Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

24th April—8th May 2026

Caring, Learning, Achieving

Thank you for taking the time to read this latest edition of *The Rainow Round-Up*.

The past couple of weeks have felt relatively calm in school — perhaps the calm before the storm — as we head towards what is always a busy and exciting end to the summer term, with assessments, reports, leavers' celebrations and summer performances all on the horizon.

I have chosen front-cover photographs that reflect some of the many opportunities our children have to perform and share their talents during their time at Rainow. Whether it is playing in a concert, competing in sport, presenting work to others or performing on stage, these moments help children grow in confidence and resilience.

At Rainow, we often remind the children that learning is meant to be messy. Mistakes are not something to fear; they are an essential part of improving. We also talk openly about performance — taking a test, playing in a competitive match, speaking in front of an audience or striving for a personal best — and how nerves and pressure are completely normal feelings. Learning how to manage those emotions is an important part of growing up.

Our school mantra, *"Practice Makes Permanent,"* helps children understand that preparation builds confidence. The more we practise and refine our skills, the more ready we feel to perform at our very best — whether on the pitch, on the stage or in the classroom. One of my favourite quotes captures this perfectly:

"Don't just practise until you get it right; practise until you simply cannot get it wrong."

Talking of practice and preparation, we wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck next week as they take their final primary school assessments — the SATs. I know they are extremely well prepared under Mrs Eddie's expert guidance and, as always, they will give their absolute best effort. Do your best, Year 6 — we are all very proud of you.

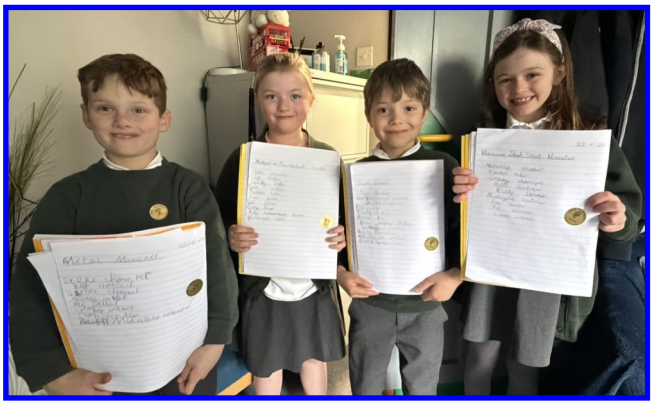
Finally, I must mention and express my sincere thanks to Martha and Alice, two of our Year 6 pupils, who completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge over the Bank Holiday weekend, raising an astonishing £1,195 for Rainow School. The girls wanted to do something special to mark the years they have spent with us — and something truly special and remarkable is exactly what they achieved!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.















Top: Our KS2 Music Concert.

Bottom: Year 4s entertaining our younger pupils with their published stories, and some Year 3s sharing their fantastic poetry with me.

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

We continue to focus on **KINDNESS.** Last week, the teachers chose 2 children from their classes with examples of how they were being kind. Well done to all the recipients!

	Badge	Badge	Award	Kindness Award
Rec	Erin (Bees)	Bea (Badger)	Zach	Florence
Year 1	Seth (Badger)	Bertie (Raven)	Oliver	Imogen
Year 2	Emilia (Squirrel)	Karina (Fox)	George	Elijah
Year 3	Eli (Squirrel)	Riley (Fox)	-	Winston
Year 4	Jacob (Fox)	Edie (Raven)	-	James Francis
Year 5	Declan (Squirrel)	Aoife (Badger)	Olive	Aoife Poppy
Year 6	Oliver (Badger)	Gian (Owl)	Hetty	Anna



SPECIAL AWARDS

Daisy-May: *for being thoughtful, intelligent, friendly, smiley and multi-talented. A fantastic member of our school!*

Mr Marge: *for being so friendly, thoughtful, fixing things, and making our school a much better place in which to play and learn.*

(see Page 3 for his latest project!).

Winnie*: for being one of the kindest children in school. She regularly sends lovely cards, offers to help others, and always with the biggest smile!*





Catch 'em being kind!

FRS News... Rainow Round-Up

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We hope to bring you more profiles from our committee members, class reps and event volunteers.

Our next event is coming up soon – a week today **Friday 15th May at 7pm** is our **Family Chocolate Bingo Night.** This is a lovely event (which can get quite competitive!) with chocolate prizes. Do let us know if you are booking a ticket and might need a dairy free alternative. If you can book this weekend it will really help us when stocking the bar with drinks and snacks and buying the prizes.

Other dates for the remainder of this term are:

Break the Rules Day – Friday 5th June

Rainow Rocks event – Friday 3rd July – music, dancing, BBQ and more – a lovely summer's evening.

Plant Sale – TBC If you are growing any plants and could spare a few for our plant sale fundraiser please message Jen on 07941386572.

We'll also have refreshments at **Sports Day** and the **Y5/6** play bars so plenty to get involved with. Join the WhatsApp group called Bingo Night and summer event planning and volunteers if you'd to support at any summer events.

We also have a **committee meeting on Tuesday 19th May at 7pm** in the school hall where we will be discussing these events and everyone is welcome.

Please have a think about any **raffle prizes** that you could donate for the summer events. This could be toiletries, alcohol, gift vouchers, or any good quality items that we could put in hampers. At the Christmas Fair we also had parents who have their own businesses who offered goods or vouchers so we also encourage these generous donations too. We're not collecting just yet as space to store things is limited but just wanted to start people thinking about what might be possible.

Lastly we'd like to say a **big thank you to Martha and Alice in Y6** who raised money for school through FRS by taking on their incredible **Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge** last weekend. We're totally in awe of the physical challenge that you set yourself and completed and the amount of money that you manged to raise for school funds. We look forward to talking to you about what your legacy gift to school will be.

Well Done Alice & Martha—what a fabulous achievement!



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Friends of Rainow School News

Meet the Trustees

The FRS operates as a charity because of the fundraising aspect. As you may know we have recently had some new additions to the Trustees so thought it would be useful to share a bit about us.

Co Chair	Co Chair	Treasurer	Secretary	Secretary
Hayley Hayes	**Kylie Downes**	**Helen Eddie**	**Jenny Neill**	**Marianne Knowles**
				
Children				
Ted (Y5) and Eva (Rec)	Maeve (Reception) Finn (preschool)	Y6 teacher (and former Rainow parent)	Finlay (Y2) Fraser (Y7)	Frank (Y1)
Why I volunteer for the Friends of Rainow School …				
I love being involved in organising the fun events that bring everybody together as a school community whilst raising funds to help support my children's education and wellbeing. I think it is important to keep the FRS going, as it is our children who benefit the most from it all.	I went to Rainow Primary School and have such lovely memories of it. For Maeve to have joined Rainow makes me super proud and I want her and others to have the best, if we can help raise funds for them to have extra equipment, trips and most of all fun. They deserve the best.	As a teacher, I see first-hand, the huge impact and difference that the fundraising makes to the Rainow experience. FRS is a whole-school community and I enjoy being part of the team.	I love bringing people together and enriching the children's school experience with fun events. Some of my happiest primary school memories were those ones that were a bit different and they have stuck with me for life. It's also nice to get to know other parents rather than being passing ships at drop offs and pick ups!	We feel very lucky that Frank comes to this amazing primary school. Before getting involved I didn't realise how important FRS funds are for supporting classroom learning, enriching the environment, and supplementing experiences like theatre trips. It's also lovely working with such a friendly, dedicated group of people.
My favourite FRS event or project …				
I love the buzz and excitement at the summer and Christmas fairs.	So far, the Christmas Fair but I'm excited to experience the summer events.	Ridge View – our quiet area above the playground because it is used each lunchtime by the children to play games, read and chill out.	I loved the duck race last year and enjoy the gardening projects too – any excuse to get outside basically!	I love the Christmas fair. It brings the whole school community together.

A look ahead… Rainow Round-Up

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Mr Margerson has created a safe viewing platform to enable the children can see the tadpoles growing!

Diary Dates: May -July

May		July	
Mon 11th	Key stage 2 SATs week for year 6 pupils	Wed 1st	Year 1 Trip- Lower Moss Wood
Fri 15th	FRS Family Chocolate Bingo *New Date*	Fri 3rd	FRS Rainow Rocks Evening *New Date*
Mon 18th	Y6 Chester Zoo Trip	Mon 6th	Tytherington High School Taster Day
Weds 20th	Year 2 Residential commences	Mon13th - Tues 14th	Year 5 & 6 Production - TBC
Thurs 21st	Year 2 Residential ends	Fri 17th	Leaver's Assembly - TBC
	School closes for children: HALF TERM		**School closes for Summer**
Fri 22nd	**INSET DAY—TEACHERS ATTEND**		
June			
Mon 1st	**School reopens: SUMMER 2**		
	Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE		
Fri 5th	FRS Break the Rules Day *New Date*		
Thur 11th	Year 5 Trip to the Hallé		
Fri 12th	Sports Day *New Date*		
Weds 24th	Reception Visit - Crich Tramway Museum		
Thurs 26th	Tytherington High School - Parent Information Evening		

LINK TO TERM DATES

2025-2026 & 2026-2027

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

School Attendance

School attendance since Sep 25:

96.4 % which is Excellent!

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