Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

19th Dec 2025 – 9th Jan 2026

Caring, Learning, Achieving

A slightly belated Happy New Year to you all. This is a shorter edition of *The Rainow Round-Up*, with just one week to report on.

Firstly, a note about the theatre trip. It was quite literally the perfect storm that led to the decision to cancel our annual visit to the New Vic Theatre. Although disappointing, it was absolutely the right decision and I am delighted to announce that we have secured a brilliant alternative at exactly the same cost: **a trip to Manchester Opera House on Friday 6th February to watch the fantastic Horrible Histories Concert.** We are incredibly fortunate to have found such a wonderful experience at such short notice, and my thanks go to Ms Welsh in the office for making it possible. It promises to be another exciting, entertaining and feel-good experience for our children.

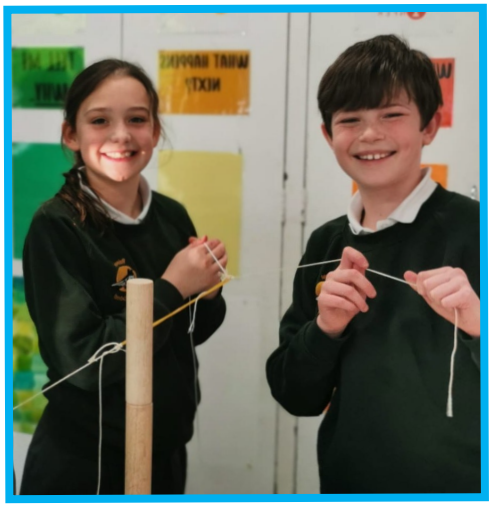
Talking of feel-good experiences, the photographs I have chosen for this issue were taken on the first day back, which is always designated as a Well-Being Launch Day. These days are linked to the NHS 5 Steps to Mental Well-Being, and this week's theme was ***Connect***. As you can see, the children took part in a variety of engaging activities, all designed to help them reconnect in a more relaxed way after such a lengthy break.

Please do make sure you read the FRS section on page 2, as I am keen for the AGM to be well attended so that the FRS can continue to go from strength to strength. With school budgets the worst I have ever known, and no sign of additional government support, FRS funds (around £10,000 per year) are becoming increasingly vital in ensuring we can continue to offer the very best educational experiences for your children. You are all members of the FRS by virtue of being part of Rainow School, and it would be wonderful to see more people play an even bigger role. It really is very rewarding, and I know just how much our families have to offer—not just financially, but in terms of ideas, expertise, hard work and enthusiasm. It would be great to see you there.

Here's to a calmer weather weekend.

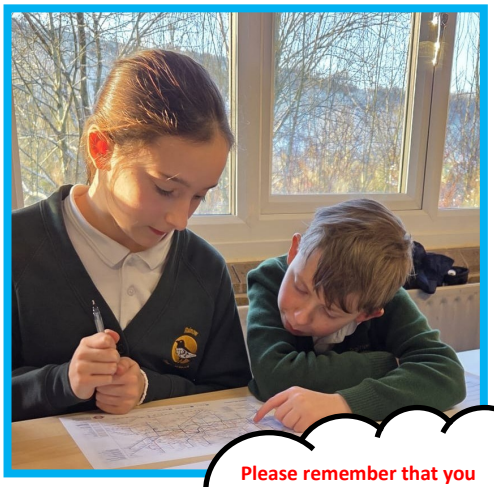












Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

School Attendance

School attendance since the Sep 25:

95.3% 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.

FRS News...

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Friends of Rainow School - Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 22nd January 2026 - 7pm - 9pm - school hall

The Friends of Rainow School (Charity number 1040901) supports school by fundraising through running school events. The money from this fundraising is used to provide educational experiences and resources that enhance the children's education. We also put on events and activities that enhance the community spirit of the school.

The Charity Commission requires the following trustee roles to be filled:

- Chair (this could be one person or two so Chair / Vice Chair)
- Treasurer
- Secretary

There are also committee members who are involved in discussions and decisions at meetings and throughout the year. People are voted into all these roles at the AGM.

To ensure that the FRS can continue to operate we need to make sure that all these positions are filled. We particularly need to fill the Chair / Vice Chair posts as our current Chair and Vice chair are stepping down after several years. However, all trustee positions will be open for election at the AGM.

Some people have come forward to discuss these roles but there is still time to have these discussions by emailing friendsrainowschool@gmail.com or contacting our Chair, Rachel Gabbott on 07786001336.

Everyone involved in the FRS has a drive and passion for supporting the school community (enthusiasm is important) and there's some further information in the infographics you were sent in an email fro the office about each role.

Canvas Painting Night...Fri 27th Feb

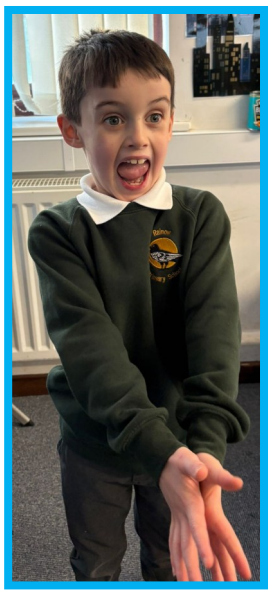
Thank you to those who have booked on to our **Canvas Painting Night.**

We're so lucky to have so many talented parents in school and Amy (Gwen and Lily-Belle's mum) will be our Artist and guide for the evening helping everyone to paint on canvas this delightful Ostrich. If you're already thinking, "I can't paint!" keep reading because there's some magic that happens on these evenings where you will be amazed by what you produce. Amy will guide us step by step to create the artwork as an experienced teacher. 'Oscar the Cheeky Ostrich' captivates with his cheeky demeanour and vibrant distinctive look, making him an intriguing subject for artistic expression. The lively personality and striking colours of this mysterious bird come to life on canvas, offering a delightful visual experience and a fascinating subject to paint.

The event will take place in the school hall on **Friday 27th February**. Tickets are priced at £30 and there will be a bar with alcoholic and soft drinks available on the night. Tickets are now available to purchase on this link. **https://ticketscandy.com/e/frs-canvas-painting-night-14305**





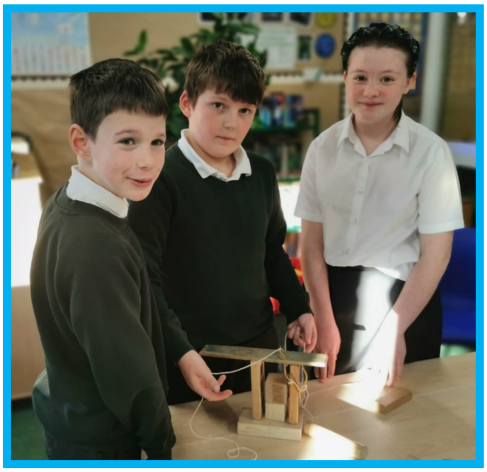


A look ahead… Rainow Round-Up

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Diary Dates

January			**April**	
Thur 22nd	FRS AGM in the School Hall 7pm -9pm *NEW		Mon 13th	**School reopens: SUMMER 1**
				Well-Being Launch Day 4—STAY ACTIVE
February			Thurs 16th	Year 3 / Year 4 Residential commences
Weds 4th	Reception Visit - Peak Wildlife Park		Fri 17th	Year 3 / Year 4 Residential ends
Fri 6th	Whole School trip to watch Horrible Histo-		**May**	
Tues 10th	Safer Internet Day		Mon 4th	**School closed for early May Bank Holiday**
Fri 13th	School closes for half-term		Tues 5th	**School reopens**
Mon 23rd	**School reopens: SPRING 2**		Mon 11th	Key stage 2 SATs week for year 6 pupils
	Well-being Launch Day 3 - TAKE NOTICE		Weds 20th	Year 2 Residential commences
Fri 27th	FRS event: Canvas Painting with Amy *NEW		Thurs 21st	Year 2 Residential ends
				School closes for children: HALF TERM
March			Fri 22nd	**INSET DAY—TEACHERS ATTEND**
Mon 2nd	Mid-Year Parents' Evenings this week			
Thur 5th	World Book Day		**June**	
Fri 27th	**School closes for EASTER**		Mon 1st	**School reopens: SUMMER 2**
				Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE
			Weds 24th	Reception Visit - Crich Tramway Museum
			July	
			Fri 17th	**School closes for Summer**