Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

12th–26th June 2026

While this week's extreme weather forced the cancellation of Sports Day, nothing could stop five of our pupils from competing on the national stage. On Monday, Arlo, Elodie, Fred, Martha and William travelled to the University of Nottingham to take part in the **National Schools Chess Championship Finals** - one of the country's most prestigious competitions, bringing together top teams who have progressed through rigorous qualifying rounds.

We are incredibly proud to report that our team finished **11th overall in England and 3rd among all state schools** - a remarkable achievement in a field often dominated by highly experienced chess programmes. Such a strong national placing highlights the dedication and talent of our pupils and the commitment they have shown throughout the year.

This success was made possible by the support behind the scenes. We extend our sincere thanks to Alex (Martha Arlo and Erin's dad), who coached the team on the day, as well as Phil (Rowan's dad) and John (Lewis' dad) for their invaluable help at chess club.

As Alex reflected, *"All five children have been practising hard and played exceptionally well on the day against very tough opposition. They showed great resilience as a team, recovering from losing their first match to win their next three matches in a row, and should be incredibly proud of what they've achieved at a national level."* A fantastic accomplishment and a proud moment for our whole school community.

A Call to Action: With some of our experienced year 6 chess players moving up to high school, we will have space for some new chess players next year. In preparation for this, the final two chess club sessions will be open to children currently in year 2 upwards to come and try it out (whether they already know how to play chess or are complete beginners). Please sign up on Arbor if your child would like to attend on Monday 6 July and Monday 13 July. The sessions are after school and will finish at 4.30pm.

The other pictures this week were taken **on Reception's Class's 1st class trip to the Crich Tramway Museum** in Matlock. By all accounts, the children were simply amazing and enjoyed a fantastic day.

Wishing you all a cooler and enjoyable weekend. Come on England!







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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	Evie (Bees) Thanos (Badger)	Hattie (Bees) Riley (Badger)	Amelie Rufus	Maeve Sam
Year 1	Elliott (Fox) Isaac (Raven)	Emmett (Badger) Ella (Raven)	Jack Frank	Frank Frankie
Year 2	Doug (Badger) Haris (Badger)	Oliver (Badger) Tilly (Owl)	Gwen Reuben	Harriett Ted
Year 3	Safi (Fox) Nancy (Badger)	Jack (Fox) Henry (Raven)	Arlo Edith	Oonagh Penny
Year 4	Ted (Owl) Francis (Squirrel)	Rowan (Raven) Freddie (Raven)	Skye Isla	Blaize Daisy
Year 5	Charlie (Squirrel) Olive (Owl)	Oliver (Squirrel) Miles (Owl)	Finlay Archie	Declan Martha
Year 6	Gian (Fox)	Henry B (Fox)	Martha	Cara



SPECIAL AWARDS

Silvie: *For being incredibly kind, caring, intelligent and funny.*

A total superstar!

Alexis: *for being incredibly kind, friendly, hard working, conscientious and multi-talented.*

An outstanding Year 6



FRS News... Rainow Round-Up

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Thanks to everyone who supported the **Movie Night** last Friday where the children watched Hoppers. It was a lovely, social evening.

It was great to meet **parents of the new children** who will be starting in reception class in September at the information evening yesterday.

Summer Event

Plans and preparation for the **Rainow Summer Social (5pm to 8pm on Friday 3rd July)** – are now well under way. We're happy to announce that musical entertainment for the event will be a DJ set and karaoke with one of our talented parents, Mike. Mike is a musician and co-owner of the function band Late Last Night. https://www.latelastnightmusic.co.uk

- BBQ – we'll have delicious Spearings burgers & sausages and veggie options (please tell us about other dietary needs)
- Bar – we've ordered all the favourite tipples, soft drinks and bar snacks
- Duck Race – this was a favourite last year, pick a duck and watch them race in our beautiful woodland.
- Raffle – thanks for your donations over the last weeks – Mrs Paton is now making them into gorgeous hamper sets.
- Cake stall – Y5 are kindly supplying the cakes for this event.
- Waffle stall – these are a firm favourite in the Rainow repertoire – we're making industrial quantities to ensure supply!
- Stalls including facepainting, glitter, hairbraiding, tattoos, tombola and more.
- Make wands and flower crowns.
- Garden games.

Tickets are £5 in advance (£6 on the gate) on the following link: https://ticketscandy.com/e/rainow-summer-social-18157
We don't want finance to be a barrier to attending the event. If your financial circumstances require a free ticket please ask in the office where they have some tickets . Free tickets are also offered to new families who are not already in the school community whose children will be starting school this September.

Food requirements – once you have booked your ticket please let us know about any food requirements for your group by using this form: https://forms.gle/DBWorq1AKPnPWQNs8 You do not need to let us know if there are no food requirements.

The activities that we can offer **depend on having enough volunteers.** Based on feedback from past events we are doing 30 minute slots and a coordinator will ensure handovers have happened. We also need people to help with clearing up at the end. If one person can stay from your family (maybe with an older child to help) that can make the world of difference to everyone getting home at a reasonable time.

A paper copy of the sign up sheet is by the office and there is also a link here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jjhc-7BHkutUbwPs84amJBp5JnQPtygm01SX4c-Or1M/edit?usp=sharing

We will update the digital copy from the paper copy as regularly as we can.

There are lots of tasks to be done so do please take a look at what might appeal and please share with any other family adults who may be able to help (parents, grandparents, older siblings, aunts, uncles etc):

Set up on Friday afternoon (approx 1:30 pm onwards)	Clear up after the event (8pm – 9pm)
Volunteer coordinator	Raffle ticket sales
Money/floats runner	Duck race sales
Entrance	Waffles/cake stall
Bar	Crowns and wands from natural materials
BBQ	Merch stall (tattoos, glow sticks etc)
Penalty shoot out	Hairbraiding / Facepainting,

We're really looking forward to another Rainow School Family event, if you have any questions please just ask.

Lastly – thanks for supporting non uniform day (by dropping off a **tombola donation of chocolate or a bottle – we will be collecting these on Monday** also due to the temperatures – all chocolate from this morning was put safely in the fridge!) Thanks also for supporting Freezepop Friday – hopefully a cool way to end the week – stay cool this weekend and have a good one!

A look ahead… Rainow Round-Up

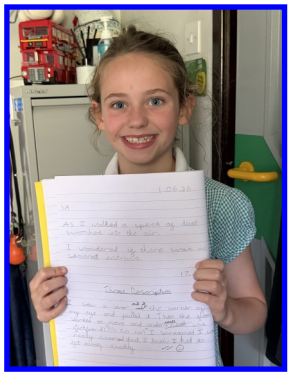
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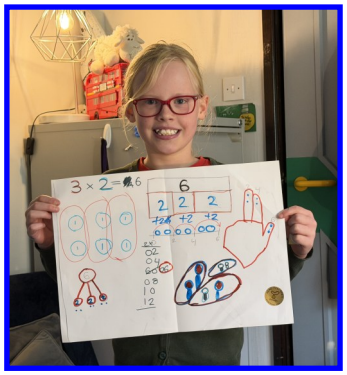
Sent to the Head's Office!

At Rainow, being sent to the Head's Office is something to celebrate! Here are the children who have been sharing work they are especially proud of.









Diary Dates: May -July

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Wed 1st	Year 1 Trip- Lower Moss Wood
Thurs 2nd	Choir - Macclesfield Music Festival
Fri 3rd	FRS Rainow Rocks Evening
Mon 6th	Tytherington High School Taster Day
Mon13th & Tues 14th	Year 5 & 6 Production - Evening
Weds 15th	**Sports Day *New Date* Same Timings as previous communication**
Thurs 16th	Key Stage 1 Concert - Afternoon
Fri 17th	Leaver's Assembly - Time TBC
	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:

96.6 % which is Excellent!

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