



Caring, Learning, Achieving

At the time of writing, I have just seen the sad news about the passing of Her Majesty, The Queen. Please be reassured that we will approach the matter in a sensitive, respectful and informative manner with your children. Our thoughts and well wishes are with the royal family at this time.

On a happier note, I would like to begin by wishing you all a slightly belated warm welcome back to school and a special welcome to all the new children and parents who have joined us this year. We hope that you will take an active part in the school community and that you enjoy your time with us.

The Round-Up and emails are our main forms of home-school communication (no mobile signals up in th'hills!), and I publish the Round-Up every fortnight, on a Friday. Most families receive a copy via email, but we can provide a paper copy if you so wish. The Round-Up should provide you with everything you need to know about school life, and the 'A Look Ahead...' and 'Diary Dates' on the last pages will give you plenty of notice for upcoming events. Teachers will also send out class-specific information via their home learning platforms: Tapestry, Class Do-Jo, or See-Saw. With so many important messages at the start of the year, today is a longer issue.

We have enjoyed an excellent first week back in school. The children have been impeccably behaved, relaxed and happy to be together again. The first week is always about settling back into school routines and building up stamina after a lengthy break. I expect the children might be a little more tired this weekend as I know the staff will be!

You may have noticed the new windows and doors which were installed over the holidays. The children are very pleased that the school now looks more modern, and our Planet Protectors will be thrilled about how much more energy efficient they should be!

Finally, Mrs Berzins, our School Business Manager, has asked me to remind you to sign up to our new bookings and payment system—School Spider. Click [here](#) to find out how to register, and the link [here](#) gives more information about the system. **Please note, it is for all families**, not just for those parents who are making payments. We will be using it to capture data such as permission for Calpol in school and notification of cancellation of clubs etc. I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

New Reception Class 2022

We have welcomed 22 new children into school and they have settled into Rainow life wonderfully well. So far they have spent the mornings with us and are getting used to school routines. Next week they will stay for lunch. We are pleased to report that there have been very few tears (at least not from the children) and they seem to be enjoying every new experience and opportunity—a super bunch! Reception parents may notice or hear about the older children helping the Reception class. This is part of our 'Buddy' programme. The Reception children will shortly be assigned a Year 6 'Buddy' to give them a helping hand as they start their Rainow learning journey!



Our wonderful new Reception children, — definitely one for the album!

Reception Class Staff, left to right: Mrs Tobin, Mrs Taylor & Mrs Daley)

Attendance

First, a polite reminder about school attendance. We class good, whole-school attendance as approx. 97% and above. Last year, with further disruption from COVID, we achieved a school attendance of approximately 95%, which was pleasing given the circumstances. We hope to improve on this during 22-23. This week, school attendance has been nearly 98%, a great start!

Please note that we are not permitted to grant any holidays in term time. Apart from illness, isolation or to attend medical / dental appointments, absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Headteacher. Failure to adhere to these rules will likely result in a fixed penalty fine. **Please take some time to read our new attendance policy [here](#).**

Uniform

The children have looked super smart this week in their uniforms. We always greatly appreciate the vast majority of parents who support our well-established school dress code. We also understand how expensive uniform can be, particularly with the current financial climate, so further details of cost effective ways of purchasing uniform can be found [here](#).

Please label *all* clothing and lunch boxes; taking a few minutes to do this can save hours of hunting and upset! There is a lost property box which is regularly sorted and worth a visit if you do lose something. Children should not wear jewellery, nail varnish or make-up for school.

Your child is allowed to wear non-uniform on their birthday! (if their birthday is in a school holiday, they can choose a day just before or after the school break).

Medical

A number of children keep asthma inhalers in school for occasional use and parents have completed a medical form with all relevant details. This form is held in the office. We also have pupils who carry their own inhalers for school trips etc. and we do not always have prior knowledge of this. If your child has **any** medical condition that we are not aware of, please could you let us know as soon as possible.

Nut-Free School

Due to the number of children with severe allergies, we endeavour to be a nut free school. Please ensure that packed lunches and snacks are nut-free.

Drop-offs and Pick-Ups

Please can I remind parents to carefully supervise their children if they are using the playground before or after school and **do not allow them to play on the banks**. The school is not liable for any accidents that may occur whilst parents/carers are waiting on the playground with children and it is confusing for children if rules set in school time are broken out of school.

Parking / Traffic

Last year, we received several complaints about dangerous and inconsiderate parking at drop-off and /or pick-up time.

Please adhere to the following rules:

- **Never park on the yellow zig-zig lines (this includes waiting and 'quickly' dropping off)**
- **Never obstruct junctions.**
- **Never block residents' driveways.**
- **Make sure pedestrians can safely use the pavements.**
- **Adhere to the speed limit at all times.**

There is plenty of space to park further around Round Meadow and onto Miller's Meadow. Setting off a few minutes earlier and / or walking a few metres further, are small prices to pay to ensure the safety of our children and a happier community.

We are always looking at improving this aspect of school life and we would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.



Rowan the Raven



Bramble the Badger



Fern the Fox



Speedwell the Squirrel



Oakley the Owl



The Busy Bees

Rainow School Learning Values

CLICK ON ANY BADGE TO LEARN MORE

For parents new to school, and a reminder for other families, we would like to share with you our school Learning Values. We pride ourselves at Rainow in making sure children develop a lifelong love of learning. We believe that equipping children with the skills and knowledge of *how* to learn is equally, if not more, important than what to learn.

Our friendly woodland creatures have been designed to help encourage and remind us all about desirable and effective learning behaviours.

Children might be awarded a special badge to take home from time to time to recognise improvements against a Learning Value. It is our long term goal that children no longer need an extrinsic reward such as a badge, certificate or reward, but we realise that rewards can work to motivate children in the short term. We also believe that our badge system works to help keep our Learning Values at the forefront of all of our minds. We will be working hard to teach children about each value, whilst at the same time educating them about how the reward should really come from the process of learning, or the sense of achievement itself, rather than the prize at the end.

Curriculum

We aim to plan an exciting and stimulating curriculum with work linking together in topics or themes. This makes the learning more meaningful for your children as they can make connections between subjects. We will provide a wide range of interesting teaching and learning opportunities to interest and enthuse your children, including class trips. Apart from Reception Class, year groups sometimes work in pairs and share aspects of study such as class trips.

Your class teacher will send more detailed information about curriculum coverage home and keep you updated throughout the year, including through our Meet and Greet parents' evenings (see page 6). Further information about the Rainow curriculum can be found [here](#).

Autumn Topics

Reception: Mr Men (followed by Percy the Park Keeper)

Year 1: Paddington

Year 2: The Great Fire of London

Year 3 & 4: Modern Europe

Year 5: The Romans

Year 6: Evacuation, Separation and Isolation

Our School Motto and Vision

Motto:

Caring, Learning, Achieving

Vision:

Growing a community of life-long learners who will care for each other, who will work hard to learn new things every day, and who will achieve more than they thought possible.



Rainow Round-Up

21st July—9th September 2022

Be Friendly, Polite and Well-behaved

The children's behaviour this week has been impeccable.

We believe that effective education is built on excellent relationships and a relevant, interesting and exciting curriculum. We develop mutually respectful relationships with the children, and these relationships are strengthened by the use of consistent and simple school rules and our courtesy code. All the children (not Reception quite yet!) will know our 3 simple rules and the physical action to match each one—feel free to test them!

We will work hard in school on adhering to these rules, and it would be even better if you could reinforce them at home.

Our Behaviour Policy can be [read](#) here and our Anti-Bullying Policy is [here](#).



Thank you

Speaking of being polite, I know that the teachers and other staff greatly appreciated their generous end of year gifts at the end of last term. On behalf of the staff, many thanks.

For those of you new to school, or in case you missed it, the final Round-Up letter can be found [here](#) with, among others, links to videos, parent survey results etc.

Twitter

We launched our Twitter feed a few years ago and this can be found on our school website home page, or by searching for [@RainowSchool](#) on Twitter itself.

We currently have 499 followers and it is a great way to look at lots of extra pictures and keep up-to-date with school activities.

Last year, we tweeted over 200 times and we plan on updating our feed on a regular basis.



Friends of Rainow School—Our School PTA

FRS AGM - 7pm, Tuesday 20th Sept, The School Hall

Everyone welcome, no commitment required just a great opportunity to have your say on matters such as how FRS funds are spent, what activities we hold etc. As a new parent, it's a brilliant way to integrate yourself into school life and play an active role in enriching your child's school journey!

At the AGM there will be the opportunity to put yourself forward for the key roles of chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer, if you are interested in any of these roles please feel free to contact Chloe on 07817611457 to discuss.

Finally, there have been lots of **School Lottery** winners over the summer. You've got to be in it to win it, so please sign up at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Rainow Primary School.



The FRS have raised thousands of pounds for the school over the years and, among others, contributed to new IT equipment, playground equipment, picnic benches, books etc. Most recently, they fully funded our new climbing wall! The FRS is incredibly important in enhancing your child's school experience and provides some amazing community events.

We look forward to you playing a part in the FRS's continued success.



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Parent-Teacher Meetings...NEW format for this year

Please speak , or send a message, to the class teacher in the first instance if you have *any* queries so that we can endeavour to rectify any issues. Teachers are only available before and after school for the passing of brief messages or questions. If you require a longer meeting, please contact them to arrange a mutually convenient time.

New for this year will be our class *Meet and Greet* events (wk. commencing 19th Sep). There were several comments on our Parent Survey last year requesting more information about the curriculum, ways to support your child and just to physically meet your class teacher. With this in mind, we will be inviting all parents / carers to attend school to receive useful information about your child's class and the year ahead. This is an extra opportunity to visit school in the autumn term, as we also plan on holding individual parents' evening meetings after the October half term. There will also be a mid-point parents' evening at the beginning of March.

Assemblies

There are various assemblies for the children throughout the week, some just for your child's class and others for the infants or juniors. On Mondays, the teachers and children come together to celebrate children's progress and achievements from the previous week. Friday assemblies are a chance to share awards or achievements that children may have received out of school, so feel free to send in certificates, awards, pictures etc.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are excited about the return of our wide range of extra-curricular clubs, some of which rely on staff goodwill and others that will incur a charge to parents. We will endeavour to provide a wide range of clubs, not just sports, to appeal to as many children and age-ranges as possible. This will be reviewed half-termly. Please note that Reception children will have access to clubs later on in the school year.

CLUBS START NEXT WEEK, MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER.

Autumn Term Club Timetable 2022



	LUNCH TIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	KS2 (Y3-6) Cross Country – AT Sports	Y1 and Y2 Dance – Amy from Sylk Y4, 5 and 6 Choir – Mr Gratton and Mrs Hill
TUESDAY	Yr 5/6 Boys' Football – Steve H	KS2 Netball (Y3-6) – Mrs Copeland
WEDNESDAY	Y3/4 Football – AT Sports	KS2 Multi Sports (Y3-6) – AT Sports
THURSDAY	Y4, 5 and 6 Orchestra – Mrs Eddie	KS1 Multi Sports (Y1 – Y3) – AT Sports Y5 and 6 STEM – Mr Trueman
FRIDAY	Y 4, 5 and 6 Girls' Football – Martin	

Free School Meals

All pupils in the Reception Class and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) are eligible to have a free school meal every day (known as Universal Infant Free School Meals).

In previous years, eligibility for Income Related Free School Meals has also provided a further allocation of money to the school called the Pupil Premium to support your child. Parents who would qualify for this would be likely to be in receipt of benefits. If you think that you may be eligible for this please telephone 0300 123 5012.

If you do claim this, we may be able to help you with the cost of trips and school visits as the school will receive a sum of money to support your child, so it is very important that you claim if possible, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. If you do not claim, your child will miss out on vital funding.

All contact in this matter will be strictly confidential and will not affect any other benefits that you may be receiving.

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Breakfast and After School Club

We are delighted to be able to offer such excellent before and after school care in our clubs. Thank you to everyone for supporting the School Spider App. After a few hiccups, the system seems to be working well for bookings. **Moving forward, please note that the cut off for Booking ASC sessions is 10am on the same day needed.** Many thanks.

Further Information, including how to book can be found here:

<http://www.rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk/page/after-schoolbreakfast-clubs/1121>



Diary Dates



A calendar for the year ahead is given below and is also available on the school website. Further details will be provided closer to the events but this should provide a useful overview. Please add these dates to your calendar.

September 2022

Mon 12th Extra-Curricular Clubs commence
Reception children stay until 1.45 p.m all week
Mon 19th Reception Class start full-time
Meet and Greet Class Events commence
Tues 20th FRS AGM

October

Tues 4th Y5 / Y6 Residential commences
Fri 7th Y5 / Y6 Residential returns
Thur 20th **School closes for the children**
Fri 21st **School closed for staff INSET day**
Mon 31st **School reopens for the children**

November

Mon 14th Anti-Bullying Week commences
Fri 18th Children In Need Fundraiser

December

Sat 3rd Xmas Fair (tbc.)
Thur 15th Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties (tbc.)
Fri 16th **School closes for Christmas.**

January 2023

Tues 3rd **School closed for staff INSET day**
Wed 4th **School reopens for the children.**
Thur 26th Whole School Theatre Trip

February

Tues 14th Safer Internet Day
Fri 17th **School closes for half-term**

Mon 27th **School reopens for children**

March

Thur 2nd World Book Day
Fri 17th Red Nose Day Charity Fundraiser
Fri 31st **School closes for EASTER**

April

Mon 17th **School reopens for the children**

May

Mon 1st **May Bank Holiday, school closed for 1 day**
Mon 8th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils
Thur 25th **School Closes for children**
Fri 26th **School closed for staff INSET day**

June

Mon 5th **School reopens for children**

July

Fri 21st **School closes for summer break**

A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMARY IS HERE

THERE ARE STILL VARIOUS KEY DATES YET TO BE CONFIRMED SUCH AS OUR XMAS FAIR, XMAS PLAYS etc.

WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED WITH ALL ADDITIONAL DATES OR ANY CHANGES AS THE TERM PROGRESSES.