



Roseacres Round Up



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Next week, we are week 1.

Remember!!!

It is our Christmas fete tomorrow, the school is a hub of Christmas activity whilst our amazing Friends get set up ready for our first ever Christmas Fete. Please come along and support them and our school and volunteer where you can.

This week

I have been overwhelmingly proud of our children and staff this week. There has been a real sprinkle of magic, community and love throughout the school, which has shone through our EYFS singing, KS1 nativity, KS2 concert and our wonderful Christmas dinner.

In Picture News, we discussed Catherine, Princess of Wales' carol concert, where she encourages togetherness:

"Christmas is a time that reminds us how deeply our lives are woven together. Just as the roots of trees share strength beneath the soil, unseen but vital, so too do we."

The children really enjoyed this Picture News about Princess Kate's Together at Christmas concert, which celebrates love in all its forms. Children across the school discussed the celebrations they take part in and the importance of togetherness within them. It was incredibly wholesome to hear the children talk so fondly about their parents, grandparents and siblings as such an important part of their celebrations.

Our Christmas dinner was a huge success on Thursday, well done to Jess and Fran for a great meal. The staff all pulled together to serve the dinner, one pupil commented they were 'very happy with the service'. The children prepared hats and tablecloths and were so grateful for the cracker donation. One pupil said that Christmas dinner this year was 'better than they ever imagined!!'

I hope that the events we have shared this week have contributed to that sense of togetherness for your children.

Staffing

From January 2026, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Michelle Collier as a Deputy Headteacher with EYFS strategic lead responsibility and class teacher to EYFS. Mrs Collier is currently a deputy Headteacher at Hatfield Heath Primary School, another school within The Learning Partnership Trust. She is an experienced leader and EYFS teacher, and we are fortunate to have her expertise and support as part of our school community for this academic year to support the pupils in EYFS.

Christmas reminders

Christmas post box

The post box is available in the library for children.

Christmas fete

Our Christmas Fete is on 13th December, make sure you've returned your raffle tickets ready for our draw in the afternoon.

Children who sing in the choir will be singing at 2.30pm, this will last approximately 20 minutes. It would be lovely if they could wear a Christmas jumper and a Christmas hat.

Last day of term

Our last day of term is Friday 19th December, the school day will end at 2.30pm. The children will be celebrating the end of term with a film or a small party organised by their class teacher.

The 2 Johns

Join the ESCB this week online safety advice for parents and carers, professionals and young people. The December online safety campaign (8-14 December) will cover online gaming, youth involved sexual imagery and online bullying. What's more, The 2 Johns are back with one of their hugely popular sessions for parents and carers.

- Thursday 11 December
- 8:00 PM
- Online - [ESCB - Online Safety](#). Registration details on the ESCB Online Safety webpages.

This is your chance to hear the latest insights, tips, and must-know updates to help keep children safe online — just in time for the holiday season.

NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe.

Please see the attached letter regarding the [Speak Out. Stay Safe](#) programme that we will be delivering next week.

Clubs

Bookings for the Spring Term clubs are open, please refer to the [school website](#) for the timetable with booking links/information along with the club flyers.

EYFS

If you have a child due to start school in September 2026, please ensure that you apply for their school place using Essex County Council's admission application form which is online: [Primary school places | Essex County Council](#).

Puddle magazine

Please see a local magazine with information on what is on over the Christmas period: [ISSUU Reader](#)

Catch up Flu Clinic

There are several community catch-up clinics available. Please use the link to book an appointment. If you previously declined consent for your child when the vaccination team visited the school, you **CAN CHANGE** your consent. Please call their office on **01245 984145**, and they will book a clinic appointment for you.

[Vaccination UK East Anglia Immunisation](#)

Please note that **GPs are not providing flu vaccinations for healthy children in Reception through Year 11.**

16/12/2025 16.00-20.00 Colchester
17/12/2025 12:00 -19:00 Chelmsford

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 **95.5%**. As children start to develop some signs of being unwell, please check the NHS link for guidance if

your 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.

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Overall attendance	95.5%	94.6%	93.7%	94.9%	95.7%	97.3%	96.6%
This week	94.2%	97.3%	94.1%	94.4%	91%	93.2%	94.5%
Number of pupils persistently absent	2	4	3	2	2	1	1

Our Best Bits

All of our best bits this week have been seeing the children come together to perform, seeing their pride at their own achievements and coming together as a school community. We also loved seeing the proud audience members celebrating the children as they performed.

 Celebration! 						
EYFS The whole class	Year 1 Erin	Year 2 Olivia	Year 3 Robyn	Year 4 Isla	Year 5 Charlotte	Year 6 Amelia

Congratulations to our Bauble Winners from our Friends events
Lucas (R), Harrison (1), Ava (2), Luc (3), Izabella (4), Sara (5) and Kai (6).

Our Christmas Tree in the hall looks beautiful and is full of the hand-made decorations.

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 and year 5
Thursday	Year 2, year 5 and year 6
Friday	Year 1 and year 4

Diary Dates

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

Autumn	Spring	Summer
13 th December – Roseacres Christmas Fete 16 th December – EYFS sing-a-long at Takeley Park at 9.15am	5 th January – children back to school 8 th January – year 5 swimming 14 th January – year 6 SATs meeting with parents at 2.30pm	13 th April – children back to school 16 th April – year 4 swimming 23 rd April – year 4 swimming 30 th April – year 4 swimming 4 th May – bank holiday

<p>17th December – year 5/6 Trust Nutcracker Ballet Trip 19th December – last day of term finish at 2.30pm</p>	<p>15th January – year 5 swimming 19th January – year 6 Young Voices at o2 20th January – INSET day 22nd January – year 5 swimming 23rd January – EYFS Forest School session - AM 29th January – year 5 swimming 30th January – year 3 Fitzwilliam Museum Trip 5th February – year 5 swimming 12th February – year 5 swimming 16th – 20th February – half term 26th February – year 5 swimming 26th February – year 6 Leventhorpe Book Awards Launch Event 3rd March – year 2 Aerozone Trip 5th March – year 5 swimming 6th March – World Book Day Celebration 9th March – EYFS Forest School session - AM 12th March – year 5 swimming 17th March – Year 5 Daws Hall Trip 19th March – year 5 swimming 20th March and 23rd March – Fab Science in school 26th March year 5 swimming 27th March – last day of term.</p>	<p>7th May – year 4 swimming 11th – 14th May Year 6 SATs 14th May – year 4 swimming 15th May – EYFS Forest School session - AM 18th May – year 6 residential meeting with parents at 2.30pm 18th May – Sports Day 21st May – year 4 swimming 21st May – year 6 Leventhorpe Book Awards Final Event 25th – 29th May term 1st June – INSET 3rd June – reserve Sports Day 4th June – year 4 swimming 1st June – 12th June – year 4 multiplication table checks 8th June – 12th June – KS1 Phonics Screener check 11th June – year 4 swimming 15th June – EYFS Forest School session - AM 15th June – 17th June – Y6 Residential 18th June – year 4 swimming 24th June – year 4 Audley End House & Gardens Trip 25th June – year 4 swimming 7th July – Year 6 end of year performance 10th July - EYFS Forest School session - AM 16th July – year 6 High Tea and leavers assembly 17th July – last day of term 20th July INSET day</p>
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New dates will be added in red

SEND

SPACE - [SPACE - Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex](#) | [Essex Local Offer](#)

SPACE is a new service in Essex. It provides support for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND (aged 0 to 25). What makes SPACE unique is the team of Peer Educators — parents and carers all with lived experience.

Contact: SPACE@essex.gov.uk

Dates	Resources	Referrals
	<p>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 www.parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk</p>	<p>Community Paediatric Service West Essex Community Specialist Services</p>

Roseacres Friends

Save the dates

Christmas Fete – 13th December 2025
Christmas Raffle – 13th December 2025

Safeguarding

Inappropriate content

We have been made aware that the content in books written by Robert Muchamore may contain content that is highly inappropriate for suggested age ratings. You may wish to make your parents aware and suggest they are vigilant.

ParentSafe website - [Home](#)

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when they are, if we don't know what's happening in their lives or on their devices! Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? Don't despair though...scroll through ParentSafe for help or click a button to go straight to a particular topics.

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 \(www.police.uk\)](#)

[Reporting enforcement requests](#)

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.](#)

iPhone settings

Most smartphones allow parents and carers to choose which apps and features appear on their child's device and which ones don't – also preventing young people from buying and downloading anything that's unsuitable for their age. Our [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guides to parental controls for managing apps on iPhones will help you to reduce the chance of your child using a game or app that might not be appropriate for their age.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



