

Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

8th–22nd September 2023



Caring, Learning, Achieving

It has been an incredibly busy and enjoyable couple of weeks in school as the children have settled into new classes, systems and routines. There is always an emphasis during the autumn term on relationship building, and none more so than in the Reception class where our 4 and 5 year-olds have now built up to full-time schooling with help from families, staff and, not forgetting, their Year 6 Buddies. The Buddy System is long-established at Rainow School. It is a brilliant way to support our children as they begin

school, and it also gives our older children the chance to learn and practise vital interpersonal skills associated with mentoring and being a positive role model. We also have a similar system in Year 5, where they have been assigned a Year 1 Buddy to focus on reading together. I am delighted to report that the Reception Class, in fact all of our children, seem to be happy and thriving!

My other major highlight has to be the grand opening of our new Woodland Shelter. We have dreamt about building something like this outdoor classroom for many years, in order to enhance our woodland area. We will now be able to utilise much more of the woods, whatever the weather. Additionally, much larger groups of children can now access the peace and tranquility of our magical woodland, not to mention the educational opportunities, all year round.

On behalf of Rainow School and the FRS, I would like to thank Splash, SJP (our corporate volunteers) and all the staff and parent helpers for helping to make our dream become a reality. It has been a huge team effort from raising funds and planning, down to pulling up roots and barrowing wood chippings! It has proved, once again, just how much our community can achieve when we pull together. It has been simply the best start to the year!

I hope you enjoy a relaxing weekend.



Top: Our Y6s helping their Buddies at lunchtime

Bottom: Our amazing new Woodland Shelter, set in approx. 2 acres of woodland next to the River Dean.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 22:

98.1% which is **EXCELLENT**

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.



Rowan the Raven



Bramble the Badger



Fern the Fox



Speedwell the Squirrel



Oakley the Owl



The Busy Bees

CLICK ON ANY BADGE TO LEARN MORE

Rainow School Learning and Life Values

Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display. In addition to the usual awards, **THIS TERM, THE 'OTHER AWARD' MIGHT BE PRESENTED FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECT.**

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Doug (Raven) Harriet (Raven)	Stevie (Raven)	<i>Coming soon</i>	Thea
Year 1	Harriet (Badger) Sophie (Fox)	Leo (Badger) Bronte (Raven)	Hattie (Reading)	Ernie Penny
Year 2	Bertie (Raven) Isla (Raven)	Wilson (Squirrel) Tilda-Mae (Owl)	Edie (Writing)	Skye Florence
Year 3	Jasper (Raven) Archie (Bees)	Charlie (Raven) Ted (Bees) Jake (Fox)	Oliver (Reading)	Seb Mollie
Year 4	Oliver (Raven)	Daisy (Bees)	Hetty (Reading)	Henry R
Year 5	Max (Raven) Marion (Raven)	Lani (Squirrel) Poppy (Fox)	Cleo (Reading)	Alice Lincoln
Year 6	Chloe (Squirrel) George (Squirrel)	Louis (Fox) Greta (Raven)	Harry Be (Reading)	Ruby Archie



Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Edie: for being incredibly kind, caring, hardworking and multi-talented. She is also impeccably behaved and lots of fun!

Brodie: for being one of the kindest and most conscientious children at Rainow. He is intelligent, thoughtful, hardworking and super-friendly!



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Ukuleles Prove a Big Hit With the Year 5s

New for this year, is learning to play the ukulele in Y5. The children have enjoyed two sessions so far with their expert teacher, Mike, and they are already starting to sound great! Music is part of the curriculum in every year group but it is worth noting that children will learn to play the recorder in Y3, ukulele in Y5 and have the opportunity to join our choir and orchestra from 7 yrs. old. We can also offer Piano with Ben and Guitar lessons with Jeremy for a cost. Please contact the school office if you are interested in our paid offer.



Extra-Curricular Clubs...Update

Our Autumn term extra-curricular clubs are now in full swing and we are delighted to offer such a wide range of interesting and exciting clubs for our children. New for this term, is our Chess Club for KS2 children which Mark and Alex, two of our parents, have kindly volunteered to lead. We would also like to thank Colin and Rob who have volunteered their football coaching expertise to train our Y5 and Y6 boys' football team. A full timetable of clubs for the Autumn Term can be found [here](#).



Friends of Rainow School (FRS)—Our School PTA

We were absolutely delighted to have been able to support the building of a new outdoor classroom in the woods. A huge, heartfelt thank you to those parents who gave up their time and lent their expertise to make it happen - what an amazing legacy you have helped to create.



The academic year has barely started, but our thoughts have already turned to Christmas! By now, you should have received some beautiful artwork that can be turned into Xmas cards, wrapping paper, tags and mugs. We'd love it if you can support FRS by placing an order, however big or small - just head online and follow the instructions on the form. Once you have made your order, **don't forget to tick the box on the form to say so and return the form and the artwork to school.** You have until **Friday 29th September** to order and return the form.

We held our first general committee meeting on 21st September, and it was great to see some new faces. We have set dates for the next three movie nights and Christmas Fair, so get them in your diary now (see below)! The first **movie night** will be held on **Friday 13th October** at 6pm. Our **Christmas Fair** will be held on **Friday 1st December**, straight after school. We will also be running some non-uniform days in November in exchange for Xmas fair donations.

Finally, our **Annual General Meeting** will now be held on **Thursday 5th October** at 7pm in the hall. All are welcome. As well as reporting on the accounts, we will be deciding on school projects we want to fund this coming year. We will also vote in the trustees of FRS for 2023/24 - the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in finding out more about any of these roles, please contact the current chair, Rebecca Ford, on 07813 068330.

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.

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Blue Peter Book Badge

As you know, reading is a vital part to your child's education. At Rainow, we aim to promote a love of reading which will hopefully last a lifetime. As part of the Blue Peter Book Club, there is a brand new Blue Peter Book badge that you can now apply for. You can find more information by visiting this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

We will celebrate any Book Badge winners in our assemblies.



Tytherington High School Open Mornings...Y5...Please Inform Us

If you plan on taking your Year 5 child to THS on Monday 25th, Tues 26th or Wed 27th, please email the school office admin@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk so that we can update our registers. Thank you.

Just One Tree Day...Non-Uniform...Fri 13th Oct

The Planet Protectors (our pupil Eco-Team) have planned for our school to join in the next international 'Just One Tree Day'. In short, you will be allowed to dress in non-uniform (ideally tree colours!) in return for a £1 donation. Just £1 plants one tree! Learn more about this non-profit organization [here](#):

September 2023

- Mon 25th Tytherington Open Morning ***NEW**
- Y5 Meet and Greet Evening ***NEW**
- Tues 26th Tytherington Open Morning ***NEW**
- Weds 27th Tytherington Open Morning ***NEW**

October

- Tues 3rd Y5 / Y6 Residential commences
- Fri 6th Y5 / Y6 Residential returns
- Fri 13th FRS Movie Night ***NEW**
- Non-Uniform for Just 1 Tree Day ***NEW**
- Sat 14th Mini First Aid Training—School Hall
- Thur 19th FRS Cake Sale ***NEW**
- School closes for the children**
- Fri 20th **School closed for staff INSET day**
- Mon 30th **School reopens for the children**
- Well-Being Launch Day 1—Keep Learning
- Tues 31st Individual School Photographs ***NEW**

November

- Mon 13th Anti-Bullying Week commences
- Fri 17th Children In Need Fundraiser
- Fri 24th FRS Movie Night 6pm ***NEW**
- Mon 27th Mini First Aid Training—School Hall

December

- Fri 1st Xmas Fair 3.30pm ***NEW**
- Thur 21st Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties
- Fri 22nd **School closes for Christmas.**

January 2024

- Mon 8th **School reopens for the children**

- Sat 13th Mini First Aid—School Hall
- Wed 17th Whole School Trip to New Vic Theatre
- Fri 26th FRS Movie Night ***NEW**

February

- Tues 6th Safer Internet Day
- Fri 16th **School closes for half-term**
- Mon 26th **School reopens for children**

March

- Thur 7th World Book Day
- Thur 28th **School closes for EASTER**

April

- Mon 15th **School reopens for the children**

May

- Mon 6th **May Bank Holiday, school closed**
- Mon 13th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils
- Thur 23rd **School closes for children**
- Fri 24th **School closed for staff INSET day**

June

- Mon 3rd **School reopens for children**

July

- Fri 19th **School closes for summer break**

Diary Dates



**A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMARY IS [HERE](#)
THERE ARE STILL VARIOUS KEY DATES YET TO BE
CONFIRMED. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED WITH ALL
ADDITIONAL DATES OR ANY CHANGES AS THE TERM
PROGRESSES.**