



ROSEHILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to all the children who achieved 100% attendance last term

☀ Welcome Back & Happy New Year! ☀

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school this week! They have made a fantastic start to the new term, and it's been lovely to hear about their holidays and the thoughtful New Year's resolutions they've set for themselves.

We've hit the ground running with the launch of our exciting new projects and the start of our new class books. Not even the little sprinkling of snow could slow down our learning! ❄📖

📝 Parent Feedback & Actions

A huge thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Survey before Christmas. Your feedback is invaluable to us. As promised, I have attached a letter below outlining our actions and the feedback received so far. We are committed to working together to make our school the best it can be.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into this new term!

Best wishes,
Mrs. Norris



🕒 Step Back in Time: Ancient Egypt

Year 3 kicked off their new history topic this week by diving into the wonders of the Ancient Egyptians. The children have already explored the vital role of the River Nile in sustaining this ancient civilization.

Over the coming weeks, our young historians will:

- Discover daily life in the shadows of the pyramids.
- Compare the past and present by examining how the pyramids have changed over thousands of years.
- Meet the Pharaohs who ruled the land.
- Decode Hieroglyphs—we might even try writing our own names in ancient script!

We have a wealth of exciting, hands-on activities planned to bring this era to life. It's going to be a truly "monumental" term!

🚂 All Aboard the Victorian Express!

This term, Year 4 is venturing back to the Victorian Era and the Industrial Revolution. It's a fascinating journey through a time of rapid change that shaped the Britain we know today.

Key areas of exploration include:

- Rich vs. Poor: Investigating the stark contrast in daily life and how childhood has evolved since the 19th century.
- The Age of Invention: Discovering how the Industrial Revolution transformed the nation and identifying which Victorian inventions we still rely on today.
- The British Empire: Looking at how the growth of industry fueled global expansion.



☀ Our Very Own Published Poets! ☀

A huge congratulations to Darcie, Abi, and Lillie in Year 6! We are thrilled to announce that their poetry has been selected for publication. 📖☀



What a wonderful achievement for these talented writers. We are so incredibly proud of your hard work and creativity! Keep up the amazing work, girls! 🌟



Special Mentions



Y3P Mrs Pritchard
Harper P, Charley

Y3B Mrs Brown
Theo, Cristina

Y4H Mr Hampton
Harley, Olivia, Maddison

Y4P Mr Piper
Laney, Eden

Y5M Mr Macdonald
Aliyah, Miller

Y5B Miss Ballard
Jacob, Carson

Y6A Mr Armstrong
Lillie, Jayce

Y6H Mr Hodgson
Ronnie, Zak

Well done- We are proud of you!



🗡️ Invaders and Settlers: Year 5 History

Year 5 have officially launched their new unit exploring the Vikings, Anglo-Saxons, and Normans. Our young historians are busy unpicking the complex puzzle of how these three groups shaped the Britain we live in today.

So far, the children have:

- Mapped out the Past: Organised a chronological timeline of key invasions.
- Investigated Motives: Explored the "who, when, and why" behind each wave of settlers.
- Analysed Impact: Discussed how these conquests fundamentally changed British culture and laws.
- Compared Cultures: Identified the striking similarities and differences between these fierce warriors and settlers.



📖 Turning the Pages: This Term's Class Reads

From ancient mysteries to Victorian struggles, our classrooms are buzzing with the excitement of new stories!

Here is what each year group is currently diving into:

- Year 3: Are becoming historical detectives in *The Mystery of the Egyptian Mummy*, perfectly complementing their work on the Nile. 🏺 ♂
 - Year 4: Are stepping back in time to the gritty streets of Victorian London with the moving classic *Street Child*. 🚆
 - Year 5: Are soaring to new heights and discovering the legendary world of Vikings and beasts in *How to Train Your Dragon*. 🐉
 - Year 6: Are exploring complex ethics and heart-pounding drama in Malorie Blackman's gripping *Pig Heart Boy*. ❤️
- It is wonderful to see the children so engrossed in these diverse worlds.



♥ Dive Into 'Pig Heart Boy'

Year 6 have plunged into an immersive new Guided Reading unit featuring the gripping novel 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman.

Our pupils have already stepped into the role of "literary detectives," scrutinising cover art to uncover complex themes of medical science, secrecy, and ethics. Having explored the opening chapters, the children are already deeply invested in the life of the protagonist, Cameron, and the significant health challenges he faces. Looking ahead, the class will:

- Debate & Research: Explore the science and morality of xenotransplantation.
- Step into Character: Use the story as a springboard for emotive, creative, and persuasive writing.
- Build Empathy: Discuss the difficult "big decisions" at the heart of the narrative.

The children have shown incredible maturity, curiosity, and empathy in their discussions so far. It's set to be a truly thought-provoking term!

Weekly Attendance Figures

Monday 5th January - Friday 9th January 2026

3B	93.60%
3P	90.40%
4H	96.20%
4P	95.30%
5B	90.30%
5M	90.00%
6A	93.00%
6N	98.40%