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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

28th November 2025

Learning About Christianity: A Visit From Reverend Middleton

As part of our learning in RE, we were delighted to welcome Reverend Middleton into school this week. She shared a well-known Christian story from the Old Testament—the story of Jacob.

The children listened carefully as they learnt about Jacob's journey, his dream of a ladder reaching up to heaven, and the important lessons Christians take from this story.



Sawing in DT:

Year 2 had a fantastic time learning how to saw wooden dowel with brilliant help from our Year 6 friends! Together, we explored real woodworking tools, including a saw, bench hook and sandpaper, learning how each one helps us cut and smooth wood safely. The Year 6 helpers showed wonderful leadership, demonstrating how to hold the dowel steady, how to saw with control and how to finish the edges using sandpaper. Year 2 listened carefully, worked sensibly and showed great determination as they practised their new skills.



Mixing colours in Year 3 – the colour wheel

Using primary colours, the children learnt about primary colours, how to mix colours and create secondary colours with watercolour paints. The next stage is that the children are going to recreate a William Morris sample using the colours they have learnt to mix. Take a look at their colour wheels and colour mixing so far.



Salt Dough and the Stone Age – Class 5 Gets Creative!

This week, Class 5 has been busy exploring a fantastic blend of history, science and design technology through our STEM learning project. We began by travelling back in time to the Stone Age, learning how early humans created jewellery using natural materials. Class 5 then had a go at making their own! They mixed salt, flour and water to create salt dough before shaping this into Stone Age-style beads, teeth and other decorative pieces. Once dry, the children painted and assembled their creations into their very own prehistoric jewellery.



Starting our lighthouse project in Year 6

We've carefully planned our designs and drawn detailed diagrams to show how our 3D models will work. Each lighthouse will include a working circuit so the light at the top can shine just like a real one – the children are very excited about this part! The first stage is now complete, with the Modroc structures finished and drying nicely. Next up... painting!



Benchball

Another amazing evening of Benchball at Rockingham this time it was the turn of Y5/6. Incredibly competitive games throughout the evening challenged all the children however, they should outstanding resilience to approach each game with a positive mindset.



Simon Sock!

In the LEAF, we have had so much fun exploring our class text, Simon Sock. Simon is a sock that just wants to belong as a pair and be the same as someone else. However, we discovered that sometimes it's perfectly OK to not match someone else, and that we are all different, and that's okay!

During our Attention Autism sessions, we carefully observed what happens when our emotions bubble up and explode by watching an exploding science experiment! In our ELSA, we had a go at naming some of those big emotions, helping us understand ourselves better and looking at different ways we can deal with those big feelings!



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Key Dates

Please be aware of all the key dates as we approach Christmas. We have some wonderful activities planned - please book onto the Carols By Candle Light, where we will have some fun games and activities as well as a sing-along.

Thursday 4th December 25 🎄

Christingle FS2/KS1 - Service 9.15 to 10.00 am at St John's Church



Tuesday 9th December 25

EYFS Nativity - 9.15 to 10.15am

Tickets £1.00 each, 2 tickets per child, available to purchase on Arbor under the School Shop section

Carols by Candlelight - 3.30 to 4.30pm

Wednesday 10th December 25 🎄

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

KS1 Nativity - 9.15 to 10.15am

Tickets £1.00 each, 2 tickets per child, available to purchase on Arbor under the School Shop section



Thursday 11th December 25

Reindeer Run

Friday 12th December 25 🎄

Foundation Xmas Party - 1.00 to 2.00pm

1st performance - 1.30 to 2.30pm 2nd performance - 4.00 to 5.00pm



Tuesday 16th December 25 🎄

X Factor - 9.00 to 11.00am

Parents of the successful auditions will be invited to join us

Y5/Y6 Xmas Party - 1.00 to 3.00pm



Wednesday 17th December 25

KS1 Xmas Party - 9.00 to 11.00am Y3/Y4 Xmas Party - 1.00 to 3.00pm

Thursday 18th December 25 🎄

Christmas Fayre - 3.00 to 4.00pm



Friday 19th December 25

EYFS Xmas Party - 9.00 to 11.00am

School closes 1.30pm on Friday 19th December 2025 & re-opens on Tuesday 6th January 2026

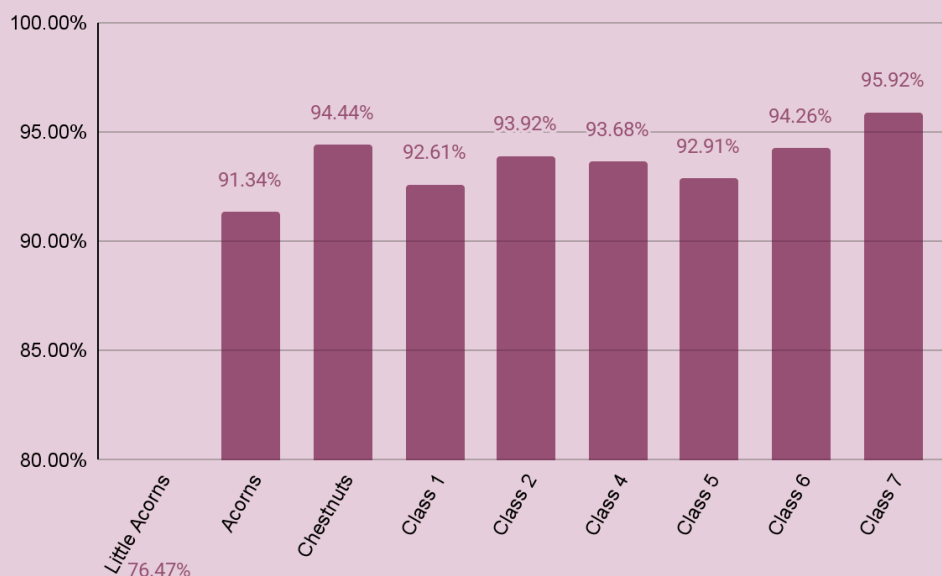


Monday 15th December 25

KS2 Panto - Primary School Christmas Musical

Tickets £1.00 each, 2 tickets per child per performance available to purchase on Arbor under the School Shop section

Your Class Attendance



Our Target is **96%**.
Remember everyday matters at school.

We always call if we have no reason why children are not in school. Please inform the office if your child is not able to attend.

Please be aware that we cannot release children early from school without seeing an appointment letter or card.