# Head's Message

# Rainow Round-Up

14th–28th November 2025

Caring, Learning, Achieving

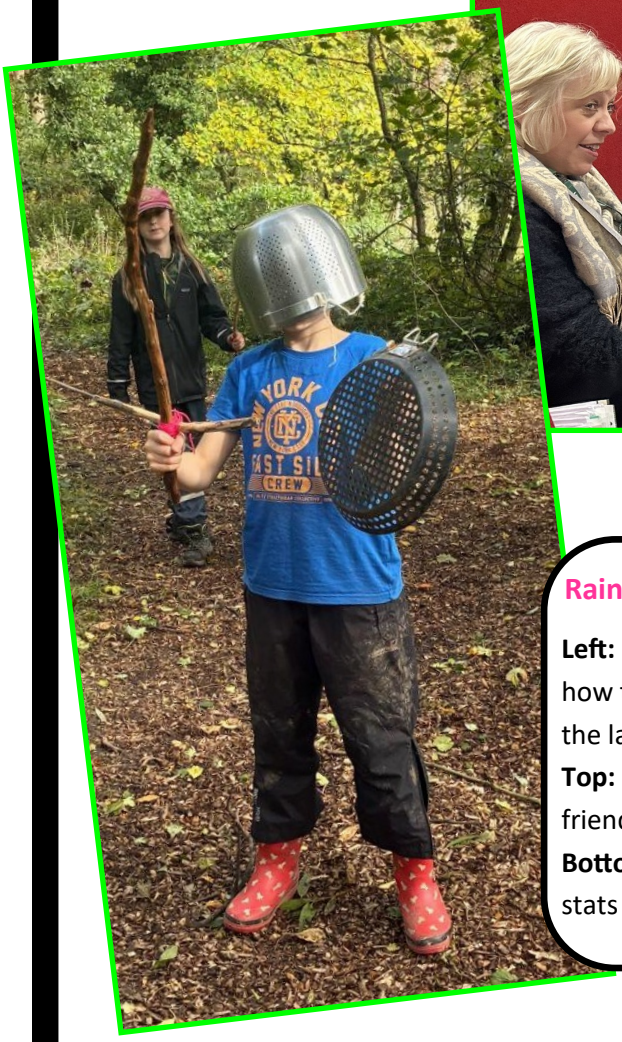
Welcome to another edition of the Round-Up.

At this time of year, I would normally be reporting on Xmas play preparations and fun, but, sadly the only major drama here at the moment is the incredibly high absence rates. At one point this week, almost 50 children, or 25% of the school, was absent due to illness — the highest I've ever known at Rainow, and over double at the same time last year…and that's before we begin to count the impressive number of staff falling like dominoes.

I sent a message on Wednesday outlining ways we are trying to combat the winter bugs such as our enhanced cleaning and ventilation etc. These are all unwanted reminders to those bleak lockdown days when we were all navigating rotas, bubbles and hand-gel rations. We certainly didn't expect to be reviving any of those measures in 2025, but here we are! Let's just say we are very much looking forward to a healthier, more cheerful, fully-upright school community next week. I'm off to replenish our Calpol supplies and have a long lie down in a darkened room.

Thank you to my staff, and for your continued support in keeping our community safe and (relatively) well.



## Rainow Making the Best of it…

**Left:** Forest Schoolers showing us how to stay safe and healthy in the latest Forest Fashion.

**Top:** Mrs Paton, her mum & friends making puppets in Class 1.

**Bottom:** Elodie made our absence stats look even worse!



Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

## School Attendance

**School attendance since the start of Sep 25:**

**95.3% which CAN ONLY IMPROVE!**

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.**

Teaching and Learning

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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

Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school.

They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display.

**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 |
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| **Rec** | Juniper (Bees)<br>Buddy (Fox) | Lily (Raven)<br>Hazel (Badger) | Sija<br>Zach | Iris<br>Erin |
| **Year 1** | Lorenzo (Raven)<br>Frank (Badger) | Georgie (Badger)<br>Frankie (Bees) | Imogen<br>Poppy | Jack<br>Ella |
| **Year 2** | Elijah (Raven)<br>Ruby (Badger) | Atesh (Raven)<br>Doug (Badger) | Finlay W<br>Owen | Gwen<br>Ella |
| **Year 3** | Harriet (Raven)<br>Eli (Fox) | Safi (Bees) | Hattie, Sophie,<br>Ralph, Edith | Arlo |
| **Year 4** | Jamie (Owl)<br>Daisy (Fox) | Ted (Squirrel)<br>James (Bees) | Molly<br>Wilson | Bertie<br>Francis |
| **Year 5** | Harry (Fox)<br>Olive (Raven)<br>Jim (Badger) | Miles (Badger)<br>Harriet (Badger) | Poppy<br>Florence | Heidi |
| **Year 6** | Alexis (Raven) | Oliver (Owl) | Jenson | Henry R |



***Y6 SPECIAL AWARD***

***Hetty: for being incredibly kind, caring, intelligent, smiley, positive and hard- working.***

***An amazing member of Rainow school.***

***Leo: for being sociable, funny, kind, caring, intelligent and multi-talented.***

***A fantastic member of Rainow School.***



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## FRS News...



**Creative Christmas evening**

Thanks so much to all who came to the Creative Christmas evening last night. The biggest thanks goes to Ali for donating her time and expertise to make this a fun and festive start to Christmas. I have a feeling these decorations are going to be treasured for many years.

**Christmas Fair - 5th December after school**

A massive thank you to everyone who is working hard behind the scenes to bring the Christmas magic to school for next week's Christmas Fair. There's lots of work happening such as creating hampers and sourcing raffle prizes, washing and drying donations, ordering refreshments, and more and we couldn't do it without our wonderful volunteers.

Thank you if you have sent donations in this week. There's still time to donate chocolates and bottles for those tombola stalls. We have plenty of soft toys for our Adopt a Teddy stall so no need to send any more of those. We can still accept donations of Christmas Jumpers for this pre-loved stall.



Your help in filling the boxes with donations is incredibly appreciated and makes a huge difference to the success of the fair and how much we can raise for school funds.

Today your child should bring home a cup to fill with sweets and decorate for the sweet cup stall. Instructions have been sent home. They can be wrapped in clingfilm or cellophane when returning them to school. Please return them before Friday of next week.

**Years 2 and 4** are kindly asked to bring donations for the cake stall (in lieu of running a cake sale after school) on **Friday 5th December**.

Thanks to those who have volunteered their time for the rota on the day – please consider volunteering for a 30 minute slot so that everyone can enjoy some time at the fair with their own families. We also need people to help with set up in the afternoon.

More information will be sent next week about the activities and stalls that will be on at the fair so you can know what is going on.

**Movie Night – 12th December**

Save the date – film TBC.

# A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

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## Jingle-Bell Jog

The children will have heard about the planned 'Jingle Bell Jog' in today's assembly and will come home with an envelope for sponsorship. A letter of explanation has also ben sent home by email explaining all about this great fundraiser for East Cheshire Hospice.

East Cheshire Hospice
Where people come to live

Please ensure all envelopes are returned to school on or before the morning of the run, Thursday 18th December. If you prefer to donate online please do so via this link: Mr Norris is fundraising for East Cheshire Hospice

## Diary Dates

### December

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| Thurs 4th | Reception & Year 1—Elmer Art Trail Visit |
| Fri 5th | Christmas Fair |
| Fri 12th | FRS Christmas Movie Night |
| Mon 15th | Year 5 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm |
| Tues 16th | R, 1 & 2 Christmas Play 1.15pm |
| | 3 &4 Christmas Play 2.15pm |
| Weds 17th | R,1 & 2 Christmas Play 6.30pm |
| Weds 18th | 3 & 4 Christmas Play 7.30pm |
| Thur 18th | Children's Christmas Lunch & Parties |
| Fri 19th | Whole School Church service |
| | **School closes for Christmas** |

### January 2026

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| Mon 5th | **School reopens: SPRING 1** |
| | Well-Being Launch Day 2— CONNECT |
| Fri 9th | Whole School Trip to New Vic Theatre |

### February

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| Weds 4th | Reception Trip—Peak Wildlife Park |
| Tues 10th | Safer Internet Day |
| Fri 13th | **School closes for half-term** |
| Mon 23rd | **School reopens: SPRING 2** |
| | Well-Being Launch Day 3— TAKE NOTICE |

### March

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| Mon 2nd | Mid-Year Parents' Evenings this week (tbc.) |
| Thur 5th | World Book Day |
| Fri 27th | **School closes for EASTER** |

### April

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| Mon 13th | **School reopens: SUMMER 1** |
| | Well-Being Launch Day 4—STAY ACTIVE |
| Thurs 16th | Year 3 / Year 4 Residential commences |
| Fri 17th | Year 3 / Year 4 Residential ends |

### May

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| Mon 4th | **School closed for early May Bank Holiday** |
| Tues 5th | **School reopens** |
| Mon 11th | Key stage 2 SATs week for year 6 pupils |
| Thur 21st | **School closes for children: HALF TERM** |
| Fri 22nd | **INSET DAY—TEACHERS ATTEND** |

### June

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| Mon 1st | **School reopens: SUMMER 2** |
| | Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE |
| Weds 24th | Reception Visit to Crich Tramway Museum |

### July

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| Fri 17th | **School closes for Summer** |

**A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMARY FOR 2025-26 IS HERE**