



Caring, Learning, Achieving

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, emails and Arbor 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 (Reception Class), Class Do-Jo (Class 1, 2, 3, 4), or Google Classroom (Class 6). With so many important messages at the start of the school year, today is a longer issue. I usually try to keep the letter to a maximum of 4 sides, filled with pictures of what we are up to, in the hope that it is concise, interesting and useful.

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 stamina after a lengthy break. I expect the children might be a little more tired this weekend as I know the staff will be! I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.



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

(Apologies if we didn't capture everyone front and centre!)

Mrs Daley will post more pics to Tapestry)

New Reception Class 2024

We have welcomed 29 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 and they seem to be enjoying every new experience and opportunity—a brilliant 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!

Attendance

First, a reminder about school attendance. We class excellent, whole-school attendance as approx. 97% and above. **Last year, we achieved a school attendance of approximately 96.6%**, which was pleasing but not quite the 97% we aimed for. We hope to improve on this during 24-25. **This week, school attendance has been over 98%, a great start!** Please note that we cannot grant any holidays in term time. Apart from illness, 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 attendance policy [here](#). (due for review this term)

Medical

If your child has **any** medical condition that we are not aware of, please could you let us know as soon as possible and we complete the relevant forms. Our Administering Medicines Policy is [here](#).

Uniform

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 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 there birthday is in a school holiday, they can choose a day just before or after the school break).**

Universal Infant 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).

Other Free School Meals...2 Minute Job

Free School Meals are also provided to children from families who meet certain criteria, including income eligibility. Your application not only brings benefits to your child but also allows us to allocate resources more effectively and enhance the educational experience for our entire school community. To apply for Free School Meals, we kindly request that you use the following link: [Cheshire East Free School Meal Link](#) Thank you for your attention on this matter. Should you require any further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact us in the office: admin@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk

Morning Snacks...Nut-Free School

Most children bring or buy a healthy snack at morning playtime (10.20 a.m. for R, C1, C2 and 10.40 a.m. for C3—C6). We suggest it is not too large, as they eat lunch at approx. 12.15 p.m. (younger children eat slightly earlier)

Children can bring cash and purchase a snack of their choice from the kitchen counter. This helps teach the children an important life skill alongside giving you the flexibility to pick and choose which days to have a school snack. There will always be someone to help the younger children when they get to the till. **PLEASE ONLY SEND COINS, AND NAME ANY WALLETS / PURSES AS THE CHILDREN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN MONEY.**

The choices available for sale are as follows: (ALL 30p except Smoothies—50p and Bacon Butty—£1.10p)

Monday, Tuesday: Toast, Bagel or Teacake

Wednesday: Toast, Bagel, Teacake or a Cheesy Oatcake

Thursday: Toast, Bagel, Teacake or Strawberry Ice Fruit Smoothie (Dairy Free)

Friday: Toast, Bagel, Teacake or a Bacon Butty



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





Rowan the Raven



Bramble the Badger



Fern the Fox



Speedwell the Squirrel



Oakley the Owl



The Busy Bees

Rainow School Learning and Life 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 and Life 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 joy of learning, or the sense of achievement itself, rather than the prize at the end.

Curriculum

We aim to deliver an engaging, stimulating, and relevant curriculum in which knowledge, ideas, and skills have been carefully planned to progressively build upon one another, day by day and year after year. We will provide a wide range of exciting teaching and learning opportunities to captivate and inspire your children, including class trips. Your class teacher will send more detailed information about curriculum coverage and keep you updated throughout the year, including through our Meet and Greet parents' evenings (see page 5). Further information about the Rainow curriculum can be found [here](#).

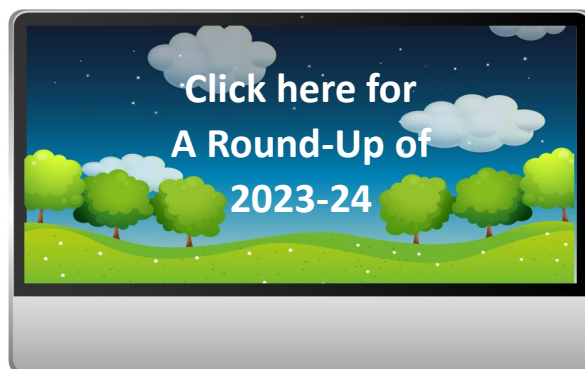
Our School Motto and Vision

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.*



A Taster to Whet the Appetite for New Families (and those who missed it!)

We always finish the year with a retrospective video montage. Click on the TV above to relive some of our favourite moments.

Please note, this video is unlisted and must only be shared within the Rainow School Community

Rainow Round-Up

19th July—6th September 2024

Be Friendly, Polite and Well-behaved

The children's behaviour at our last [OFSTED inspection \(June, 2023\)](#), was described as 'exemplary', and 'impeccable' and they have begun the year in the same vein.

We believe that effective education is built on excellent relationships and a relevant, interesting, and exciting curriculum. We develop mutually respectful relationships with our children, and these relationships are strengthened through the use of consistent and straightforward 'School Rules' and our 'Be Polite' courtesy code. All the children (not Reception quite yet!) will know our three simple rules and the physical actions that correspond with each one—feel free to test them! We will work hard in school to adhere 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](#) (both policies are due to be reviewed this term).



Supervision at Drop-offs and Pick-Ups

Please can I remind parents to supervise their children if they are using the playground before or after school and **do not allow them to play on the banks or climb our gates or fences.** 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.

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 / X

We launched our Twitter / X 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 558 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.

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Parent-Teacher Meetings...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.

Our class *Meet and Greet* events (**wk. commencing 16th Sep**) is when we invite all parents / carers to school to receive useful information about your child's class and the year ahead. This is one of two opportunities 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 all the 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 and pictures etc.**

We also get chance to sing *Happy Birthday* to the children, if they want to come out to the front of the assembly to celebrate their special day.



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-terminally.

**LOOK OUT FOR A SEPARATE CLUBS TIMTEABLE
ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL OR HERE ON THE WEBSITE HERE.**

Parking / Traffic

As you will all be aware, drop-off and pick-up times can become congested and potentially dangerous around Round Meadow. Unfortunately, one of our resident's cars was damaged due to inconsiderate parking at the end of the summer term.

To help keep our community safe and happy, please adhere to the following rules:

- **Never park on the yellow zig-zig lines (this includes '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.**
- **Ensure safe entrance and exit to the Church Car Park.**



There is plenty of space to park further around Round Meadow and onto Miller's Meadow.

Setting off a few minutes earlier and walking a few metres further, are small prices to pay to ensure the safety of our children and a happier community.

Friends of Rainow School (FRS)—Our School PTA

FRS AGM - 7pm, Thursday 26th September, 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 **Rebecca on 07813 068330** or **Rachel on 07786 001336** 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 and books.

Last year, they paid for our new Calm Area (top) and helped to fund and build our Woodland Classroom (below).

The FRS is incredibly important in enhancing your child's school experience and provides some amazing community events. Please try to get involved as much as you can.

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



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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.

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

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

Arbor Update

Miss Welsh and Mrs Gabbott, our office team, have asked me to remind you to contact them if you have any issues linked to Arbor and that you will be receiving weekly reminders if you have any debts outstanding.

Diary Dates



A calendar for the year ahead is given below.

Further details will be provided closer to the events but this should provide a useful overview.



September 2024

Mon 9th Reception class stay until 1.45 p.m. all week
Mon 16th Reception Class start full-time
Class Info. Evenings commence
Class 4 Info. Evening
Wed 18th Reception Class Info. Evening
Thurs 26th FRS AGM, 7 p.m. School Hall

October

Tues 1st Y5 / Y6 Residential commences
Fri 4th Y5 / Y6 Residential returns
Tues 8th Children's Flu Vaccination (whole school)
Fri 18th Just One Tree (Eco Event)
Mon 21st Individual and Sibling Photographs
Fri 25th **School closes for the children**

November

Mon 4th **School reopens for the children**
Well-Being Launch Day 1 - KEEP LEARNING
Mon 11th Anti-Bullying Week commences
Parents' Evenings this week (tbc.)
Fri 15th Children In Need Fundraiser
Fri 29th Xmas Fair (tbc.)

December

Fri 6th
Thur 19th Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties (tbc.)
Fri 20th Whole School Church service
School closes for Christmas

January 2025

Mon 6th **School reopens for the children**
Well-Being Launch Day 2—
CONNECT

Wed 15th Whole School Trip to New Vic Theatre

February

Tues 11th Safer Internet Day
Fri 14th **School closes for half-term**
Mon 24th **School reopens for children**
Well-Being Launch Day 3— TAKE NOTICE

March

Mon 3rd Mid-Year Parents' Evenings this week (tbc.)
Tues 4th PE: Whole School Quidditch Day
Thur 6th World Book Day

April

Fri 4th **School closes for EASTER**
Tues 22nd **School reopens for the children**
Well-Being Launch Day 4—STAY ACTIVE

May

Mon 5th **May Bank Holiday, school closed**
Mon 12th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils
Thur 22nd **School closes for children**
Fri 23rd **School closed for staff—INSET day**

June

Mon 2nd **School reopens for children**
Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE

July

Fri 18th **School closes for summer break**

**A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
SUMMARY For 2024-25 IS [HERE](#)**