



Roseacres Round Up



[Roseacres Primary School](#)

7th November 2025

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Next week, we are week 2.

School Values

Thank you so much to everyone who has voted for our new school values. The values that we share mean that we:

are **respectful**,

take **ownership**,

are **supportive** of ourselves and each other,

are **inclusive** of everyone

and strive for **excellence**.



Flu Vaccinations

For those that did not receive their flu vaccination before half term these will take place on Monday 10th November.

Attendance

At Roseacres, we follow National Guidance to improve school attendance. National Guidance is that good attendance is 96% or better, currently our whole school attendance is **95.9%**. As children start to develop some signs of being unwell, please check the NHS link for guidance if you child is too unwell for school: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#). If your child is absent, please do notify the school office.

Remembrance

Children across the school have been creating poppies to mark Remembrance Day next week. On Tuesday 11th November, children who attend groups such as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade or Cadets are welcome to wear their uniform to school as we come together to remember those who have served and continue to serve.

Evelyn, Luc, Woody, William, Vinnie, Ivy-Rose and Lilly have made a whole school wreath to lay on Tuesday.

Social Media

We'd love to share more of the wonderful learning, achievements and special moments happening at Roseacres with our wider school community, as well as increasing the number of pupils on role so that our school becomes full. We will be working on developing a Facebook page following parental votes.

With this in mind, we are also looking for a device to be donated, such as an iPhone, that can be used purely for school staff to take photos and uploaded directly to social media. If you feel you would be able to support us with this, please speak to me on the gate.

Uttlesford Foodbank Thank you

Please see below a thank you message from Uttlesford Foodbank.

Everyone at Uttlesford Foodbank would like to thank the children, parents and staff of Roseacres Primary School for your very generous Harvest Festival collection which weighed 70.76kg. This is enough to provide around 150 meals! How fantastic is that?

Every month we hand out on average 5 tonnes of food which is the same as 10 baby elephants! Without the support of children and schools like yours and our amazing community, we couldn't do the work that we do. Harvest donations are so important to keep our shelves topped up after a busy summer and keep us going until all the Christmas goodies come in

We have been overwhelmed by the level of generosity. Above all, your thoughtfulness will provide so much hope and comfort to those people who are going through a difficult time and will help them while steps are taken to provide more permanent support.

Once again thank you so much for your generous donation.

Best wishes from everyone at Uttlesford Foodbank.

Join the Journey

Join the Journey is a new initiative we are introducing to invite parents and carers into school to be part of their child's learning journey and to further support their progress. Each class will have the opportunity to Join the Journey.

EYFS – 3rd and 5th December 2.30pm.

Year 2 – 26th November and 4th December at 9am reading

Year 3 – 17th November – maths

Year 4 – 27th November 9am - maths

Year 5 - 18th November 9am - fractions

Year 6 – 21st November 1.30pm – 3pm – dissecting hearts

Parents should sign in via the main school office on the day. Places can be booked through ParentMail on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note, sessions are organised in 5-minute slots, so the overall time shown simply reflects the range of available spaces. You will be able to book from 4pm Monday 10th November 2025.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school to 'Join the Journey' and share in your child's learning experience.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all those that have supported the Poppy Appeal in school this week.

Children in Need

BBC Children in Need supports charities, organisations and programmes right across the UK, all year round. They fund projects that aim to improve the lives of children and young people that are struggling with challenges caused by mental health, poverty, social inequality and family-related issues. To mark 2025, they are doing a 'Challenge Yourself to 25' and we will be supporting this cause by having a non-uniform day based on this theme on **Friday 14th November**.

Donations towards the cause can be made on ParentMail under Payments/Shop Icon. The suggested donation is £1, however, if you wish to, you may make a higher donation than the this by entering your additional payment amount. Please also complete the gift aid declaration if you're eligible.

Our Best Bits

EYFS

In P.E. The children showed excellent listening and dance skills as they created a 'Firework' dance.

Year 1

The children have really enjoyed the introduction of their new text 'Katie in London' and have drawn on their previous experiences to support their understanding.

Year 2

In English, the children have been acting out the importance of adverbs to better understand how it changes the verb.

Year 3

This week we have published their work. The best bit was the children coming in on Thursday morning and seeing their work on the wall and wanting to find their learning.

Year 4



In History, the children have been using roleplay to act out the lead up to the Battle of Hastings.

Year 5

The best bit was the trip to Colchester Castle and understanding the Romans by exploring the artefacts.

Year 6

The children explored the views of Wilfred Owen and life in the Trenches and considered the different feelings that came with that experience.

		Celebration!					
EYFS Rudi	Year 1 Lilah	Year 2 Elijah	Year 3 Willow	Year 4 Violet	Year 5 Ella	Year 6 Harriet Kai	

PE Days

Children should come to school wearing their Roseacres PE kit. Children are not able to wear logoed designer clothes or football kits. Earrings must be removed with long hair tied back.

Monday	Year 1 and year 4
Tuesday	Year 2 and year 3
Wednesday	EYFS, year 3, year 5 and year 6 (cricket)

Thursday	Year 2, year 5 (group 1 bikeability) and year 6 (swimming Autumn term)
Friday	Year 1 and year 4 year 5 – group 1 bikeability

Diary Dates

Remember to look at our community noticeboard on the website for things beyond school: [Community Noticeboard | ROSEACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<p>10th November – flu spray for remaining pupils</p> <p>11th November – Year 1 Join the Journey</p> <p>12th November – year 1 Join the Journey</p> <p>12th November – year 5 and year 6 cricket session 6</p> <p>13th November – year 6 swimming</p> <p>13th and 14th November – year 5 Bikeability Group 1</p> <p>14th November – Children In Need – non-school uniform for donation.</p> <p>17th November – maths – Join the Journey year 3</p> <p>18th November – EYFS open evening for September 2026 at 5.30pm.</p> <p>18th November 9am – fractions – Join the Journey – Year 5</p> <p>20th November – year 6 swimming</p> <p>20th and 21st November – year 5 Bikeability Group 2</p> <p>21st November 1.30pm – 3pm – dissecting hearts – Join the Journey – Year 6</p> <p>21st November – Non-uniform day for a PFA donation</p> <p>21st November – Winter Wonderland Disco – Friends Event</p> <p>26th November – PFA Christmas Wreath Making event (7pm – 9pm)</p> <p>26th November and 4th December – 9am reading – Join the Journey year 2</p> <p>27th November – year 6 swimming</p> <p>27th November 9am – maths – Join the Journey year 4</p> <p>28th November – INSET day</p> <p>3rd and 5th December 2.30pm – Join the Journey EYFS</p> <p>8th December – PFA gift market in school for children.</p> <p>9th December – AM KS1 Nativity</p> <p>9th December – PM and evening KS2 concert</p> <p>10th December – PM KS1 Nativity</p> <p>11th December – EYFS Christmas Song performance to families</p> <p>11th December – Christmas Dinner</p> <p>11th December – Christmas Jumper Day</p>	<p>5th January – children back to school</p> <p>8th January – year 5 swimming</p> <p>14th January – year 6 SATs meeting with parents at 2.30pm</p> <p>15th January – year 5 swimming</p> <p>19th January – year 6 Young Voices at o2</p> <p>20th January – INSET day</p> <p>22nd January – year 5 swimming</p> <p>29th January – year 5 swimming</p> <p>5th February – year 5 swimming</p> <p>12th February – year 5 swimming</p> <p>16th – 20th February – half term</p> <p>26th February – year 5 swimming</p> <p>26th February – year 6 Leventhorpe Book Awards Launch Event</p> <p>3rd March – year 2 Aerozone Trip</p> <p>5th March – year 5 swimming</p> <p>6th March – World Book Day Celebration</p> <p>12th March – year 5 swimming</p> <p>17th March – Year 5 Daws Hall Trip</p> <p>19th March – year 5 swimming</p> <p>20th March and 23rd March – Fab Science in school</p> <p>26th March year 5 swimming</p> <p>27th March – last day of term.</p>	<p>13th April – children back to school</p> <p>16th April – year 4 swimming</p> <p>23rd April – year 4 swimming</p> <p>30th April – year 4 swimming</p> <p>4th May – bank holiday</p> <p>7th May – year 4 swimming</p> <p>11th – 14th May Year 6 SATs</p> <p>14th May – year 4 swimming</p> <p>18th May – year 6 residential meeting with parents at 2.30pm</p> <p>18th May – Sports Day</p> <p>21st May – year 4 swimming</p> <p>21st May – year 6 Leventhorpe Book Awards Final Event</p> <p>25th – 29th May term</p> <p>1st June – INSET</p> <p>3rd June – reserve Sports Day</p> <p>4th June – year 4 swimming</p> <p>1st June – 12th June – year 4 multiplication table checks</p> <p>8th June – 12th June – KS1 Phonics Screener check</p> <p>11th June – year 4 swimming</p> <p>15th June – 17th June – Y6 Residential</p> <p>18th June – year 4 swimming</p> <p>25th June – year 4 swimming</p> <p>7th July – Year 6 end of year performance</p> <p>16th July – year 6 High Tea and leavers assembly</p> <p>17th July – last day of term</p> <p>20th July INSET day</p>

13 th December – Roseacres Christmas Fete 17 th December – year 5/6 Trust Nutcracker Ballet Trip 19 th December – last day of term finish at 2.30pm		
New dates will be added in red		

Roseacres Friends

There were some spooktastic entries into the Halloween Spooky Spoons competition from all years – please look at the [gallery](#) on the website. The Spooky Spoons and Halloween Tuck shop raised £257.35.

The winners were
Clara (Year 1), Elijah (year 2) and Ella (year 5)



Also, congratulations to Poppy (EYFS), Alfie (year 3), Violet (year 4) and Imogen S (year 6) for the best in class too.

Save the dates

Next meeting – 12th November 2025 at 2pm at school

Non-Uniform Day for a donation – 21st November 2025
See the attached leaflets for information on

Winter Wonderland Disco – 21st November 2025

EYFS – 2.30pm – 3.15pm

KS1 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm

KS2 – 4.15pm – 5.15pm

~~Christmas Wreath Making – 26th November 2025 (7pm – 9pm adults only)~~ Unfortunately, we have had to
cancel this event

Christmas Fete – 13th December 2025

Christmas Raffle – 13th December 2025

THE FRIENDS OF ROSEACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Winter Wonderland Disco

Friday 21st November

RECEPTION ONLY
£3 PER CHILD
INCLUDES: ENTRY & GOODIE BAG

2.30 - 3.15PM

KS1 & 2 £5 PER CHILD
INCLUDES: ENTRY &
ITEMS FROM TUCK SHOP

YR 1-2-3 3.15 - 4.15PM
YR 4-5-6 4.15 - 5.15PM

PAPER FORMS WILL BE SENT OUT IN BOOK BAGS.

MONEY & PAPER FORMS TO BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE & PLACED IN
CLEAR DROP BOX IN SCHOOL OFFICE FOYER BY FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.
NAME & YEAR GROUP OF CHILD MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE ENVELOPE.

PLEASE NOTE: WE CANNOT ACCEPT FORMS & MONEY AFTER FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.



ROSEACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FETE

DECEMBER 13TH 1-4PM

Roseacres, Takeley, CM22 6QY

SANTAS GROTTO
CLASS STALLS
HOT DRINKS
LICENSED BAR
FUN GAMES
RAFFLE
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
& MORE

IF ANY PARENTS
OR GRANDPARENTS
WOULD LIKE TO
BE INVOLVED
PLEASE REACH OUT
EITHER IN PERSON
OR VIA OUR EMAIL:
ROSEACRESFRIENDS
@
TLPTRUST.CO.UK

PLEASE HELP
SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL

OPEN TO THE WHOLE
COMMUNITY & ORGANISED BY THE
ROSEACRES FRIENDS



ROSEACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is looking for Stall Holders for our first

CHRISTMAS FETE

DECEMBER 13TH 1-4PM
STALL HOLDERS FROM 11AM

£15 per 6ft Table (or 2 for £20)

£10 per School Student

Limited Space!

PLEASE CONTACT
Roseacresfriends@tlptrust.co.uk



ROSEACRES FRIENDS

Christmas Raffle

Donation Day
Friday 21st November

*In return for Non Uniform Day
please bring donation for Christmas Raffle*

REC: RED COLOUR DONATIONS
Y1: WHITE COLOUR DONATIONS
Y2: GREEN COLOUR DONATIONS
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6: BOTTLES
(Alcohol, beauty, food etc.)

£1 per
TICKET

£5 per
BOOK

*Raffle tickets will be sent home in children's bags.
Deadline for return of tickets and money:
Saturday 13th December*

Draw Date:
**13th December at the Roseacres
Christmas Fete**

Safeguarding

Parking

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways, especially for emergency vehicles.

[Parking outside schools | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

Are you worried about a child?

As a school, we consider safeguarding to be a priority. We welcome parents and carers talking openly to us about their concerns for the safeguarding of children and families. Remember, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, you can contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads via the school office. Please ask to speak to Vicky Childs, Sian Watson or Kerry Renton and specify that you have a safeguarding concern.

If you are worried about a child or young person, you can call the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free on 0808 800 5000. If a child is in immediate danger, you should call 999.
Children can call Childline at any time on 0800 1111.

[The designated safeguarding leads at Roseacres are Mrs Childs, Mrs Watson and Mrs Renton.](#)

Pokémon TCG Pocket

Pokémon TCG Pocket has brought the world-famous trading card game onto smartphones – and with over 100 million downloads, it's already captured the attention of countless fans. The app combines quick-fire card battles, collectible decks, and the thrill of opening booster packs. For many children, it's a blend of strategy, fun, and Pokémon nostalgia that's hard to resist.

Beneath the colourful exterior, there are risks that parents and educators should know about. In-game purchases, monthly passes, and limited-time expansions encourage ongoing spending, while the competitive online play may lead to frustration, over-investment, and extended screen time. This guide helps adults understand these hidden challenges.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.



QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in "just one more game". This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.



PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.



ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.



COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.



COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.



Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.



SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.



PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.



TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.



Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



SEND		
Dates	Resources	Referrals
	Essex Local Offer Supporting your Neurodivergent Child West Essex Inclusion Project Essex Family Wellbeing SEND IASS Autism Central West Essex Inclusion Project One Plan Process Essex Frontline	Community Paediatric Service West Essex Community Specialist Services