

Robert Ferguson Primary School



Fantastic Fundraisers

In the past 18 months, our pupils have raised a staggering £7,000 for a range of worthy causes!

After we raised almost £2,000 last year for Sport Relief, and £1,260 this year for Comic Relief, the national organisers of both events contacted us this week to thank us and inform us that this puts us in the top 1,500 out of 10,000 schools (primary and secondary) nationally!

Our Friends of Robert Ferguson are fantastic fundraisers, too! This year's Christmas Fair raised an astounding £1,700. This money will be used to



fund things which will enhance the opportunities for pupils. For example, the outdoor table tennis and Lexia software were purchased by The Friends. Special thanks to Val, Pauline and

Fundraising Totals 2014-2015

March 2014	Sport Relief	£1964
October 2014	Macmillan Cancer Care	£161
November 2014	Children in Need	£400
December 2014	Save the Children	£130
December 2015	Special Care Baby Unit	£310
March 2015	Comic Relief	£1,260
September 2015	Macmillan Cancer Care	£245
November 2015	Children in Need	£1,460
November 2015	Royal British Legion	£180
December 2015	Cash for Kids	£245
December 2015	Flood Relief Appeal	£1,100

Christine who have organised our very successful Friends events for seven years, raising over £1000 per year, this being their last. If you would be interested in getting involved next year, we would love to hear from you!

Fun at the Fair



🎵 Music and Drama at Christmas Time 🎭



The stars shone brightly in our nativity plays. We heard the story from the perspectives of a little star (Key Stage 1) and the animals (Key Stage 2), and Early Years presented "A Very Noisy Nativity".

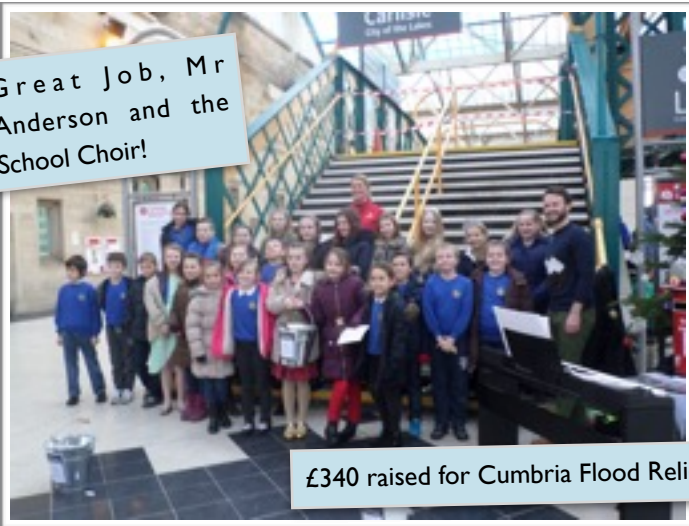
The children learn so much from putting on a show, building confidence, team and communication skills as well as drama and music. Of course, the joyfulness and celebration is just as important for us as individuals and as a community. Thank you to all those of you who were able to come along and join the celebration.



Choir - December 2015 Tour Dates

The Year 5 Team

Great Job, Mr Anderson and the School Choir!



The Year 5 Team, from left: Mrs O'Farrell, Miss Steel, Mrs Murdoch, Mrs Cannon, Mrs Stephenson and Miss Fisher

While Mrs Cannon is on maternity leave, Miss Steel will be teaching Class 12. Miss Steel has already been getting to know Class 12 over the past couple of weeks, in readiness for a smooth transition. Enjoy your maternity leave, Mrs Cannon, and welcome to the team, Miss Steel!

1st	RFPS Christmas Fair
4th	Inglewood Care Home
8th	Denton Holme Community Centre
14th	Carlisle Rail Station
15th	Wigton Road Methodist Church



In the Garden...

...there might not be very much in the way of plants growing at this time, but some great ideas (and 100s of bulbs) have been planted for the future.

We enjoyed our visits from Ben Gates the Sound Sculptor, who brought his amazing musical instruments and helped the children construct their own ones. He has also been busy sculpting a little something to enhance our garden. Listen to our podcast on iTunes to find out more...

Also, the spring will bring colour in the form of snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils and bluebells, as well as saplings, courtesy of The Woodland Trust, coming into leaf.



“Welcome to Robert Ferguson Primary School Radio...”

The newly formed Podcast Production Team consists of 6 members of Year 5 who each applied for a different role and responsibility, including reporters, editors and managers. They have



been busy planning, scheduling, interviewing, recording and editing their first two podcasts which can be downloaded for free from iTunes. There is a lot to learn, but during the coming months our team will take on more of the responsibility themselves, and will eventually train up their successors so that you will be able to listen to, as well as read, the news of goings on at Robert Ferguson.

The team would love to know what you think of their first two podcasts, the latest sharing some of the children’s experiences of Storm Desmond.

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted” – Aesop

“Kindness” towards all people, known or unknown to us, has been a major theme at school this term – in assemblies and in class. In the wake of Storm Desmond in the past couple of weeks, we have seen some incredible acts of kindness and community spirit, providing perfect examples of this. The fund-raising efforts of our pupils and their families are similarly outstanding, and testament to your generosity of spirit. Thank you for every small, or not so small act of kindness in this way – it is truly in the spirit of Christmas.

Happy Christmas from All the Staff.

Yours sincerely,
Graham Frost.

End of Term

Term ends on Thursday 17th December at 1:30pm

Spring Term begins Tuesday 5th January 2016