

Rosehill School



Newsletter 2 – December 2025

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

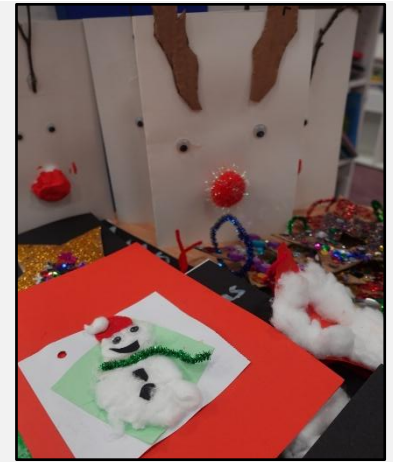
Thank you for all your support for our pupils in their concerts over the last week; from learning lines to making costumes we all appreciate how much effort goes in. The audiences which then followed and the encouragement you have shown, has been fantastic.

Other events that took place this term include Culture, Safeguarding and PSHE Week. I am delighted that our Lead Ambassadors have played a key role in planning aspects of these projects to ensure they are pupil centred. All pupils have eagerly joined in with the projects, and we have seen high levels of engagement across the entire term.

Trust is the bridge that connects home and school in our shared goal of achieving the best possible futures for our pupils. Every day, you as parents and carers trust us to guide and educate your children. In return we trust you to reinforce our values and support learning. The result of this partnership is what I see each day; pupils enjoying taking part in learning. Watching our pupils sing, read, perform, dance and play has been an absolute privilege and a clear result of that partnership. I can't wait to see what 2026 will bring for our pupils.

Enjoy your break – I hope you have a restful Christmas

C Steele
Headteacher



Sixth Form Christmas enterprise stall 2025

Rosehill Awards – Autumn 2025



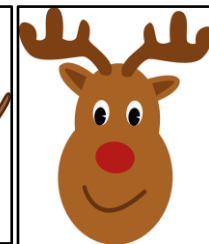
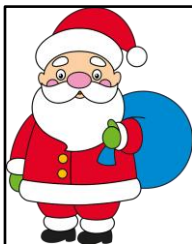
Whole School Attendance
92.2%

Class Attendance Awards
1st Place – **Sunflower 98.9%**
2nd Place – **Buttercup 96.8%**
3rd Place – **Gedling 95.3%**

Class Ambassador
Primary School – **Desire**
Middle School – **Jason**
Upper School – **Jason**

Gold Award
Autumn Term 1 – **Class**
Autumn Term 2 – **Class Sherwood**

Special Recognition Awards
Primary School – **James**
Middle School – **Riley**
Upper School – **Class 13**



Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Team at Rosehill



Rosehill School Safeguarding Team

If you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, you will need to report this immediately to a DSL.

If you are a parent or a visitor to the school and are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child or family, you can ask to speak to the Lead DSL, a Deputy DSL or a member of the Senior Leadership Team

<p>Safeguarding Officer Charlotte Turner Lead DSL Availability: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri Also via email c.turner@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Headteacher Cheryl Steele Headteacher DSL Availability: Mon-Fri Also via email c.steele@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Acting Deputy Headteacher Tamara Riddell Deputy DSL Availability: Mon-Fri Also via email t.riddell@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Safeguarding Governor Rebecca Hyder Governor Contact Availability: Via email r.hyder@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 
	<p>Deputy Headteacher Adele Harvey Deputy DSL Availability: Wed/Thurs/Fri Also via email a.harvey@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	<p>Class Teacher Katie Stevenson Deputy DSL Availability: Mon-Thurs Also via email k.stevenson@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk</p> 	

Please see one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads in person or call 0115 9155815 to speak to a DSL

If you are concerned that a child/young person may be subject to ill-treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse OR if you are being abused:

- Tell someone you trust
- In an emergency dial 999
- To report a crime, call 101
- Nottingham City Social Care – for a child/young person who lives in Nottingham City: 0115 876 4800
CityMASH@nottinghamcity.gov.uk
- Nottinghamshire County Social Care – for a child/young person who lives in Nottinghamshire County:
<https://tinyurl.com/ycxnv645>
- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 and Child Line: 0800 1111

For further safeguarding information, please follow this link to our school website: <https://tinyurl.com/4suvdnmc>

Attendance

Improving attendance is everyone's responsibility. <https://tinyurl.com/bdfrdp97> Thank you for your support and to all those pupils and families who are helping make improvements to attendance and punctuality.

We have recently updated our Attendance Policy which can be accessed via our school website. Copies are available on request. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with K Lloyds (Attendance Officer) k.lloyds@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk or C Turner (Attendance Champion) c.turner@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk.

Pupil Achievements

At Rosehill School we believe that it is very important to recognise and celebrate pupil's achievements as this develops their self-esteem. Pupils are continuously learning and developing; therefore, we provide a rich enabling environment that facilitates pupils to do this. We also use positive reinforcement and celebrate achievements in many ways to help build their confidence. Please follow this link to learn more about our different awards and ways of celebrating achievements across the whole school <https://tinyurl.com/sjmvd8x>

Pupil Gold Awards

Himanish – being a good role model
Hugo and Thomas – good behaviour
Ben – promoting health and safety
Argent – inspiring his friends
Amin and Anthony – work related learning
Dave – promoting the school rules
Ali and Noah – bravery awards
Khamari, Jordan, Kaitlyn and Ola – good work
Jason – promoting signing

Class Gold Awards

Class Rufford – excellent team work
Class Colwick – promoting health and safety at school
Class Rose – good behaviour
Class Pine – promoting school attendance



Special Recognition Awards

Primary School – James for his perseverance
Middle School – Riley for having a good attitude to learning
Upper School – Class 13 for caring for our local community (litter picking) / Upper Department for their Christmas walk

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the **74** pupils who are at +95%, including the **26** pupils at 100% attendance. A huge well done to **Sunflower Class** who had the best attendance this term - Well done!

Class Ambassador Awards

Primary School – Desire for working with the student council in another special school
Middle School – Jason for promoting signing
Upper School – Jason for being a good role model in the local community

The Class Ambassadors have worked extremely hard to promote our school values and have organised Safeguarding and PSHE week. They have provided important feedback during the Governors Day regarding school developments. In response to pupil voice, they have worked with local organisations to bring new opportunities to the school such as road safety services and drugs education providers. Furthermore, Ambassadors met with David Thompson, NC Health and Safety to discuss our food waste recycling project. Well done, Ambassadors, keep up the good work.

Curriculum

Theatre Production – Jungle Book

At Rosehill we have developed our curriculum to be broad and balanced, offering a wide range of opportunities for pupils to develop their cultural capital. This term, we were visited by a theatre production team who set up workshops for pupils to engage in storytelling of the Jungle book.

This was a unique experience, designed to build pupils' confidence, engagement and creativity. Following the workshops, the pupils then delivered the production to the whole school. This group demonstrated good teamwork and resilience; they worked collaboratively toward a shared goal, and developed confidence in expressing themselves. Well done everyone!



Culture Week

Culture Week was a vibrant celebration of our school community, filled with hands-on cultural art projects, Ghanaian food workshops, and lively Zumba sessions. Pupils and families enjoyed storytelling events—including Moon Festival tales—along with meditation workshops, dance activities, and MILE-based cultural learning. The Cultural Café brought everyone together to experience food, displays, and interactive activities, making the week a memorable showcase of creativity, diversity, and connection.



Safeguarding and PSHE Week

During November, the Lead Ambassadors helped set up Safeguarding and PSHE Week. The purpose of this project was to promote and raise awareness of themes such as; online safety/ pupil voice/ drugs education/ consent/ appropriate and inappropriate touch/ anti bullying/ healthy lifestyles/ promoting LGBT+ and inclusion/ mental health and wellbeing/ community services/ school attendance and keeping safe in the community.

All pupils took part in a range of exciting activities, such as attending Police and drugs education workshops and stranger danger/ road safety sessions. We even had a visit from our local blood bike organisation [Home - Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes](#)





Safeguarding week went extremely well, with the pupils learning about how to keep themselves safe, including online, and improving their health and wellbeing, and knowing how to ask for help and who to go to in the community for advice or guidance.



E-Safety

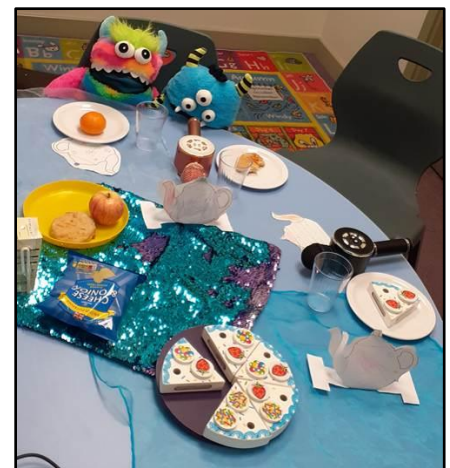
The Internet contains a wealth of images, videos and information. Much of it is positive, but there is also content that is not appropriate for children to see. With the Christmas holidays here, there are a number of things parents can do on home networks to make it as safe as possible. Please follow this link to find out top tips for helping to keep your child safe online.

<https://www.therosehillschool.com/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=72> .

On this page you will find links to some very useful websites, resources and documents which are available for download. These will provide you with information on all you need to know in order to stay safe online and have fun surfing! These resources will hopefully educate pupils and parents on how to improve and maintain the safety of their online presence.

Primary Parliament

On Thursday 27 November, two Primary Pupils joined a meeting with Nottingham City's Primary Parliament along with two other schools. Primary Parliament is a termly opportunity for pupil representatives from primary schools across Nottingham City to come together and have their voices heard. Pupils explore a wide range of global and local issues that matter to them and to their futures by working creatively with cultural and educational organisations, researchers and specialists. Primary Parliament is all about children's voices and the utmost emphasis is placed on collaboration, imagination and communication. During the session pupils created a tea party to share the message that 'Your Voice Matters'. The next session will be Thursday 19th March."



Middle and Upper School Christmas Concert

This half term, Music has been filled with excitement as pupils prepared for our annual Christmas performance, *A Rosehill Christmas Carol*. They worked together to write parts of the script, create props and artwork, rehearse dance routines, and practise singing, signing and acting. The whole school was busy with rehearsals as pupils developed their confidence and worked as a team to bring the story to life. The dedication and creativity shown by pupils and staff resulted in an enjoyable event that captured the spirit of Christmas. We are very proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work, and we thank the staff team and families for their continued support. The concert was another wonderful celebration of our school community.





Social Action, Fundraising and Donations



Children in Need

We definitely didn't disappoint Pudsey Bear this year! In total we raised **£93.24** for Children in Need – well done everyone!

A huge thank you to:

-The Wellbeing Champions for raising **£51.50** for Young Minds on Mental Health Day (Hello Yellow)

-Lions Club for raising **£600 for transport** for pupils to visit Ashby Fair

-Teacher Active agency for **donating scooters** to the Primary School

-Parents and friends of the school for supporting school

-Employees who took part in a memory walk to **raise money for Alzheimer's Society**

-Now Education for providing the school with **vouchers for competitions** during safeguarding week and for **donating £1,491 for pupil resources**

-School fund donations **£236.55**



Department News



Update from Hannah and the Team in the Primary School

This term in Primary, it has been full of exciting learning and wonderful achievements. Our English focus on Percy the Park Keeper's One Snowy Night inspired fantastic work, culminating in a brilliant Christmas Performance, with children proudly creating the backdrop props showcased on stage.



Pupils have engaged well in sensory stories and Attention Autism linked to our class topics, and it has been lovely to see new pupils settling in so confidently. There has been great enjoyment in swimming sessions, and in science we have been busy investigating light. It has been a busy and successful term, and we are incredibly proud of all the pupil's hard work and enthusiasm.

Update from Katie and the Team in the Middle School

First of all, I would like to welcome new pupils, pupils from the primary department and their families to Middle School; all pupils have settled well into their new classes. We have had a very busy Autumn Term; during Autumn Term 1 the pupils learnt about their school community and people who help them whilst at school. The focus story for English was *My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I am not)* by Peter Brown, the PSHE focus was learning about healthy and unhealthy relationship behaviour and we had fun in Art creating self-portraits.



In Autumn Term 2 the pupils have been learning about Holy buildings and celebrations linked to different religions and cultures. In English the pupils have been reading simple facts about religious celebrations and holy buildings and then writing/creating their own fact files; The Food Technology focus has been developing and refining kneading skills.



Our Department Assemblies are now on a Wednesday afternoon in which we talk and learn about different festivals and celebrations; we also now have a longer period of reflection, encourage pupil voice and feedback as well as celebrating 'good news' i.e., star of the week, gold awards, teacher recognition awards. We have also continued to have dinner together every day, as well as music and movement on a Wednesday afternoon and Yoga on a Friday afternoon. I would also like to congratulate the pupils for their fantastic efforts and showmanship in this year's Christmas Concert; I am very proud of you all.



Update from Tamara, Bernie and the Team in the Upper School

It has been a busy term in Upper School. The students have been taking part in lots of activities in the community, such as litter picking at Woodthorpe Park and work experience in the Food Bank at the Salvation Army.

The pupils all had the chance to go on two exciting department trips. One to Ashby Fair where they had the chance to go on lots of rides and enjoy all the fun of the fair. The second, was a fantastic festive walk to the Winter Wonderland where we experienced the sights, sounds and some rides. Both were a great success and we had fun enjoying the time with our friends.



Pupils in the Sixth Form have also been helping improve our local environment by taking part in litter picking. This team of pupils, have shown dedication to keeping our city clean and green, which has had a positive impact on the removal of waste, carbon savings and wildlife protection. Thank you to all of the pupils involved for their hard work!



Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; from each department team!

Other News



Digital Christmas Card Competition

Upper School students participated in a digital art competition nationally and within school to make the best festive card. Our Ambassadors for E-Safety, Art and Design Technology judged the entries and chose the top 4 cards. A big well done for all students for taking part! Congratulations to all our winners.



Makaton Signing

Every week our signing lead Sarah records new signs for the following week and signs are uploaded to the school website. <https://tinyurl.com/3y22ujxm> These signs link in with school topics, therefore more recently we have added signs for Christmas. There are lots of signs on the website for you to practice at home, and within the community. Please get in touch with our Communication lead Melissa Cooper m.cooper@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk or our Signing lead Sarah Newsham s.newsham@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk



King



Donkey



Baby

Other Information for Parents, Carers & Families

Parent & Carer Workshops

Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to attend the workshops and other events, which have been well-attended. In the Autumn term we had; workshops on community activities and health and wellbeing. We also invited parents into school for Culture and Safeguarding Week. Feedback from these events has been exceptionally positive. We will continue to strive to make these sessions useful, informative and relevant. All of these sessions are informal, and a time to meet other parents for a chat and a coffee, so we would love to see you at the events coming up over the spring and summer term. Please follow this link for more information <https://tinyurl.com/3sjrk72>

Spring 2026	Wednesday 28 January 2026 @ 15:30 – 17:00: Parent meeting (Progress update/ meet the teacher) Thursday 5 March 2026: Book day event for parents and carers (Time TBC) Friday 20 March 2026 @ 10:30 – 12:00: Coffee morning – Wills and legal advice
Summer 2026	Tuesday 28 April 2026 10:30 – 12:00: Makaton training session Tuesday 19 May 2026 (commencing from 9:30 – 14:00): Here to Help and Transition Fair Wednesday 24 June 2026 @ 10:30 – 12:00: Coffee Morning: Speech, language and Communication and Occupation Therapy – Eating difficulties

School Meals

A reminder about school dinner prices. For Key stage one and two the price of a meal is £2.90 or £14.50 for the week. For Key stage three and four the price of a meal is £3.00 or £15.00 for the week. There will continue to be an emphasis on healthy eating. Please contact the school office on 0115 9155815 if you require further information regarding an application for free school meals.

Charities and Food Banks

- For advice and support visit <http://www.asklion.co.uk/bills>. If you require support, you can call Nottingham City Council on 0115 915 5555. <https://www.leftlion.co.uk/read/2018/november/food-banks-nottingham>
- Warm spaces over the winter period: [Warm Spaces Community Venues | Ask Lion - Nottingham City Directory](#)
- Trussell Trust support a nationwide network of food banks and together provide emergency food <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>
- You can also get help by calling Help through Hardship for free, to talk confidentially to a trained Citizens Advice advisor on **0808 208 2138**. They can help address your crisis and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to
- The **NHS Healthy Start** scheme is available for some pregnant woman/ children under the age of 4. For those that are eligible, this scheme entitles you to payments every 4 weeks to spend on essential items such as: cow's milk, fruit and vegetables, instant formula milk and pulses. Please follow this <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/> for further help, or email **Kate Lloyds** k.lloyds@rosehill.nottingham.sch.uk who will be happy to discuss this with you



I would like to include a very special thank you to the entire staff team at Rosehill for their ongoing commitment and hard work this term. Staff go the extra mile and it's been a pleasure to receive positive feedback, on a regular basis from pupils, parents, visitors and other professionals about our staff. On 17 December staff were further recognised for their hard work as the school celebrated 'Stars in our Schools'. Many staff were awarded for going above and beyond for the school, which is fantastic!

Rosehill School Key Calendar Dates

Pupils break up for Christmas on Thursday 19th December 2025 and return to school after the Christmas holidays on Monday 5th January 2026

Spring Term 2026 (Monday 5th January – Friday 27 March 2026)

5 th January	School re-opens to pupils
8 th January	Ex-Leavers Reunion
28 th January	Parents Evening and Meet the Team
6 th February	Time to Think Day
9 th – 13 th February	Maths & Technology Week
11 th February	E-Safety Day

Half-term: (Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026)

23 rd February	School re-opens to pupils
26 th February	Prospective Parents Open Event
2 nd – 6 th March	Reading, Poetry and Arts Week
5 th March	World Book Day
9 th – 13 th March	Careers/ Heping Hands Week
16 th – 20 th	Neurodiversity Week
20 th March	Parents Coffee morning
27 March	INSET Day 3 – School closed to pupils

Summer Term 2026 (Monday 13 April – Monday 27th July 2026)

1 st – 30 th April	World Autism Month
13 th April	School re-opens to pupils
28 th April	Parents Makaton Training
1 st – 31 st May	Mental Health Awareness Month
4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY - School closed to pupils
11 th – 15 th May	Eco-Schools, Science & Outdoor Learning Week
13 th – 15 th May	Upper School Camp
19 th May	Here to Help and Transitions Fayre

Half-term: (Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026)

1 st June	School re-opens to pupils
1 st June	RSE Day
11 th June	Prospective Parents Open Event
15 th – 19 th June	Music & Performing Arts Week
19 th June	Rosehill's Got Talent / World Music Day
24 th June	Parents Coffee Morning
6 th – 10 th July	Sports & Summer Fun Week
8 th July	Sports Day – Upper / Middle
10 th July	Sports Day – Primary

13th – 17th July

14th July

TBC

20th July

22nd July

23rd July

24th July

27th July

Friendship Week

Leavers Celebration

Parents Coffee morning

Celebration Assembly (Oscar Awards – All welcome to wear Formal Attire)

End of Year Celebrations

INSET Day 4 – School closed to pupils

Health & Safety Training Day - School closed to pupils

INSET Day 5 – School closed to pupils