

Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

22nd November—6th December 2024



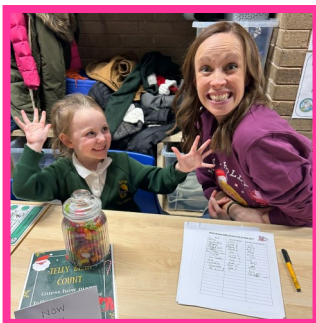
Let's start with OFSTED. I am not allowed to tell you too much about our inspection until the official report has been finalised, which may take a few weeks, or possibly be ready early in the new year. However, after a gruelling couple of days, I can share that the feedback we received from the inspector was overwhelmingly positive, and we are pleased with their verdict! Words like "exceptional," "ambitious," and "phenomenal" were used to describe the children's behaviour and attitude to learning, and all the work we do here. Even more gratifying for me was how strongly the inspector emphasised the positive and effective relationships between pupils and staff, as well as how confident and resilient our children are. In fact, when asked by an inspector if we were a healthy school, one of our Year 6 pupils confirmed that "Yes, very. We've even got a 5-star Health and Hygiene rating!" - genius! I firmly believe that effective education is built on positive and respectful relationships, so I was delighted to see this aspect of our school shine so brightly and for them to recognise just how fantastic the children are. They were simply sensational. I will send you the report when I am able to. In the meantime, I want to express how immensely proud I am of the whole school community for showcasing what an exceptional education we provide for the children. We sincerely appreciate your messages of support, both informal and via the survey. In fact, the inspectors were astonished by the number of surveys completed, which more than doubled what they typically expect. Again, this reiterates how much we all value the education of your children and how heavily invested we are in their success. Thank you, of course, for the many sweet treats—it kept us going during the wee hours!

Finally, if we thought OFSTED was stressful, preparing for the Christmas plays in just one week is an entirely different level of stress—now that's real pressure! Needless to say, we are now planning on making Christmas the best ever at Rainow Primary School!

The results of the OFSTED Parent Survey are [here](#) for those of you who are interested.



*Rainow – An Exceptional School Community
It's beginning to feel lot like Christmas!*



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.



School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 24:

96.8% which is **EXCELLENT**

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



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

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Max (Owl)	Lorenzo (Raven)	Phoebe	Sophie
Year 1	Ruby (Raven)	Alex (Fox)	Oscar	Finlay
Year 2	Ben (Owl)	Sam (Owl)	Nancy Leo	
Year 3	Blaize (Raven)	Freddy (Owl)	Bertie	Skye
Year 4	Jim (Bees)	Ted (Badger)	Miles	Emily
Year 5	Grace (Badger)	Hetty (Badger)	Jenson	Olivia
Year 6	Elanor (Fox)	-	Eibhin, Maisie, Monty	

Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Eibhin: For being extremely kind, considerate, intelligent, hard working and multi-talented. A complete superstar!



Year 6 CSI Science Event at Tytherington High School

Last week, our Year 6 students spent the day at Tytherington High School, making full use of their science equipment during the fantastic CSI Science event. Throughout the year, Year 6 will have various opportunities to visit Tytherington along with the other feeder primary schools, which are part of the transition programme for our oldest children. Students who are set to attend other high schools will also be invited to transition events.



Chess Club News

We are incredibly fortunate to have Alex and Mark, two of our parents, who generously dedicate their time to running our popular Chess Club. They would like to share the following update with you:

“Our chess club was lucky to be visited this week by top player Artem Lutsko. Artem is one of the strongest players in the country, recently finishing in the top 10 in the British chess championships. Artem shared some tips from his chess career to date, answered lots of enthusiastic questions from our aspiring chess players, and played a simultaneous match against 8 pairs of Rainow children at the same time. An inspiring opportunity for our children to learn from and test their skills against the very best!”



Friends of Rainow School (FRS)—Our School PTA

Thank You

The Christmas Fair was bigger and better than ever this year, and we were delighted that Santa himself was able to pay us a visit! Thank you for hanging in there at the start while we were letting everyone in, we'll be tweaking the system next year! As ever, we had an army of parent and staff volunteers to help the event run smoothly, not to mention the amazing Year 6 children for creating and running some brilliant festive games - a real highlight. Special thanks also needs to go to Derek Lowndes for donating the turkey and stuffing for the tasty baps. We hope you and your children enjoyed the event as much as we did!

We also held a lovely, cosy Christmas wreath-making evening on 27th November, expertly led by the very talented Sarah Finley of the Floral Mill. Sarah, who is a parent at the school, very kindly donated her time to this event - thank you, Sarah!

Coming Up

Xmas Pop-Up Shops - keep an eye out on your class WhatsApp for when these are going ahead. We're aiming to do several over the next couple of weeks, so long as the weather and volunteer numbers allow. In addition to your Christmas essentials like gift wrap, cards and reindeer food, there will be a good range of stocking filler presents to choose from. Cash or card accepted.

We will also be providing refreshments at the Christmas plays on 17th/18th December. Again, cash or card accepted.

FRS WhatsApp Group

If you wish to be added to the FRS WhatsApp Group (announcements only) to ensure you don't miss any messages, please message Rachel Gabbott on 07786 001336

Other Ways to Support the FRS

Buy a lottery ticket at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk (just search for Rainow Primary School).

Make a donation via Givey - <https://www.givey.com/friendsofrainowschool>



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Admin Assistant Vacancy

Congratulations to Mrs. Gabbott as she embarks on a career change in the new year. We will all certainly miss her warm, caring nature and hardworking attitude but know that we will still see her often as a parent and Chair of the FRS!

Mrs. Gabbott leaving means that we are currently looking to employ 15 hrs. admin work in our busy school office, starting at the end of January.

Please see the advert and application pack on our website [here](#).

Closing date for applications is next Friday 13th December at noon.

Rainow Pre-School...Fundraiser...TONIGHT!

Join Sarah from The Floral Mill for an evening of festive floral fun. Create your own stunning Christmas centerpiece that will beautifully compliment your turkey and crackers on Christmas Day.

Date: Fri 6th December

Time: 7—9 p.m.

Venue: Rainow Institute

Price: £25 incl. all materials, drinks, nibbles and good company. Tickets available from pre-school or come and find Claire or Hazel at ASC.



December

- Fri 6th Pre-School Fundraiser ***TONIGHT**
- Thurs 12th Cut Your Carbon Month ends
- Tues 17th Xmas Plays (matinee) —KS1 and Y3 / Y4
- Wed 18th Xmas Plays (Evening) - KS1 and Y3/Y4
- Thur 19th Santa Dash—East Cheshire Hospice
Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties
- 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**

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Diary Dates

