



Roseacres Round Up



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3rd October 2025

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Next week, we are week 3.

This week, our Year 6 students presented their manifesto to the whole school. The children presented in a variety of ways and demonstrated such courage and confidence. I was really proud of their efforts.

I am therefore delighted to share that our Head Students are James and Sienna F, and our Deputies are Scarlett, Imogen, Kai and Hugo. The other year 6 pupils are taking on a variety of other leadership responsibilities. They will be awarded badges in a whole school assembly once they arrive.

I wasn't able to attend the Harvest Festival today as I have been on a course these last few days, I was so disappointed to miss out but Mrs Watson shared how delightful it was for all of the children to come together. A huge thank you to our volunteers for walking down in the rain with the children today.

School Values

We have been discussing and identifying our School Values and becoming a ROSIE! From our assemblies we have chosen a few different options and now it is time to vote on the values for our school. With your children, please click on this link to [vote](#).

Save the date

Roseacres Christmas Fete – 13th December! More information to follow!!

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 **95.7%**. 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.

Clubs

There are still spaces available on the Art, Stem, Karate, KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Magical Maths clubs – please refer to the [website clubs page](#) for further information about booking links. We will be offering sports clubs after half-term, further information will be sent out early next week.

Individual Health Care Plans (HCP's)

Copies of the individual health care plans prepared for this academic year were sent home within the end of year school reports – if any updates are now required, please make changes on them and return to the school office FAO: Mrs Bayford by **Friday 10th October**.

School Photographs

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the school photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. You will receive an automated email notification if you have already scanned the QR code on the proof and registered.

You can view the photographs by scanning the QR code on your proof and following the instructions. If you have not received your proof or it has been lost please contact the school office. The website for these codes is www.getphotos.co.uk

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **Tuesday 14th October.**

Year 5 and Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament

A team of Year 5 and year 6 children have been selected to represent Roseacres Primary School in the Uttlesford Schools Sports Partnership (USSP) Tag Rugby tournament. Please can those that have been invited to participate complete the ParentMail consent form by **Wednesday 8th October.**

Our Best Bits

EYFS

The children enjoyed painting in the style of Jackson Pollock in the garden on Thursday.

Year 1

Year 1's highlight was Scootfit on Tuesday. The children learnt to ride their scooters safely, to dismount and brake appropriately. Was lovely to see the children listening and following instructions from a new adult.

Year 2

Year 2's highlight was finding out all about Christopher Columbus' 5-week journey around the world. The children were captivated.

Year 3

Year 3's best bit for this week was the Harvest Festival held at the church and doing an awesome performance – well done year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 have created some wonderful pieces of artwork inspired by Sonia Delauney.

Year 5

Year 5's best bit for this week is playing cricket with the cricket coach Chris. They all put 100% in, topping up their catching and batting skills. We have some future cricket players in the making!

Year 6

The highlight of the week in Year 6 has undoubtedly been the moment each child received their Year 6 Responsibilities. They've embraced their roles with pride and enthusiasm, and it's been wonderful to see leadership flourishing across the year group. Our classroom is now filled with confident, capable leaders ready to make a difference!

		Celebration!					
EYFS Presley	Year 1 Grayson	Year 2 Henry	Year 3 Jabir	Year 4 Nelly	Year 5 Izzy	Year 6 Robert	

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 and year 6 (swimming Autumn term)
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
8th October – year 5 and year 6 cricket session 2 9th October – year 6 swimming 13th October – year 5 and year 6 skateboarding workshops 13th October – Multi-Schools Council Meeting 15th October – Tag Rugby year 5 and year 6 team. 15th October – year 5 and year 6 cricket session 3 16th October – year 6 swimming 17th October – EYFS, year 1 and year 2 drama workshop 21st – Parent Learning Conferences 4.30pm – 7pm. 23rd October - Parent Learning Conferences 3.30pm – 6pm. 23rd October – flu sprays 24th October – PFA Tuck Shop after school 27th – 31st October – half term 3rd November – children return to school. 4th November – year 5 Colchester Castle Trip 5th November – Spooky Spoon competition 5th November – year 5 and year 6 cricket session 4 6th November – year 6 swimming 10th November – flu spray 10th November – EYFS open evening for September 2026 at 5pm. 12th October – year 5 and year 6 cricket session 5 13th November – year 6 swimming 13th and 14th November – year 5 Bikeability 14th November – Children In Need 19th November – year 5 and year 6 cricket session 6 20th November – year 6 swimming 20th and 21st November – year 5 Bikeability 21st November – Non-uniform day for a PFA donation 21st November – Winter Wonderland Disco – Friends Event 26th November – PFA Christmas Wreath Making event (7pm – 9pm) 27th November – year 6 swimming 28th November – INSET day 8th December – PFA gift market in school for children. 13th December – Roseacres Christmas Fete 17th December – year 5/6 Trust Nutcracker Ballet Trip 19th December – last day of term	5th January – children back to school 8th January – year 5 swimming 14th January – year 6 SATs meeting with parents at 2.30pm 15th January – year 5 swimming 19th January – year 6 Young Voices at o2 20th January – INSET day 22nd January – year 5 swimming 29th January – year 5 swimming 5th February – year 5 swimming 12th February – year 5 swimming 16th – 20th February – half term 26th February – year 5 swimming 3rd March – year 2 Aerozone Trip 5th March – year 5 swimming 6th March – World Book Day Celebration 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.	13th April – children back to school 16th April – year 4 swimming 23rd April – year 4 swimming 30th April – year 4 swimming 4th May – bank holiday 7th May – year 4 swimming 11th – 14th May Year 6 SATs 14th May – year 4 swimming 18th May – year 6 residential meeting with parents at 2.30pm 18th May – Sports Day 21st May – year 4 swimming 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 – 17th June – Y6 Residential 18th June – year 4 swimming 25th June – year 4 swimming 7th July – Year 6 end of year performance 16th July – year 6 High Tea and leavers assembly 17th July – last day of term 20th July INSET day

New dates will be added in red

Roseacres Friends

We had a fantastic meeting this week to confirm the dates for the Autumn Term events, a huge thank to Rie, Sam, Katherine, Laura, Laura and Emma for your attendance and enthusiasm! I will add the new events below too.

This week the children were sent home with the Xmas 4schools artwork forms and information leaflet. Please fully complete the details needed for online ordering and return your child's artwork by **Monday 20th October**.

The Year 6 Leavers Hoodie ordering form is now available on ParentMail and should be completed by **Thursday 23rd October** so that they can be ordered this term.

Save the dates

Next meeting – 20.10.25 9am

End of term tuck shop – 24.10.25 on the playground, also buy your Spooky Spoon entry here!

Spooky Spoon competition in school – 5.11.25

Non-Uniform Day for a donation – 21.11.25

Winter Wonderland Disco – 21st November 2025

EYFS and parents – 2.15pm – 3.15pm

KS1 – 3.15pm – 4.15pm

KS2 – 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Christmas Wreath Making – 26.11.25 (7pm – 11pm adults only)

Christmas Fete – 13.12.25

Christmas Raffle – 13.12.25

SEND

Wild 'n' Wacky in Harlow are trialling SEND sessions and the first session is on Tuesday 14th October – after school from 4pm to 5.30pm 😊

After that there will be one on 18th November and 9th December before we hopefully start doing them every first Tuesday each month!

Parents and carers are advised to book online as they are controlling capacity to a lower level than usual. Here is the link: <https://bookings.wildnwacky.co.uk/book/send-session/163>

Our SEND sessions offer exclusive access to our playframe and interactive facilities in a quieter, more relaxed environment. These sessions feature:

- Discounted price to our usual off peak prices
 - Reduced capacity.
 - Music switched off.
- Soft ambient lighting in the main seating area and playframe.
- Reduced number of customer announcements to minimise sensory input.

While some team members have personal experience supporting children with additional needs, please note they are not specialist trained. We are only providing play facilities and not support or counselling. Parents and carers are responsible for supervising their children at all times during their visit. We kindly ask all guests to be patient, understanding, and respectful of others to help create a safe, supportive environment where everyone can feel comfortable and included.

School Nurse Team

The school nurse team are holding drop-in sessions for parents and children these will be spread around the district and there will be a drop in every week. The sessions in the libraries are available to parents and young people, the drop in at Spangles is available for parents and children under 11 yrs old and the Youth Drop in is for older children 11 years +.

We are waiting for the poster for the drop- in sessions on a Wednesday morning at Spangles, the team will be available on Wednesday 22nd October 19th November and 17th December 9.00am to 10am.

Dates	Resources	Referrals
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The school nurse team will be available on Wednesday 22nd October 19th November and 17th December 9.00am to 10am.	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
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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 \(www.police.uk\)](#)

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.](#)

EA FC 26

With new kits, updated squads and refined gameplay, EA FC 26 brings the thrill of top-tier football to living rooms once again. While it continues to offer family-friendly fun in modes like Kick-Off and Career, the ongoing popularity of Ultimate Team – where players spend money to build fantasy squads – brings a mix of excitement and risks.

Children can encounter issues such as gambling-like mechanics, voice chat with strangers, and potential exposure to scams. This guide breaks down the game's most important features, highlights the key risks to be aware of, and shares practical advice for helping young players stay safe while gaming and interacting online.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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