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NEWSLETTER – February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that it is almost half term which also means we are also nearly half way through the academic year! Let's hope there will be more sunshine for us all and a little less rain when we get back.

We have all enjoyed a fantastic Creative Week last week where the children were inspired by the French artist Henri Matisse. Please do have a look at the wonderful displays around the classrooms and the corridors when you come for Welcome Wednesday or your child's parent consultation during the week before or after half term.

Mrs Dreckmann is recovering well after her operation and will hopefully be back just before or after half term. In the meantime, if you have any worries or concerns then please do not hesitate to chat to me on the gate or make an appointment to come in and see me.

With kind regards

Mrs Caroline Sugden

Parent Consultations

Sign-up sheets have been put outside each classroom for you to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher. There will be a ten-minute slot for each appointment.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have just been notified that we collected £99.94 for the British Legion back in November. Thank you for your support.

The 'Pantsaurus'

As part of our safeguarding curriculum, the children have been taught about the 'pants rule' through the advice from the NSPCC. Please look at the following link to find out more and share the song with your children.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/underwear-rule/>

Book Week (2nd - 6th March)

We have lots of exciting things planned during Book Week.



On Monday 2nd March we have a book fair coming to school. It will be in the hall from 3.00 p.m. onwards. We do hope that you and your child will be able to come along and support this. The Broadway Boogie after school dance club will be held in Sycamore Class on this day.

On Thursday 5th March, to celebrate World Book Day, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (or in their pyjamas) and to bring in their favourite bedtime story to share with the rest of the class. Children are very welcome to bring in slippers to wear at school but will also need appropriate footwear for outside play (and a warm coat!). A world book day token will be sent out after half term.

On Friday 6th March, we will be having a used 'book swap' in school. Children can bring any unwanted books to school which they then can swap with another child. We are hoping to get lots of books, so that everyone can take a book home with them.



And finally, we are so excited to be taking part in BookFest again this year. On 12th February, the author Simon Philip will be visiting the children to talk about being an author and to share his books 'Perfect Pedro' (KS1) and 'I really want the Cake' (Reception). Each child will be given a free signed copy of his book. We are hoping this will inspire some of our aspiring writers!

All classes will also be visiting Willowhale Library during March - further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Can you, or someone you know, spare some time to come into school and read to the children during Book Week? Please email your child's teacher direct if you can.

PTA Quiz Night

Please see attached details of a PTA Quiz Night for adults on Friday 13th March. We have held this event for a number of years now and it is a great fun night. A copy of the entry form is also available from the school office. Please could they be returned by no later than 6th March.



Easyfundraising

Do you shop online? Please see the attached sheet about an easy way to raise funds for the school.

PE Kit for Outside PE

Please can you make sure if your child is in KS1 that they have a full PE kit in school every day. This should include leggings or joggers and plimsolls or trainers, as we will be going outside

for PE as the weather improves. Please make sure that everything is clearly NAMED! For the Spring term, Reception children need to come to school each Tuesday dressed in their PE kit.

School Website

Have you looked at our website recently? It's a great way of keeping up to date on what is happening at the school. Visit www.rosegreeninfant.school to have a look.

Nuts in School

Please can we remind parents not to include nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes e.g. Nutella or generic hazelnut chocolate spreads, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Can we also ask that you do not put any sweets or bars of chocolate in lunchboxes (chocolate coated biscuits are fine). Thank you.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals Funding Eligibility

Just a reminder that families who receive certain benefits or who are on a low income may be eligible to free school meals funding which the school receives an allocated amount for. We use this additional funding to subsidise school trips and pay for one after school club per week for the eligible pupils. Even though your child is already entitled to receive a universal infant free school meal, if you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please go to the following link from the West Sussex County Council:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Books2Africa

The children enjoyed coming to school in non-uniform on Friday 30th January. We raised £161.42 to cover the cost of posting our old reading scheme books to Books2Africa. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in **Red**)

Event	Date	Time
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 9 th February and 23 rd February (more details to follow)	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 11 th February	2.30 pm
Bookfest - visit by Simon Philip, Author	Thursday 12 th February	All day
Inset Day	Friday 13 th February	
Half Term	16 th - 20 th February	
Book Week	w/c 2 nd March	
Book Fair	Monday 2 nd March	3.00 pm
World Book Day (children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas)	Thursday 5 th March	
Used 'book swap' - please bring in a used book to swap with a friend	Friday 6 th March	
PTA Quiz	Friday 13 th March	7.00 pm
Year 2 Choir - Big Sing Event	Thursday 19 th March at The Regis School	All day
Red Nose Day (non uniform day)	Friday 20 th March	All day
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 25 th March	2.30 pm
Easter holidays	30 th March - 10 th April	
Start of Summer Term	Monday 13 th April	
Class Photos	Thursday 23 rd April	All morning
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May	
Year 2 Visit to Marwell Zoo	Thursday 7 th May	All day
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 13 th May	2.30 pm
Walk to School Week	w/c 18 th May	
Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 18 th May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 20 th May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 21 st May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Half Term	25 th - 30 th May	
Inset Day	Monday 1 st June	
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 8 th June	
Sports Week	w/c 15 th June	
Reserve Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 22 nd June	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 24 th June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 25 th June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 1 st July	All day
School Reports to go home	Friday 10 th July	
Maths Week	w/c 6 th July	
Summer Fair	tbc	
Open Afternoon	Tuesday 14 th July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 15 th July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 16 th July	9.00 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 16 th July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 17 th July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Wednesday 22 nd July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Wednesday 22 nd July	



Do you shop online? Yes?

PLEASE HELP. ITS FREE AND WILL HELP TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL !!

Please can you look at the Easyfundraising website as the potential is huge! As an example, if you wanted to buy a book from Amazon for £10, first log onto the Easyfundraising website and then click on the link for Amazon. You will be directed to the usual Amazon website (including all their discounts etc.). **You can then purchase the book as usual.** The benefit for you / the school is that the school gets 2.5% of the purchase value. That only equates to 25p, but if all parents sign up and order items throughout the year it will soon mount up. There are over 2,700 retailers linked from this website including ...

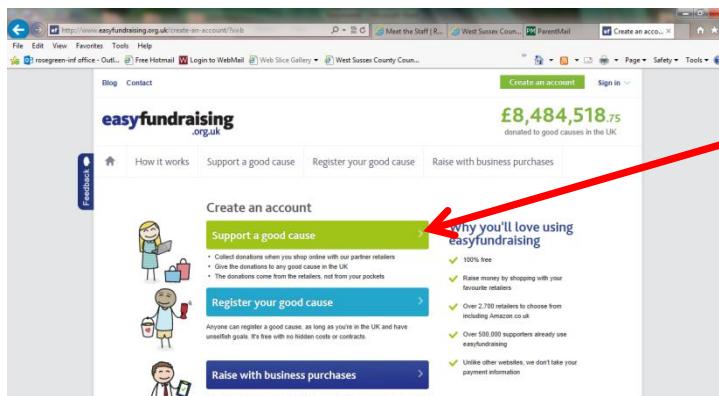
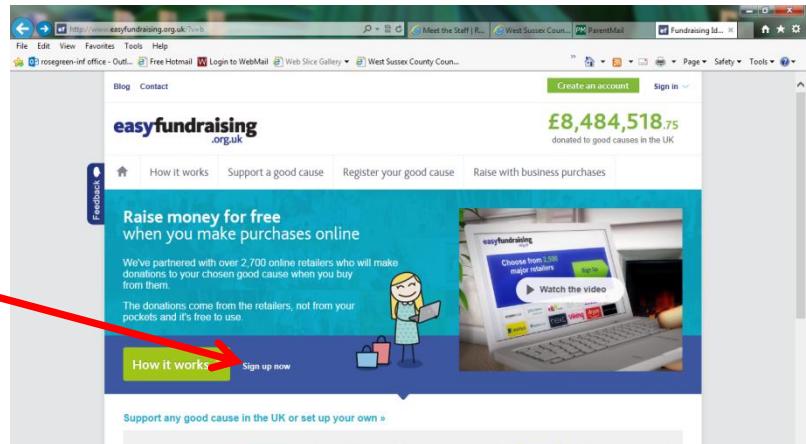


WANT TO HELP? It's so easy.

Simply go to

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

and click on "Sign up now"



Click "Support a good cause" and then type Rose Green Infant School into the search and then click "Support this cause", fill in your details and then shop!

Any commission you earn will automatically be sent to our account every 3 months .

And that's it! Once you have registered you just log on every time you shop online. You can even see how much you have raised and the total raised so far.

P.T.A. QUIZ NIGHT

Including food

Friday 13th March - 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Make up your own team of **4 - 6 people**, of family & friends.

They don't have to have a connection with the school.

However, sorry no children though. This is a fun night for adults!

Price £10.00 per head, which includes a choice of Sausage, Veggie Burger or Veggie Spring Roll and Chips OR **£13.00 per head** for Cod and Chips

Bring your own alcohol or soft drinks and glasses, and some loose change for a fun game!

Questions are fun and are not too serious, or taxing!!!

Please complete and return the enclosed slip to the school office together with the cash, or a cheque made payable to **Rose Green Infants PTA**
Last date for entry is 6th March

Contact Name Child's Class Name E-mail Address

I/We would like to enter a team of people and enclose a cheque / cash for £

Please include us in (name's) TEAM NAME

Our food choice is as follows:

Number of Sausage & Chips Number of Cod & Chips

Number of Veggie Burger & Chips Number of Veggie Spring Roll & Chips

Reading Newsletter January 2026

Happy New Year to you all! Thank you for taking time to read the newsletter. Our aim is to support each child's progress in Reading and their enjoyment of reading a range of texts.

This year The Department for Education has announced that 2026 will be The National Year of Reading. This is because there has nationally been a 'steep decline in reading amongst children, young people and adults' (National Literacy Trust.) The theme for the year is 'Go All In.' Have a look at the website. They are working alongside The Literacy Trust. <https://goallin.org.uk/>

Reading is the key to all learning and we know that confident readers make better academic progress throughout their school careers than those who don't. (GL Assessment)

At school we assess and track continuously to promote and encourage good progress. We also provide many opportunities through our schemes of work to develop Reading for Pleasure.

But what can you do at home? Often our most confident and successful readers are children who...

- Are read to each night at bedtime
- Practise their reading every day
- Have a book box or book shelf in their bedroom
 - Visit the library regularly
 - Have parents who read
 - Say that they love reading

For every birthday party that your child is invited to this year, why not buy a book for that child?

We have many exciting events coming up at school. On the 12th of February, we have Simon Philip, a local author coming to visit school. He will read and present one of his books to all of the children and then each child will be given a FREE BOOK, signed personally by him. This is organised by BookFest a local charity who aim to give books to as many children as possible.

In the UK, "2 in 5 children between the ages of 5 and 8 from disadvantaged backgrounds do not own a book of their own" and "3 in 10 eleven year olds in Chichester leave primary school unable to read at the level expected for their age." (National Literacy Trust). 'As a charity we are committed to encouraging children of all ages to read books, opening their minds and inspiring a love of words' (BookFest)

The 2nd March is Book Week and the 5th March is World Book Day. The teachers will be planning lots of exciting and inspiring things for that week.

Leaders are Readers



Plea from Year 2:

To help us with our next few science topics.....

Please could you see if you have any old or no longer needed items, from the list below?

- Umbrellas**
- Waterproof coats/ponchos or hats**
- Stress balls**
- Waterproof fabric**
- Plastic bags**

Thank you

Year 2 Teachers

(If anyone has any spare girls' tights/pants/socks, we would also welcome these for our spare underwear drawer. Thank you)



Books2Africa

CERTIFICATE OF THANKS

Awarded to

Rose Green Infant School

For donating and funding
a shipment of

**12 box(es) of books and
resources to Africa**

