



Caring, Learning, Achieving

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful half-term break.

Spring has not quite sprung, but there are signs that it is trying. We made the most of it on our first day back by using our stunning outdoor environment to inspire some school activities as part of our Well-Being Launch Day. The focus was 'Take Notice', and it turned out to be the perfect theme.

Each class spent at least some of the day *taking notice*; actively being present in the moment; observing what's beautiful or unusual in the world and being aware of their thoughts and feelings as they arise, without getting lost in them. Children took part in observational drawing, meditation and duck hunting (!) to name a few. Read more about our approach to mental health and well being on the school website [here](#).

With it being a short and incredibly busy half-term, please take the time to check the 'A Look Ahead...' section on the last page. **In particular, please note that the closing date for our Parent Governor Nominations is next Monday 4th January. Further details can be found [here](#).**

Have a lovely weekend.



Reception: Taking Notice of melting ice.
Year 1: Took part in guided meditation and dazzled us with their daffodil drawings.
Year 2: Used water colours to create some stunning spring art.
Year 3: Took extra notice to learn how to draw woolly mammoths and cave people.
Year 4: Used their five senses and art skills on an outdoor trail.
Year 5: Visited our woodlands on their nature trail.
Year 6: Went on the hunt for 100 tiny, missing ducks!



School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 23

96.4% which is **GOOD** (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



Rowan the Raven



Bramble the Badger



Fern the Fox



Speedwell the Squirrel



Oakley the Owl



The Busy Bees

Rainow School Learning and Life Values

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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.**

Well done to all the recipients!

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Finlay (Bees)	Pru (Bees)	Oscar (Reading)	Reuben
Year 1	Sam (Raven)	Safi (Raven)	Oonagh (Writing)	Bronte
Year 2	Martha (Badger)	Jacob (Owl)	Ted (Reading)	Molly
Year 3	Olive (Raven)	Noah (Raven)	Oliver (Maths)	Jasper
Year 4	Olivia (Bees)	Hetty (Owl)	Noah B-R	Jenson
Year 5	Daniel (Bees)	William (Owl)	Joshua (Writing)	Maisy
Year 6	Juliet (Badger)	Luke (Raven)	Louis (Maths)	Nathan



Our Y5 and Y6 Cross-Country Team braved the elements on Wednesday and showed real grit and detetmation in the inter-schools Cross Country competition, Well done for a terrific team effort!

Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Alice: For being super kind, caring, hard working, and conscientious.

A multi-talented, matuire and trustworthy of our our school.

Theo: for being super helpful, hardworking, and full of fun.

A multi-talented and thoughtful member of our school.

Book Sale Friday 8th March

Don't forget the FRS will be collecting your good quality children's book donations on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March. Mr Gratton and Miss Crowther are going to have first pick on any that will support learning in school, and the remainder will go on sale after school on Friday 8th March, with all proceeds going back to the school.

**Parent Governor Vacancy...Nominations by Monday 4th March**

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing board. Please see the information letter and associated forms via this link: [PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY](#) The closing date for nominations is next Monday 4th March.

Mid-Year Parents' Evenings

Mid-year Parents' Evenings are a chance to look through your child's books, enjoy their achievements, and discuss how we can support their next steps. Dates of this year's evenings are in the Diary Dates section, below.

Please note that Year 2 evening has been delayed due to the fact their initial Parents' Evenings were only in December.

World Book Day...Thurs 7th March...Jack and the Beanstalk

We are very excited to celebrate World Book Day during the second week back after February half-term. Please see the letter [here](#) from our English Subject Leaders, Mr Gratton and Miss Crowther. Thank you to the **FRS who are fully funding** our visit from [West End Schools and their Jack and the Beanstalk drama and dance workshop](#).

British Science Week...Fri 8th — Sunday 17th March

Another highlight on the school calendar will be our visit from The Education Group, who will deliver their exciting [Lego Timeline Workshops](#) on **Fri 15th March**, to mark the climax of **British Science Week**.

A HUGE thank you, once again, to the FRS who are fully funding this event.

March

Wed 6th	Parents' Evenings *NEW (not Y2)
Thur 7th	World Book Day Parents' Evenings *NEW (not Y2)
Fri 8th	Book Sale
Fri 15th	Lego Workshops *NEW Comic Relief Fundraiser *NEW
Wed 20th	Y2 Parents' Evening *NEW
Thurs 21st	Y2 Parents' Evening *NEW
Fri 22nd	FRS: Cake Sale *NEW
Thur 28th	FRS: Break the Rules Day *NEW <u>School closes for EASTER</u>

April

Mon 15th	<u>School reopens for the children</u>
Thur 18th	Year 3 & 4 Chester Residential Departs
Fri 19th	Year 3 & 4 Chester Residential Return
Fri 26th	FRS: Movie Night

May

Mon 6th	<u>May Bank Holiday, school closed</u>
Mon 13th	Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils
Fri 17th	FRS: Bingo
Thur 23rd	<u>School closes for children</u>
Fri 24th	<u>School closed for staff INSET day</u>

June

Mon 3rd	<u>School reopens for children</u>
Fri 7th	Sports Day *NEW

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July 5th	FRS: Summer Spectacular: Fabulous at 40! *NEW
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Fri 19th	<u>School closes for summer break</u>
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Diary Dates