Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

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Caring, Learning, Achieving

Thank you for taking the time to read this latest edition.

Patience, noticing others, and thinking about those around us have all been key themes over the past couple of weeks as we begin a school-wide focus on kindness. Being kind is one of our three school rules—Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Ready—however, it became clear a few weeks ago that this was this was perhaps becoming something of a phrase that had lost a bit of its meaning over time, rather than something fully understood by the children. Many struggled to articulate what kindness really looks like beyond simply "being nice".

We are therefore working hard to give the children tangible examples of kindness in action. We are also making a concerted effort to *catch them being kind* and, importantly, to remind them how good it feels to show kindness to others. Hopefully, some of you are already reaping the benefits—one less bookbag to carry, an extra hug at drop-off, or simply a smile and a thank you to brighten your day.

If your child has received a kindness certificate, they should be able to tell you exactly what it was for. We have also sent home an **Easter Kindness Challenge**, which children are very welcome to complete. Simply tick off the acts of kindness and return it to school after Easter—we will do the rest!

Talking of kindness, thank you so much for your generosity in supporting our Red Nose fundraiser. We raised an impressive **£457**, smashing our £250 target—you really are a kind and generous community.

My main highlight this fortnight has to be our Year 5 and 6 dancers, who performed so brilliantly at this year's Schools' Gotta Dance event at the Crewe Lyceum. Miss Crowther and her dance troupe have been rehearsing hard since Christmas, culminating in an amazing performance in front of a packed theatre—another fantastic opportunity for the children. Click **here** to watch the full routine (**please note that this is an unlisted video and should not be shared beyond our school community**)

That just leaves me to wish you all a safe and relaxing Easter break, filled with kindness and love. We look forward to welcoming you back for the start of the summer term on Monday 13th April. This will be another of our Well-Being Launch Days with the theme of **BE ACTIVE** so the children can come to school in their PE kits.



Schools' Gotta Dance 2026

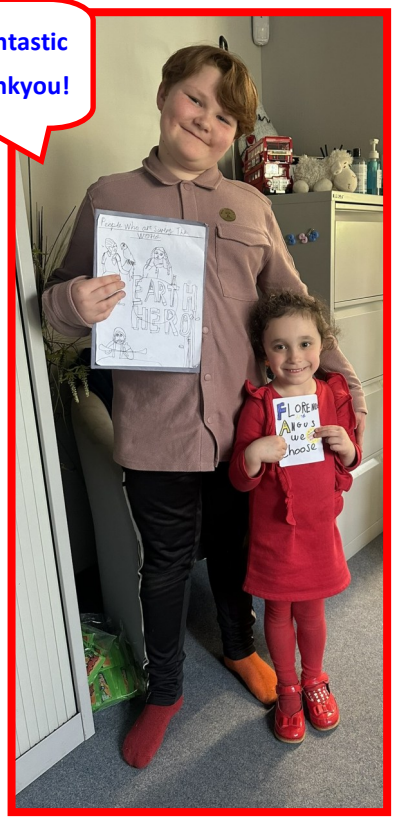
Kindness is king at Rainow…

RND…Forest Schools

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£457 is a fantastic amount. Thankyou!





Notes From Forest Schools…Emerging Spring…And a Request

Words inspired by Wednesday group. Photo: Thursday group.



Shh … be still …

As we tread gently with curiosity through our wonderful woods, Spring reveals herself.

A clump of pale-yellow primroses grows strong in a sunny patch. They have recently been joined by brighter hued primulas standing tall.

Further along we take the time to crouch and wobble a jelly ear or two, always being mindful to replace with care back to the spot that nurtures them.

The river is high this year filled with much rainfall that has made its way down from the surrounding hills. Along the banks, crowds of daffodils mingling with ever creeping wood spurge applaud the rushing, churning water.

Patiently, stand and look and you may spot a glimpse of bright red. Elf and fairy cups are a plenty this year but they are rather shy and often go unnoticed.

Sitting, eyes closed, one hand on heart, one hand on belly we settle into our breathing and become attuned to the sounds around us.

Car engines and children's voices drift from road and playground. As we become more focused and breathing eases into a gentle rhythm, we feel the breeze brush against our faces, smell the dampness of the leaves beneath our feet and, if we are very lucky, tune into the joyful song of blackbird, robin and bluetit announcing that Spring has arrived.

All are welcome in the woods we only ask that you are mindful with your feet and in your actions. Treat her gently and she will reveal a magical world.

Forest School Request to All Families:

If anyone is having a spring shed clear out, Forest Schools would be very happy to accept any small saws, hand drills, nails, etc. to support developing woodworking skills in the woods.



Easter Lunch and more!

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Rainow Restaurant Delivers a Cracking Easter Feast

Following the success of our wonderful Christmas lunch, our kitchen team once again surpassed themselves with a fantastic Easter feast, serving over 150 delicious roasts. A huge thank you to Jo, Sandra, Pearl and Lou for all their hard work in the kitchen, and to Kate and Lisa in the office for their invaluable support in making sure everything ran so smoothly. It was another brilliant team effort—and thoroughly enjoyed by all! (And, yes, that is the first staff certificate awarded to Jo and Sandra for their amazing kindness).





Future Stars in the Making at Rainow

While our Year 5 and 6 dancers shone on the big stage at Schools' Gotta Dance, it's clear the foundations are being built much earlier. Our Year 3s and Reception class recently performed for parents as part of their dance curriculum, working with Amy from Sylk Dance, and it was wonderful to see their confidence and enthusiasm on display. These early experiences are so important—and we may well be looking at some of our future Schools' Gotta Dance performers already!





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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

Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school.

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

THE 'OTHER AWARD' IS PRESENTED FOR EFFORT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECT.

THIS TERM, WE ARE HAVING A SPECIAL FOCUS ON KINDNESS.

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Kindness Award
Rec	Hazel (Raven) Lily (Fox)	Tom (Raven) Maeve (Badger)	Erin Ruby	Amelie Iris, Rufus
Year 1	Isabelle (Badger) Frankie (Raven)	Max (Squirrel) Lily (Badger)	Seth Lorenzo	Winnie Rowan
Year 2	Ella (Badger) Oliver (Owl)	Reuben (Owl) Felix (Owl)	Karina (Squirrel) Thea	Oliver Stevie
Year 3	Sophie (Fox) Ben (Raven)	Ben (Fox) Hattie (Owl)	Arlo Ernie	Bronte Sophie
Year 4	Francis (Raven) Noah (Raven)	Mollie (Raven) Tilda (Owl)	Rhea	Daisy, Toby, Isla
Year 5	Martha (Squirrel)	Seb (Owl)	William, Coralie	Seb, Heidi, Noah
Year 6	Henry R (Bees) Henry B (Badger)	Ava (Bees) Elodie (Bees)	Elodie	Silvie, Isla B, Ava



SPECIAL AWARDS

Martha: *for being intelligent, conscientious, hard working, thoughtful, curious and multi-talented. An outstanding Year 6.*

Noah*: for being hard working, helpful, creative, conscientious and multi-talented. An amazing Year 6.*

Jo and Sandra: *For thinking of other and always sharing a smile, a song or a sweet treat!*



FRS News... Rainow Round-Up

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Thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported the recent movie night. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes from parent and staff volunteers and we couldn't put these events on for the children without you – it's much appreciated!

Yesterday saw the Reception class **Easter Cake Sale** which was a great success, whether you made cakes or batter, donated bought cakes or bought cakes at the sale it was a fantastic team effort – enjoyable and a good fundraiser for our school community.

Thanks for the donations of **compost, manure and pots** – we can always use those. If you are growing any plants at home and might consider growing a few extra for our plant sale in the summer term please do. You will have noticed some of the flowers starting to bloom around school and there are plans for summer planting so if you'd like to get involved join the **Garden Whatsapp group** which is in the list of groups within the Rainow Whatsapp community.



Have a great Easter from the Friends of Rainow School!







A look ahead… Rainow Round-Up

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Diary Dates: March-July 2026

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March			**June**	
Fri 27th	**School closes for EASTER**		Mon 1st	**School reopens: SUMMER 2**
April				Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE
Mon 13th	**School reopens: SUMMER 1**		Thur 11th	Year 5 Trip to the Hallé
	Well-Being Launch Day 4—STAY ACTIVE		Weds 24th	Reception Visit - Crich Tramway Museum
Thurs 16th	Y6 SATS Information Session - 5pm *NEW DATE*		**July**	
Thurs 23rd	Year 3 / Year 4 Residential commences		Mon13th - Tues 14th	Year 5 & 6 Production - TBC *NEW DATE*
Fri 24th	Year 3 / Year 4 Residential ends		Fri 17th	Leaver's Assembly - TBC *NEW DATE*
May				**School closes for Summer**
Mon 4th	**School closed for early May Bank Holiday**			
Tues 5th	**School reopens**			
Mon 11th	Key stage 2 SATs week for year 6 pupils			
Mon 18th	Y6 Chester Zoo Trip *NEW DATE*			
Weds 20th	Year 2 Residential commences			
Thurs 21st	Year 2 Residential ends			
	School closes for children: HALF TERM			
Fri 22nd	**INSET DAY—TEACHERS ATTEND**			

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.

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

School Attendance

School attendance since Sep 25:

96.3% which is Excellent!

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