Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

23rd Jan—13th Feb 2026

Caring, Learning, Achieving

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting few weeks since our last newsletter, with plenty to celebrate as we head into the February half term — from our very own Winter Olympics and whole-school theatre trip (see the FRS page), to chess success (see page 2) and Reception's first trip to Peak Wildlife Park.

Firstly, though, I would like to thank you for your support during our unexpected week without running water. In my 25 years in education, this was certainly a first! As always, our community pulled together in a typically supportive way and we made it work. United Utilities worked closely and effectively with us throughout to ensure the school remained safe and fully operational. They were extremely complimentary about the way our office team, Mr Marg, Jo and Sandra rose to every challenge to keep the children safe, hydrated and well fed. Now we just need to work out what to do with all that leftover bottled water! Thanks to United Utilities compensation each child will receive a £10 discount off a forthcoming trip.

Some of the photographs below capture our fantastic Winter Olympics event. Miss Crowther, our PE Lead, organised the school into their coloured houses — Red, Blue, Green and Yellow — to compete in a range of fun, Winter Olympic-inspired activities. It was a wonderful day. A huge thank you to Matt Bissonnette (Parker's dad), who helped make the trophy presentation truly memorable. Who knew we had our very own ice hockey professional within our school community? The children were fascinated to hear about his career, including representing his country in this exciting sport.

The remaining photographs show Reception enjoying their trip as part of their Arctic and Antarctic topic, and Year 4 pupils proudly sharing their Pompeii diary writing with a member of staff they had chosen to read it to.

Wishing you all a lovely Valentine's Day and a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. School reopens for children on Monday 23rd February, and the theme for our third Wellbeing Launch Day will be Take Notice.

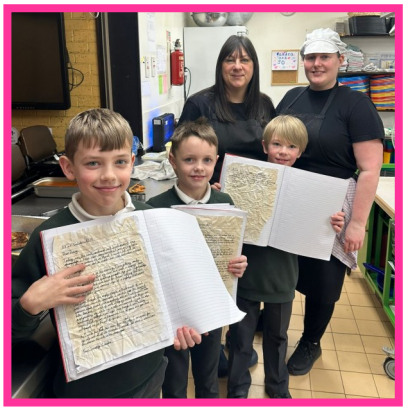


















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Rainow Chess Club Continues to Thrive

It has been a busy couple of weeks for the school chess club:

- Our year 6 girls team put in an amazing performance in a national tournament (see their report below).
- Last week, we hosted a ten-a-side friendly match against Marlborough primary school. The match was played in great spirit against a competitive Marlborough team, with Rainow winning by 14.5 points to 5.5.
- On Wednesday, we took 2 teams to a competition at King's School with our A team finishing joint 1st and our B team finishing 4th out of 8 teams competing. Amazing result!
- Finally, we are pleased to have had three children selected to represent Cheshire in their respective age groups this year. Well done to them.

"Tournament report: On the 25th January, four year 6 girls (Martha, Elodie, Alice and Anna) went to compete in the English Girls' Schools Chess Championships, Northern Semi-Final, at Withington School. The day consisted of five matches, which we played against Alderley Edge School for Girls, Cheadle Hulme School, Withington, Stockport Grammar and King's School Macclesfield. Overall we scored 10 points out of 15 and finished 2nd out of 14 schools, which means we qualified for the national finals!"







Year 6 Indoor Athletics

Our Year 6s took part in the annual indoor athletics on Monday. All the children competed in a series of events in what is always a fiercely competitive and exciting day. Mrs Walker, class teacher accompanying the children, had this to day.

"The children did Rainow proud with their amazing attitude and team spirit. It was fantastic to see everyone joining in, supporting each other and giving their best."





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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.

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Florence (Owl) Tom (Owl)	Rufus (Badger) Juniper (Bees)	Ruby Bea	Bea Nellie
Year 1	Eleanor (Raven) Elisza (Badger)	Emmett (Squirrel) Winnie (Raven)	Phoebe Elliott	Dora Lorenzo
Year 2	Finlay (Fox) Atesh (Bees)	Stevie (Bees) Martha (Badger)	Thea	Elijah
Year 3	Iris (Raven) Iris (Badger)	Penny (Squirrel) Nancy (Badger)	Bronte Arlo	Ernie
Year 4	Rhea (Owl) Tilda-Mae (Bees)	Lily (Bees) Freddy (Bees)	James Ethan	Harrison Toby
Year 5	Harry (Badger) Oliver (Badger)	Miles (Raven) Olive (Badger)	Hugo Harry	Eva Noah
Year 6	Daisy (Squirrel) Hetty (Bees)	Gian (Owl) Grace (Bees)	Isla B Noah S (Bees)	Angus R Year 6 (Athletics)



Y6 SPECIAL AWARD

Henry R: *for being friendly, thoughtful ,intelligent and multi-talented. A fantastic member of our school*

Anna S: *for being conscientious, calm, intelligent, kind and muti-talented. An outstanding student. Superstar!*



FRS News...

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A reminder to book onto our **Canvas Painting Night** which is happening this term. This is an event for adults - parents, school staff, grandparents, you can bring a friend or family member, anyone who would enjoy a creative night out is welcome to purchase tickets.

Amy (Gwen and Lily-Belle's mum) will be our Artist and guide for the evening helping everyone to paint on canvas a delightful Ostrich. 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

As we head towards spring, we're looking for anyone else who would like to help in the school garden and with the planting around school. We support the fantastic work that goes on in school in Gardening Club and Planet Protectors with a focus on the garden was extensively developed last year with the addition of the Skylark Garden Design wildflower garden which will bloom again this year.

Look out for something special today, Friday 13th February at the end of the day – Love Nature this Valentine's Day. Instructions will be sent separately about how you can get make the most of your special something!

We will do another **Pre-loved Uniform** stall after the half term holiday so please think about passing on any preloved uniform that your child might have outgrown.

Thank you FRS for supporting our trip to the theatre.
Horrible Histories was so much fun!









A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

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World Book Day— Thursday 5th March

Click here to find the letter with all of the details of how we will celebrate World Book Day in school

Diary Dates: February-July 2026

			May	
February			Mon 4th	**School closed for early May Bank Holiday**
Mon 23rd	**School reopens: SPRING 2**		Tues 5th	**School reopens**
	Well-being Launch Day 3 - TAKE NOTICE		Mon 11th	Key stage 2 SATs week for year 6 pupils
Fri 27th	FRS event: Canvas Painting with Amy		Weds 20th	Year 2 Residential commences
March			Thurs 21st	Year 2 Residential ends
Mon 2nd	Mid-Year Parents' Evenings this week			**School closes for children: HALF TERM**
Thur 5th	World Book Day		Fri 22nd	**INSET DAY—TEACHERS ATTEND**
Weds 25th	Schools Gotta Dance			
Fri 27th	Easter Roast Lunch **School closes for EASTER**		**June**	
April			Mon 1st	**School reopens: SUMMER 2**
Mon 13th	**School reopens: SUMMER 1**			Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE
	Well-Being Launch Day 4—STAY ACTIVE		Thurs 11th	Year 5—Play with the Hallé *NEW DATE*
Thurs 23rd	Year 3 / Year 4 Residential commences		Weds 24th	Reception Visit - Crich Tramway Museum
Fri 24th	Year 3 / Year 4 Residential ends		**July**	
			Fri 17th	**School closes for Summer**

LINK TO TERM DATES 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

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 Sep 25:

95.9% which is GOOD!

Please see our **Attendance Policy** for more information.