday (1 April).

It is Walk to School Day tomorrow – I look forward to seeing lots of children and families, walking, scootering or cycling into school.

I hope you all have a super weekend.

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

Corrine Penhale  
Headteacher