



Caring, Learning, Achieving

I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 6s for completing their final primary school tests (commonly referred to as SATs). Some of you will be aware of the SATs and the challenges and pressures they present to our 10 and 11 year olds. The children are assessed in reading, writing, EPGS (English Punctuation, Spelling and Grammar or SPAG) and maths. The Year 6s have worked incredibly hard and shown real determination to do their very best. It is important for us all to remember that, although important, SATs assess only a tiny part of what it is that makes all our children so special and unique. Well done, Year 6, we are extremely proud of you and thank you to Mrs Eddie and her team for expertly guiding and supporting the children through a tricky week. Thanks as well to the FRS for funding the children's eagerly anticipated Leavers' Hoodie, which, as a rite of passage, they will be allowed to wear for the rest of their time at Rainow School.

My other highlight over the past 2 weeks has been our celebrations for the King's coronation. A selection of amazing cakes, creative crown –making, the school awash with red, white and blue, and a picnic in the sunshine all polished off with an ice cream, courtesy of the FRS — a very British affair indeed! As you can see from the photographs below, we enjoyed a splendid day marking this momentous event in our nation's history.



*Top: Our fantastic Year 6 children.  
Below: A very British affair as we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III.*



Attendance Matters



## School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 22:

**96.1%** which is **GOOD** and a slight increase from

last time(96%). Remember, our target is 97%

Please see our [Attendance Policy](#) for more information.

Please remember that you do not have the right to take children on holiday in term time and doing so may result in a fine.

## Outstanding Phonics Achievement...Top 1% in the country

I am not usually one to show off about test results, as our cohorts are small, which means our data can be heavily skewed by just one or two results. Moreover, we value the development of the whole child far more than just a

Narrow focus on English and Maths.

That said, with the acquisition of early reading skills so important to ensure success across the whole curriculum, I thought this letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb, Minister from Schools, was well worth sharing...

We work incredibly hard at Rainow to ensure the children gain the necessary knowledge and skills to read accurately and fluently as quickly as possible, leading to the end goal of enabling the children to read for enjoyment, for life.

Reading achievement at Rainow is always high. Miss Townley and her team—Mrs Barlow, Mrs Ewer, Mrs Burdock and Ms Lewis—should be congratulated for the vital part they play in laying such a firm foundation for the children's future success. Read about our approach to Phonics [here](#)



Department  
for Education

Dear Mr Norris,

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2022 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve literacy. As such I was delighted to see your results which are particularly impressive given this was the first year of administering the Phonics Screening Check (PSC) following the pandemic.

With 100 per cent of pupils in Year 1 meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 1 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 85 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2022, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you and your staff again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

Minister for Schools

## RainowFest After Party....Friday 30th June 6pm - 10.30pm.

Our early-bird offer was taken up by you in droves - thank you so much for your support. We're in full planning mode and are delighted to announce that Amy's Sylk Dance Studio will be running a dance/cheerleading workshop at the start of the event for all the children to enjoy. There will also be a range of traditional games children can play for free, alongside glitter, face-painting and sweet stalls.

You can still buy tickets right up to the day before the event, just go to [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrainowschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrainowschool). Prices are now £26 for a family ticket and £7 for a single ticket.

**Please contact us if your financial circumstances mean that you will struggle to attend. Just email [friendsofrainow@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrainow@gmail.com) or [head@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk) in the strictest confidence.**

## Woodland Area

We are very excited to announce plans to develop the woodland area by the river. FRS has pledged **£4,000** from reserves towards building a permanent all-weather shelter so that the whole school can enjoy access all year round. We also want to clear up a large section of land that has become overgrown to enlarge the available space by the river.

We are going to set up a working group to drive all this work forward - **if you're green-fingered or handy with a hammer and would like to lend your expertise, we would love to hear from you!** Please email [friendsofrainow@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofrainow@gmail.com) or message your class rep.

## Stikins

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## New Summer Lunch Menus...From Mon 15th May

The summer menu is here and starts from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The menu is on the School Website, click [here](#) for a sneak peak!

## Home-School Communication...Arbor

**91%** of our families have now subscribed to the new system and it seems to be working well. Arbor, email and class digital platforms will be our 3 main lines of communication (no mobile signal in th'ills!) and we are moving towards using Arbor for the majority of communication in the future, so it is vital that you subscribe to the Arbor App ASAP.

### May

Thurs 25th Sports Day (1 p.m. —3.20 p.m.) **\*NEW**

**School closes for children**

Fri 26th **School closed for INSET day**

### June

Mon 5th **School reopens for children**

Wed 28th Tytherington High School Year 6  
Info. Evening 5.30—8.30 p.m.



### July

Tues 4th Whole Class & Individual Photos **\*NEW**

Mon 10th Tytherington High School Year 6  
Taster Day

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

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AND TERM DATES SUMMARY FOR 23-24 IS [HERE](#)**