

SUMMER TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2026



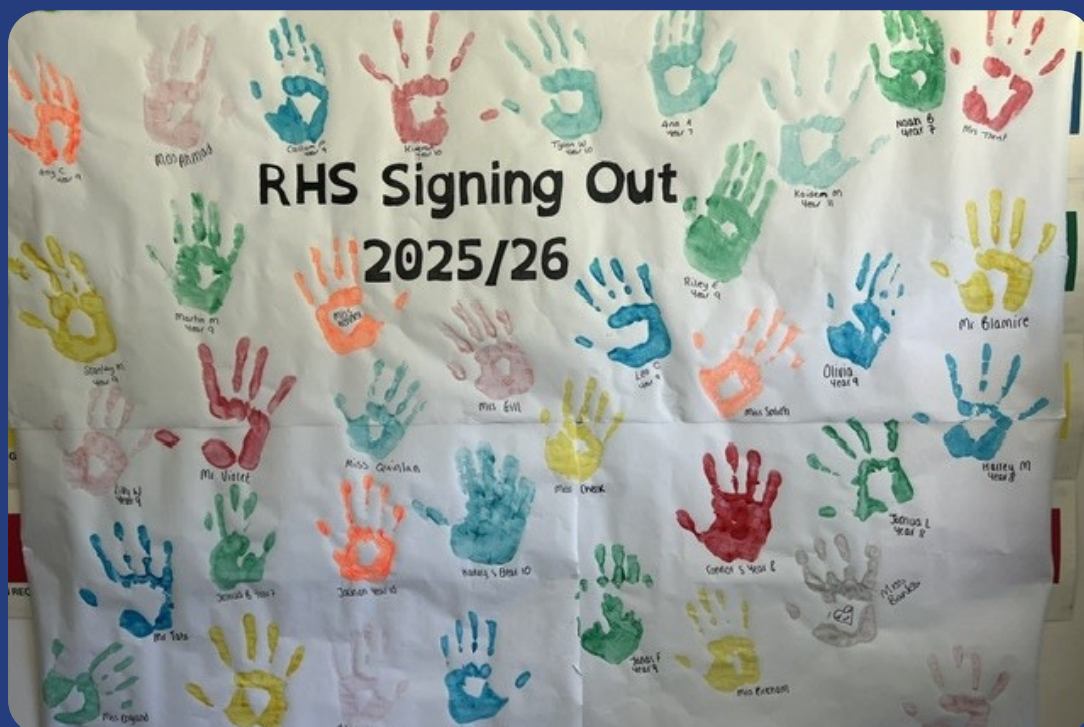
SCHOOL NEWS

Reflecting on a fantastic academic year...

There has been so much to celebrate across the academic year that it is impossible to capture it all in the space available. From students completing the 10X Challenge, taking part in work placements, producing fantastic Art projects, representing the school in sports competitions, completing Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and achieving a wide range of qualifications, this has been a year full of commitment, positivity and success. Huge congratulations also go to all students who sat their NCFE Functional Skills Entry, Level 1 and Level 2 exams this term. It has been outstanding to see how they approached and handled this challenge, and we are incredibly proud of every student who rose to the occasion. We would also like to wish all our Year 11 and Post-16 leavers every success in the exciting futures they are destined for.

Thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families for their continued support throughout the academic year. Your encouragement and commitment have played an important part in helping students to grow in confidence, celebrate their achievements and prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. As we bring the year to a close, we look back with pride on all that has been accomplished and we look forward to welcoming new students from September 2026.

'Moving forwards together to a positive future' - Mr Birkenhead, Headteacher.

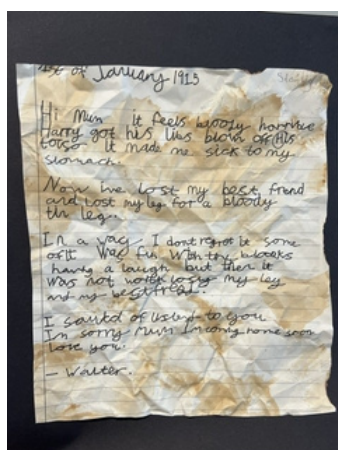


Outstanding Achievements

Throughout Summer Term 2, our Outstanding Achievement Awards highlighted students who went above and beyond in their learning and engagement. Staff nominated learners who stood out in History, Maths, Art and PSHE, to mention a few.

We also saw many pupils showing enthusiasm and a can-do attitude when completing their DofE, Outreach sessions and across the school. It's uplifting to see so many achievements across our broad curriculum. We're excited to build on this success as we move into the summer term.

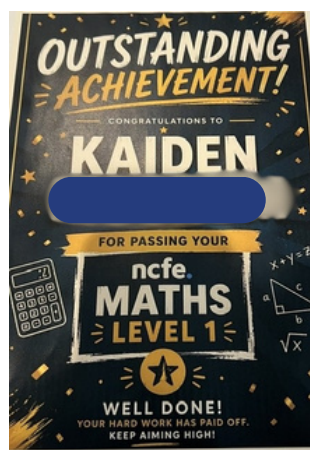
Well done to everyone recognised...



History



Art



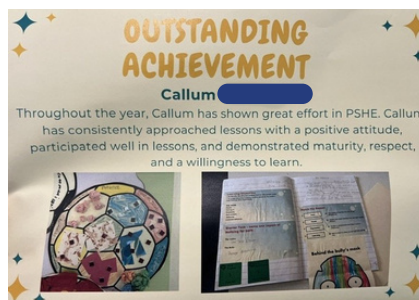
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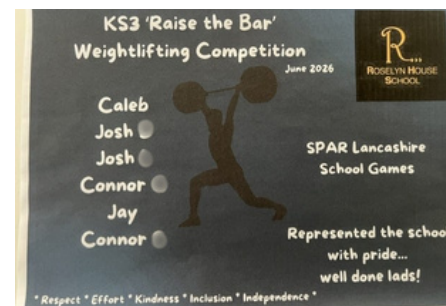
PE



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PSHE



Weightlifting

Events Calendar

The RHS Summer Term 2 calendar has been full of engaging and memorable events, highlighting our school ethos, active participation and shared passion for learning.

World Cup 2026

To celebrate the FIFA World Cup, we invited students to join a fun Design a World Cup Top competition, giving them the chance to show their creativity and love for football. We linked the tournament to our PSHE lessons too, using it to help students learn about teamwork, respect, and the importance of supporting one another.



Design a World Cup Football Top

Oliver Production

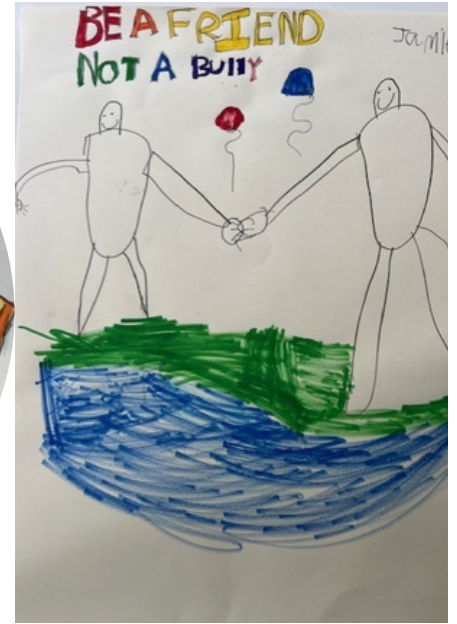


Our school proudly staged a production of Oliver at St Ambrose Church, with every student playing an important part. Whether they were acting, singing, or helping behind the scenes, all students were fully involved. Their enthusiasm and commitment shone through, making the performance a wonderful celebration of teamwork and creativity.



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Anti- Bullying Focus



In PSHE, we have been focusing on anti-bullying and helping students recognise positive and negative relationships. Students took part in thoughtful discussions about how our actions affect others and what respectful behaviour looks like. They also created eye-catching anti-bullying posters to share their messages and promote kindness across the school.

Drowning Prevention Week



For Drowning Prevention Week, students took part in lessons focused on water safety and understanding the dangers around open water. They then visited a local canal, where they could clearly see the hazards discussed in class. This hands-on experience helped strengthen their awareness and encouraged sensible, safe behaviour near water.

Year 7 English Trip- Blackpool



Year 7 enjoyed an exciting visit to Blackpool Sea Life Centre and Madame Tussauds. The trip gave pupils the opportunity to experience the attractions first-hand before returning to school to write their own travel guides in English lessons. Throughout the day, the children worked together to take photographs that they could include in their guides, helping them to capture the highlights of their visit. To make the day even more memorable, everyone stopped to enjoy chips and ice cream on the beach before heading home. It was a fantastic day of learning, creativity and fun.

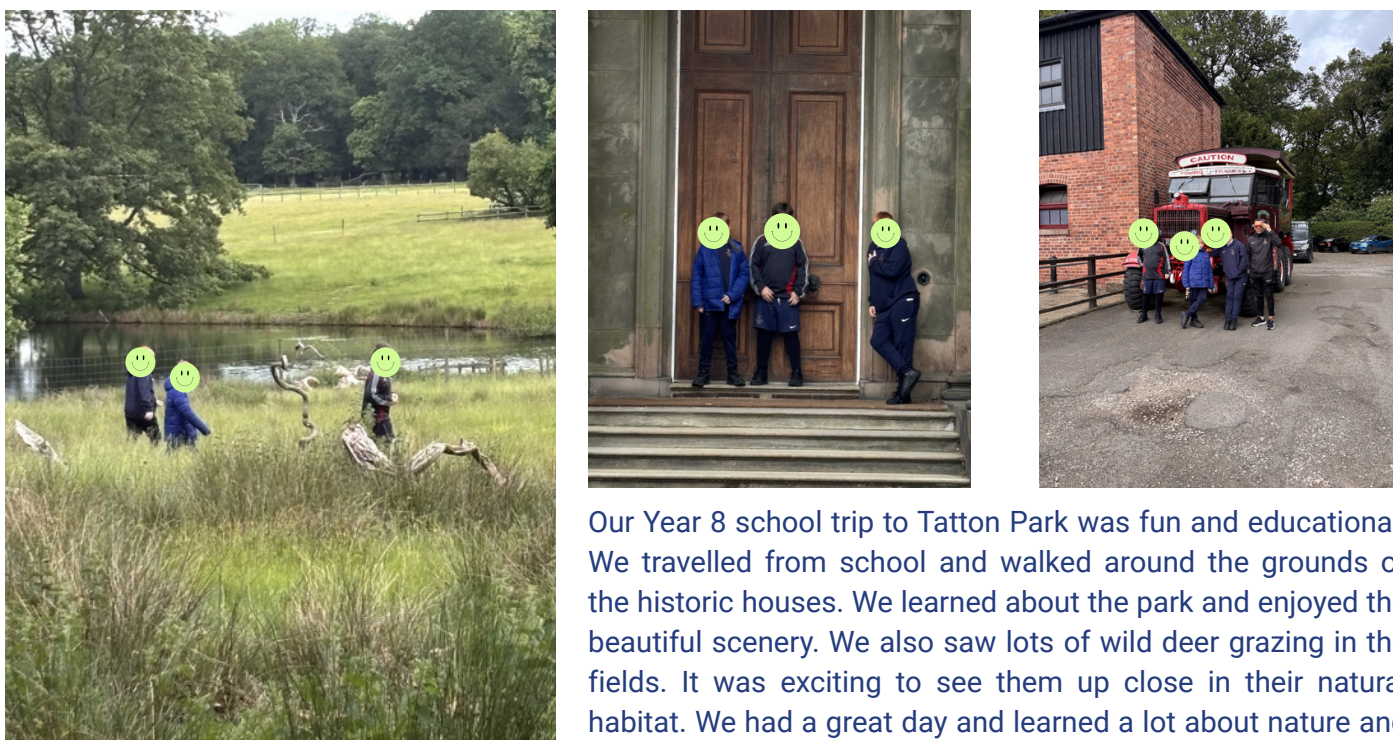


Art Projects



Students created lots of creative and inspiring projects during their art sessions. They explored different materials and techniques, producing work that showed imagination, effort, and growing confidence. Their artwork brightened our classrooms and demonstrated how much they enjoyed expressing themselves.

Educational Visits



Our Year 8 school trip to Tatton Park was fun and educational. We travelled from school and walked around the grounds of the historic houses. We learned about the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. We also saw lots of wild deer grazing in the fields. It was exciting to see them up close in their natural habitat. We had a great day and learned a lot about nature and history.

Celebrating Sport and DofE success

A group of Key Stage 3 pupils recently enjoyed an inspiring day at the Weight Lifting Festival, held at FitBox, Buckshaw Village and organised by South Ribble School Games. The festival gave pupils the opportunity to challenge themselves through a variety of weight-lifting activities, helping them to build strength, confidence and resilience whilst having fun. Throughout the day, pupils showed fantastic determination, supported one another and celebrated each other's achievements. As part of the experience, pupils also enjoyed a healthy and nutritious lunch, reinforcing the importance of good nutrition and healthy lifestyles alongside physical activity. It was a hugely positive and memorable day, with all pupils representing the school brilliantly and returning with a real sense of pride in their accomplishments.



Weightlifting Tournament



Football Tournament



DofE



DofE

This year we have had 4 students successfully complete their Bronze DofE and 4 students successfully carry on their DofE journey to complete Silver DofE. All students have completed a Physical, Skill, Volunteering and Expedition section. A massive well done to all the students who have participated in DofE this year.



Careers and Post 16 Support...

During Summer Term 2, our KS4 and KS5 students have had an opportunity to take part in a series of activities designed to help them prepare for life after school. These included practice 'mock' interviews, guided sessions on completing college and job applications, and supported time to explore different pathways available to them.

Our mock interviews have given them the chance to build communication skills, ask questions, and gain real insight into what to expect in the next stage of their journey.

Our students who are leaving this summer have attended their College taster days to ensure a smooth transition onto their next chapter. We wish them every success in their future and look forward to welcoming our new students in September.

Summer Holidays – Transitions and Final Steps

- Transition Support: Continued help via email and phone.
- Lancashire SEND Liaison: Continue to work with Lancashire SEND services to ensure a smooth transition.
- Final Updates & Reassurance.

Please see the careers roadmap for Years 11 to 14.

If you have any questions, the school office can arrange a call with the post-16 and careers team.



Supporting our families

We want to remind parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) that support is available throughout Lancashire.

Lancashire County Council's SEND Local Offer also provides a wealth of resources for families, including activities, SEN support in schools, and advice on Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans. Explore their full range of services here: lancashire.gov.uk/SEND.

For additional support throughout the year, you may wish to check local family hubs, SEND parent groups and community events listed on the Local Offer. This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents and share experiences, and remember, you're not alone.

Please email the school office if you have any questions in relation to additional support for you and your family.



Looking ahead to September 2026...

A massive thank you to our students, parents and staff for their continued dedication and hard work. Your passion, commitment and positivity are what make our school community so vibrant and inspiring.

As we move into a new academic year, there is plenty to look forward to. Our calendar Autumn Term 1 will include:

- **Snacktember**
- **World Gratitude Day**
- **ADHD Awareness Month**
- **National Libraries Week**
- **World Mental Health Day**
- **Diwali**

In addition, a variety of other exciting activities and events are planned to inspire, engage and celebrate our students.

We're excited for all the wonderful things the new year will bring. Have a fantastic summer holiday.