Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

8th—21st May 2026

Caring, Learning, Achieving

I am delighted to begin by congratulating our Year 6s on completing their final primary school tests. SATs week is always a significant moment, and our Year 6 children approached each day with maturity, resilience, and a calm commitment to doing their very best. We are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the week.

As always, it is worth reminding ourselves that these assessments capture only a small snapshot of what makes each child special. Their kindness, creativity, humour, and individuality are just as, if not more, important, and we celebrate these qualities every day at Rainow.

My thanks go to Mrs Eddie for her dedication, care, and expert preparation in supporting the children so effectively, as well as to all our parents and carers for the encouragement and reassurance you have given at home—it truly makes a difference. The pictures below show their post-SATs treats: fabulous new hoodies, which they will wear whatever the weather until the end of summer, and a brilliant trip to Chester Zoo.

The other pictures below are of our Year 2s who returned today from their overnight visit to the Catalyst Discovery Museum in Widnes. These experiences form an important part of our school's Pupil Promise, giving children opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, build independence, and create lasting memories with their peers. This visit also marks the beginning of our carefully planned programme of residential and overnight stays from Year 2 through to Year 6. My sincere thanks go to Mr Gratton and his team for organising and leading such a valuable experience—opportunities like this make a lasting impact on our children's confidence and curiosity.

I would also like to extend a big thank you to the Friends of Rainow School for their successful recent events. The Chocolate Bingo and Cake Sale were both hugely successful and wonderfully supported by our school community. Please do take a moment to read more on page 3 about how funds raised this year have already been used, and to find out about our final summer fundraiser.

Finally, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, 1st June for what promises to be another busy and exciting run-up to the summer holidays—do keep an eye on the Diary Dates so you don't miss a thing.









Our Amazing Year 6s and intrepid Year 2s

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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	Ruby (Raven) River (Raven)	Rufus (Raven)	Jude Evie, Hattie	Erin Riley
Year 1	Ted (Squirrel)	Poppy (Badger)	Lily	Isla
Year 2	Thea (Fox)	Henry (Badger)	Oliver	Florrie
Year 3	Arlo (Squirrel) Sophie (Squirrel)	Ralph (Bees) Charlie (Squirrel)	Xarlia Silva	Elise Winston
Year 4	Toby (Bees) Jack (Squirrel)	Wilson (Badger) Fred (Bees)	Martha Bertie	Santi Hattie
Year 5	Jasper (Badger) Beatrix (Squirrel)	Harriett (Squirrel)	Beatrix Oscar	Ted Mollie
Year 6	Daisy (Owl)	Elodie (Owl)	Grace	Noah B



SPECIAL AWARDS

Jenson: *For being kind, calm, friendly, intelligent and multi-talented. A quietly determined and fantastic member of Year 6.*

Pearl: *for being kind and caring, and ensuring lunchtimes are happy and fun.*



Catch 'em being kind!

FRS News... Rainow Round-Up

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A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the **Family Chocolate Bingo** Night. Special thanks to Sandra for entertaining us all as bingo caller extraordinaire and to everyone who volunteered in the run up to the event, during and after. We really couldn't put on these fundraising events without everyone helping and attending.

We have spent some more of the **funds raised so far this year** – new iPads have arrived. You may recall how essential FRS funds are in supporting the IT resourcing within school so we are happy that we have made this happen. The work on upgrading the **Y1 outdoor space** is being funded by your donations via FRS and we will bring you updates when these resources are in place next term.

Thank you to **Year 1 parents** who ran and provided cakes for the **cake sale** earlier this week. The weather may have not been kind but the cakes looked amazing!

Shortly after we get back there will be **Break the Rules Day on Friday 5th June** – crazy hair, no uniform – the children choose which rules to break – 50p per rule or £2 to break the lot! See the poster for further details.

Rainow Rocks event – Friday 3rd July – music, dancing, BBQ and more – a lovely summer's evening – we're going to be doing this 5pm – 9pm to allow as many families to attend as possible so get it in your diary. **We have had a parent who is a professional musician come forward (singer and bass player in a band) – we know Rainow parents are a talented bunch so if you are also a musician who could offer their skills as entertainment on the night please let us know. Contact Hayley on 07557 538770**

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

We had an FRS meeting on Tuesday night to plan the events for the remainder of the summer term and into the autumn term. 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. **Mrs Paton** in the office has kindly agreed to coordinate this again and will base hampers on the following themes: pampering, arts and crafts (kids and adults), cosy home, movie nights, games, Harry Potter fan, House plants, gourmet food and drink if you need some ideas. She'll let us know when she starts collecting.





A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

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Well-Being Launch Day 6...GIVE

Just a reminder that the first day of each half term is linked to one of the NHSs recognised 5 Steps to Mental Well-Being. Monday 1st June will focus on **GIVE**, and the teachers will provide some activities and experiences to help the children ease back into school life in a relaxed and mindful way. There is nothing to prepare for other than to know that it will be a lovely way to start the half-term.





Diary Dates: May -July

May			July	
Thurs 21st	Year 2 Residential ends		Wed 1st	Year 1 Trip- Lower Moss Wood
	School closes for children: HALF TERM		Fri 3rd	FRS Rainow Rocks Evening *New Date*
Fri 22nd	**INSET DAY—TEACHERS ATTEND**		Mon 6th	Tytherington High School Taster Day
June			Mon13th - Tues 14th	Year 5 & 6 Production - TBC
Mon 1st	**School reopens: SUMMER 2**		Fri 17th	Leaver's Assembly - TBC
	Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE			**School closes for Summer**
Fri 5th	FRS Break the Rules Day *New Date*			
Thur 11th	Year 5 Trip to the Hallé			
Fri 12th	Sports Day *New Date*			
Mon 15th	Class Photographs *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



School Attendance

School attendance since Sep 25:

96.6 % 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 may result in a fine.