



Caring, Learning, Achieving

Half-term already! I cannot believe how quickly the weeks are flying by. The past two weeks have been typically busy and enjoyable in school. My main highlights have been our whole-school ramble to White Nancy (pictured below) and our Harvest celebration (see pg. 3). Both events encouraged a strong sense of community and presented opportunities to teach the children about their local environment and how they can help to positively impact the wider world.

At this point, I would like to share with you our Key Improvement Priorities (KIPs) for the academic year:

#### KIP 1 English

- \* Achieve good levels of writing progress and attainment, at least in line with national expectations.
- \* Ensure children are confident and accurate spellers and can apply SPaG knowledge to their writing.

#### KIP 2 Maths

- \* Achieve a good level of mathematics progress and attainment, at least in line with national expectations (with a particular focus on higher attainment)
- \* Continue to embed a mastery approach to teaching mathematics.

#### KIP 3 Non-Core Subjects

- \* Ensure the School Curriculum from R – Y6 is strong and coherent, using all the curriculum components to ensure improved outcomes for all pupils.
- \* To continue to embed the EYFS Framework, strengthening links to the whole school curriculum.

#### KIP 4 Safeguarding/Catch-Up/Subject Leadership/School Community

- \* To keep the school community safe and well.
- \* To continue to understand and address the gaps in learning due to COVID.
- \* To ensure Subject Leaders continue to develop and strengthen their roles.
- \* To increase parental engagement.

A much more detailed version of our working document, The Strategic School Development Plan (SSDP) 22-23, can be found [here](#). (you will find a review of the SSDP 21-22 [here](#))

That just leaves me to wish you all a safe and relaxing half-term break. See you all on Monday 31st October.



*Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, Healthy Me  
A fantastic whole-school ramble to the ridge.*

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...

### School Attendance:

School attendance for this half terms was **96.7%** which  
is **GOOD**.

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.

# Awards and Celebrations

# Rainow Round-Up

7th –20th October 2022



**Rowan the Raven**



**Bramble the Badger**



**Fern the Fox**



**Speedwell the Squirrel**



**Oakley the Owl**



**The Busy Bees**

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## Rainow School Learning Values

Our Rainow Learning Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display. The teachers pick at least children each week to receive a badge. We also present Reading and Courtesy certificates.

	Badge	Badge	Reading Award	Courtesy Award
<b>Rec</b>	Jack (Bees) Arlo (Raven)	Silva (Owl) Penny (Bees)	Charlie Eli	Xarlia Riley
<b>Year 1</b>	Bertie (Raven) Skye (Badger)	Florence (Bees)	Tilda-Mae Francis	Rhea Matilda H
<b>Year 2</b>	Eva (Owl) Oliver (Squirrel)	Seb (Fox) Olive (Owl)	Libby W Miles	Jasper Harry
<b>Year 3</b>	Henry B (Raven) Henry R (Squirrel)	Elodie (Fox) Cara (Squirrel)	Lily-Belle Antonia	Ava Angus R
<b>Year 4</b>	Poppy (Badger) Edha (Squirrel)	Harrison (Bees) Joshua (Squirrel)	Daniel Elanor	Lincoln George
<b>Year 5</b>	Anna (Bees) Lily (Fox)	Henry (Badger) Edie (Raven)	Theo Archie	Sophia Alice
<b>Year 6</b>	Martha (Badger) Jess (Badger) Mia (Badger) Martha (Owl) Zac (Raven)	Georgia (Badger) Riley (Badger) Olivia (Badger) Amaya (Bees)	Reuben	Emily

### Y6 SPECIAL AWARD

**Felix: for being intelligent, funny and considerate. An outstanding pupil who can be trusted to do the right thing every time!**

**Olivia: for being bright, hard working, super-friendly and kind. A multi-talented and outstanding pupil.**



## Making The Most of Our Outdoors

We are incredibly fortunate to teach and learn in such stunning surroundings. The teachers work hard to integrate outdoor learning into our [curriculum](#). From Welly Walks to appreciate the seasons, to using our woodlands to pond dip in science, or inspire some poetry, the children love learning outdoors. As a rite of passage, the Year 3 children spend a term working in our Forest School with our trained expert, Mrs De Ruiter (pictured right after a particularly windy Wednesday!) It is all part of our [School Pupil Promise](#).



## Introducing The Rainow Reps.....Strengthening Pupil Voice

Mrs Eddie (Year 6 Teacher, Mental First Aider, Maths Lead and PSHE Lead) would like you to meet our latest group of pupil ambassadors, *The Rainow Reps!* They will be working on various projects this year with their main aims of school improvement and looking after the wellbeing of our pupils, basically making Rainow an even better place to be! Current projects are designing the new team logo and making a Rainow Reps Video. Watch this space...



## A Huge Thank you from the Silklife Food Bank

Dan from the [Silklife Foodbank](#) was simply blown away by your generous donations. We held an assembly yesterday to celebrate Harvest and explain to the children how their donated items will really help those in need. So important given the current cost of living crisis.



# Sports Desk Rainow Round-Up

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## Cross-country

We have enjoyed a busy few weeks with our cross-country races! A huge well done to all of our Rainow representatives- the weather hasn't made it easy for them. Last week, we saw a determined group of Y3/4 runners compete in a tough race, and yesterday our fabulous Y5/6 runners had took their turn. Once again, thank you to all our parents who attended and helped supervise the race. We look forward to welcoming the cross-country season back again in the Spring term.



## Girls' Football

Our amazing Rainow Girls' Football Team work hard to improve their skills every Friday lunchtime and today they are putting them to the test! This afternoon, the Year 6 girls are competing in a girls' football tournament at Tytherington High School, where they will play against other local schools. Our budding Lionesses! Good luck team.



## Clubs Update

Y3-6 Netball club with Mrs Copeland has now finished for the Autumn term, but will start again in the Spring. Y5/6 Dance club with Miss Crowther will be starting on the second week back. This will take place on a Tuesday lunch time. More information will be sent out after half term.

## Friends of Rainow School—Our School PTA

It may only be October but the FRS planning committee are already feeling festive! We know December is always busy so we're trying something slightly different this year.



The **Xmas Mini-Fair** will run from 3.10pm-5.30pm on Friday the 2nd December.

We'll have all the traditional fun and games, including tombola, lucky dip, teddy raffle and knock the elf off the shelf. Alongside, we'll have an extra special Xmas Cake Sale and light refreshments.

As always, we need your help - and donations - to run this. We are running two collection days:

- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** - please bring along any unwanted **soft toys** (in good condition) to drop off (chance to have a good clear out over half term!).
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** - please bring along **bottles and chocolates** for the tombola.
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Xmas jumper day.** As you know we normally ask for donations in 'exchange' for a non-uniform day but, we thought it would be good fun for the children to wear their Christmas jumpers on the day of the Xmas fair instead, to fully get into the festive spirit.

We're also planning to **raffle off a Xmas Dinner** (turkey included!), so if anyone has any foods that could contribute to a hamper, please let your class rep know.

**Movie night** was a great success, with the Granelli's ice cream going down a treat. In total we raised £350. Thanks to everyone who helped out and bought tickets.

Tickets are still available for **wreath making** on 24<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm. Tickets are £45 and can be bought at [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrainowschool/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrainowschool/)

Finally, you've got to be in it to win it, so please sign up to the **School Lottery** at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Rainow Primary School.



# A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

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## Parents' Evenings...November 2022

Building on the success of our Class Information Evenings in September, next half-term you will have the opportunity to meet your teacher to talk specifically about your child and how they are developing both socially and academically. **Your teachers will be in touch to arrange a meeting, either remotely or face-to-face, shortly after half term so please keep an eye on your online learning platforms for further information.** We will hold a mid-point parents' evening some time after the February half-term. Watch this space...

## Well-Being Launch Day...1st Day Back

Last year, we introduced an initiative to begin each half-term based on one of the NHS's '[5 Steps to Wellbeing](#)'. This is part of our constant drive to talk about, understand and improve our school community's mental health and well-being. Apart from lessons designed specifically to teach the children about this topic, we also have a trained mental first aider in school and lots of nurture provision such as Forest School, for children who have been identified as needing some extra support. The launch days help to keep this important topic at the forefront of our minds and on the first day back we will be focussing on '[KEEP LEARNING](#)'. It should be a great way to settle back into school after some time off.



### October

Thur 20th **School closes for the children**  
Fri 21st **School closed for INSET day**  
Mon 31st **School reopens for the children**  
Well-Being Launch Day **\*NEW**

### November

Thur 3rd Individual and Sibling Photographs **\*NEW**  
Mon 14th Anti-Bullying Week commences  
Fri 18th Children In Need Fundraiser  
Thurs 24th FRS event: Wreath Making

### December

Fri 2nd FRS event Xmas Fair  
Thur 15th Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties (tbc.)  
Fri 16th **School closes for Christmas.**

### January 2023

Tues 3rd **School closed for INSET day**  
Wed 4th **School reopens for the children.**  
Thur 26th Whole School Theatre Trip

### February

Tues 14th Safer Internet Day  
Fri 17th **School closes for half-term**  
Mon 27th **School reopens for children**

### March

Thur 2nd World Book Day

Fri 17th Red Nose Day Charity Fundraiser  
Fri 31st **School closes for EASTER**

### April

Mon 17th **School reopens for the children**

### May

Mon 1st **May Bank Holiday, school closed for 1 day**  
Mon 8th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils  
Thur 25th **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 Information Evening 5.30–8.30 p.m.

### July

Mon 10th Tytherington High School Year 6 Taster Day  
Fri 21st **School closes for summer break**

**A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMARY IS [HERE](#)**



**THERE ARE STILL VARIOUS KEY DATES YET TO BE CONFIRMED SUCH AS XMAS PLAYS etc.**

Diary Dates