



Welcome to the final Round-Up of what has been another outstanding year at Rainow! Traditionally, this is an annual Round-Up, and I have chosen some pictures from the amazing Y5 / Y6 Summer Show, Star Warts, to break up all the information. As I said to the audiences, Upper Key Stage 2 worked incredibly hard on another sensational Rainow summer spectacular —a real team effort.

As always, thank you to Mrs Eddie, Mr Trueman and their terrific team for putting on a high quality performance and, of course, to the children for their endless energy, enthusiasm and talent.

With it being a longer newsletter, I have put the information you need to know about first, in case you don't make it to the end in one sitting. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have putting it together.



*The Cast of 'Star Warts' —
There really is RainOW business, like show business!*



Leavers' Assembly...Today...2.15 p.m.

The **Leavers' Assembly** will take place on the **school field**, starting at approx. 2.15 p.m. today. All the children will attend and all families are most welcome to join us. It is always busy and a lovely way to end the year. **We will reserve seats for the families of Year 6 children**, but it will probably be standing room only for parents from other year groups. You are welcome to arrive from 2 p.m. In the event of bad weather, we will use the school hall where there will only be room for the Year 6 families.

Rainow Round-Up Video 2025-26...Available Now

As in previous years, I have put together a short video review of the year which you can watch with your children. It's a lovely way to reflect on what has been another incredibly busy and enjoyable year. Apologies if I missed one of your favourite moments!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE RAINOW ROUND-UP VIDEO 25-26](#)

Please note that this video is 'unlisted' and should only be shared with our school community.

Academic Results... Another Successful Year

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This year our children have achieved terrific results in their statutory end of key stage assessments, and we are extremely proud of all their hard work and progress.

EYFS

In the Reception Class, the children have made excellent progress. One of the ways in which children are assessed is whether they have achieved a 'Good Level of Development' (GLD).

Rainow GLD 2026 (%)	National GLD 2025 (%)
82	*68

This represents excellent achievement and prepares the children well for Year 1.

YEAR 1

In year 1, children are required to take a phonics check test.

Rainow Phonics Screening Check 2026 (%)	National Phonics Screening Check 2025 (%)
97	*80

This is an excellent result and sets our Y1 children up with strong reading foundations as they move into Year 2.

YEAR 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The children in Year 4 are required to take a short, digital times table quiz. It comprises of 25 questions, testing them on the times tables, from 2x—12x.

Rainow MTC—Average mark 2026	National MTC – Average mark 2025
22.4 out of 25	*21 out of 25

Again, this is a strong result, and our highest average ever, giving our children the vital fluency knowledge they need to tackle more challenging mathematics in Year 5 and Year 6.

YEAR 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

This is always an important year group in school as it reflects the impact of the teaching and the pupils' learning experiences over the past seven years. Once again, we are delighted to report that our results are above national thresholds, and significantly so in some cases. Our Reading at a Greater Depth result is astonishing and the best ever at Rainow!

Click [here](#) to see End of Key Stage achievement over the past 5 years.

Subject	Rainow 2026 (%)	National 2026 (%)
Reading Expected Standard	96	75
Reading Greater Depth	48	*33
Writing Expected Standard	78	73
Writing Greater Depth	19	*13
EPGS Expected Standard	81	74
EPGS Greater Depth	33	*30
Maths Expected Standard	89	75
Maths Greater Depth	26	*26
Reading, Writing, Maths Combined	78	63
Science Expected Standard	89	82

Although test scores are merely a snapshot, and only a tiny reflection of what makes each of your children special and unique, they do represent tremendous achievements and are a testament to all the hard work and excellent relationships between children, teachers, and families in all our year groups.

*Thank you. *please note that where national results are not yet available, the 2025 threshold has been used.*

More Reasons to be Proud and Positive

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There are so many reasons to be proud and positive, and now is a good time to sit back and reflect on another successful year at Rainow School. Without fear of repeating the brilliant memories from the [Video Review](#), I would like to draw your attention to a couple of items worthy of particular note...

Platinum PE Performance! Celebrating Another Year of Sporting Excellence and Success

PE, sport, and physical activity are fully embedded at Rainow, starting with our exceptional curriculum that provides two hours of sport, gymnastics, or dance each week. Expert coaches—Amy (Sylk Dance), Alick (Rugbytots), John (ASM Sports), and Milly (Just Gymnastics)—enrich the experience. Beyond lessons, we offer extra-curricular clubs and participate in festivals and competitions such as Schools' Gotta Dance, football, netball and athletics. Lunchtimes also feature fun and energetic activities led by our Year 6 Play Leaders and coaches. It is all brilliantly exhausting!

With that in mind, we are delighted to share that our school has been awarded the **Platinum School Games Mark**! After achieving the Gold School Games Mark for the past four consecutive years, we became eligible to apply for Platinum – the highest level of the award. This fantastic achievement recognises our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality PE, sport and physical activity opportunities for all pupils. The School Games Mark (SGM) is a Government-led award scheme, to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games Events and to celebrate keeping young people active.

As always, we are incredibly proud of all our sporting achievements at Rainow; whether it be an inclusive festival or a competitive event and we look forward to entering more competitions next year.

Miss Crowther (PE Subject Leader)



Chess Champions

Our Chess Club has gone from strength to strength this year. Alex and his team of helpers have been instrumental in developing what has become one of the busiest and most successful extra-curricular clubs we have ever had. The club has enjoyed remarkable success in a range of tournaments throughout the year, culminating in qualification for the National Finals at Nottingham University. Competing against the very best teams in the country, our players finished an outstanding 11th out of 20 teams overall and were the 3rd highest-placed state school. This is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the skill, dedication and teamwork shown by all involved. We are incredibly proud of every one of our chess players for their commitment and success. Congratulations to them all, and a special thank you to Coach Alex for his enthusiasm, expertise and unwavering support in coaching and inspiring such a talented team.



Finding Their Voice

Over the past few years, we have placed a strong focus on raising the profile of oracy across the school and creating meaningful opportunities for children to develop their speaking and listening skills. One of our most successful initiatives has been our annual in-house Public Speaking Competition, held at the end of the summer term, with the winning team going on to represent Rainow against other local schools. This year, Ava and Daisy were worthy winners of the Rainow competition with their engaging and persuasive speech on the value of sport. They then went on to represent the school in the local finals, where they competed against a number of exceptionally strong entries from across the area. We are delighted to celebrate their outstanding achievement, as Ava and Daisy were crowned overall champions of the competition. Well done to both of them on a fantastic success.



The Year 5s were a superb support and we cannot wait to see them take centre next year!

"The strongest aspect of Rainow Primary School is its genuine sense of community. It has a warm, welcoming atmosphere, and the staff are consistently friendly, approachable, and supportive. The school also provides a fantastic range of enrichment opportunities, including trips, residential visits, and wider experiences that help children develop confidence, independence, and lasting memories alongside their learning."

Thank you to those of you that completed the online survey. The vast majority of parents are extremely positive about school and all the feedback is most welcome, and vital if we are to continue to improve. Staff and governors will consider all comments and factor these into future plans if possible and appropriate. With this in mind, I would also like to share with you a [short review of our Strategic School Development Plan \(SSDP\)](#). The SSDP is a working document to keep us focussed on whole school improvement. It will be fully reviewed and updated in the autumn term.

There were so many lovely and supportive comments in the survey which we are very grateful for. I have chosen the comment above which sums up our school and what we are trying to achieve beautifully.

School Uniform...PE Kits

Just a reminder before the holiday that our school uniform consists of a green sweatshirt / cardigan, white polo shirt, grey skirt / pinafore / dress or trousers. Training shoes should not be worn for school.

Our PE kit consists of a white t-shirt (logo or not) and black shorts (optional joggers and sports hoodies in the winter). There are some excellent and well-established 2nd hand options via class WhatsApp groups which might help with cost, and we have recruited some parent 'Lost Property Coordinators' for September—**last chance to claim this years' lost property on Friday!** Children are allowed to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days and class teachers will let you know your PE day via their 1st Class Information letter in September. Further information can be found [here](#).

Please note that all items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

Thank You, Ms. Barber

At the end of this school year, we say goodbye to Ms. Barber, who is moving on to a new role after more than five years as a valued member of the Rainow team.

During her time with us, Ms. Barber has supported and cared for so many children, helping them to develop confidence, make progress and enjoy their learning. Her calm, caring nature, dedication and professionalism have made a real difference to the lives of the pupils she has worked with and she has been greatly appreciated by children, staff and families alike.

We were delighted to give Ms. Barber a fitting send-off in assembly, where we had the opportunity to thank her for everything she has contributed to our school community. While we are sad to see her leave, we are excited for her as she begins this new chapter.

We wish Ms. Barber every happiness and success in her new role. She will be greatly missed, and we thank her sincerely for all she has done for Rainow Primary School.



A reminder that the classes and teachers are as follows from September 2026:

Class	Teacher (s)	*Teaching Assistant (s)
Reception	Mrs Daley (Mon, Tues, Fri), Mrs Copeland (Wed, Thurs)	Mrs Tobin
1	Miss Townley	Mrs Worth, Mrs Barlow
2	Mr Gratton	Mrs Bolam
3	Mrs Copeland (Mon, Tues), Mrs Hill (Wed—Fri)	Mrs Bishop, Mrs Bolam
4	Miss Crowther	Mrs Cowey, Mrs Worth
5	Mr Trueman	Mrs Burdock, Mrs Cowey
6	Mrs Eddie (Mon—Thurs), Mrs Walker (Fri)	Mrs Fielding, Mrs Burdock

***Please note, Teaching Assistant support is mainly part-time. Check with your teacher in the first instance for any questions you may have.**

All the teachers have now taught their new classes for at least one lesson as part of our transition programme, and everyone is very excited about September. A [full staff list can be found here](#).

How do we round up an epic year of FRS events and fundraising?!

Our **Rainow Summer Social** on 3rd July was a gorgeous, glorious celebration of our beautiful school grounds and community. Whether you were dancing on the playground, doing penalty shoot out in the garden or wandering in the woods for the duck race it was the perfect evening for enjoying our rural location. It was lovely to receive lots of compliments on the chilled out vibe. Thanks to our DJ Mike, one of the reception parents, for bringing the equipment and the tunes that really added to the celebration. There were so many volunteers working hard in the run up to the day and on the day itself and we'd like to thank everyone - parents, staff, other relatives and the children themselves for their time and effort. Thanks to all who attended too – we hope you enjoyed it. We raised around £2,500 for school funds through this event which is a fantastic amount!

Thanks to **Y3 parents and other volunteers** for supporting the **ice cream sale** on Wednesday. Thanks to those who volunteered to run the **bar and raffle at the Y5/6 plays** also. The fundraising and events that the Friends of Rainow School charity is able to do are only possible because a lot of people give their time, expertise and support. It is much appreciated.

We're taking some time over the summer to make a list of all the things that we have funded this year to share with you in the new school year but very pertinent to today is our contribution to the Y6 Leaver's Hoodies which are a rite of passage for the oldest children and create a lasting memory of their time at Rainow Primary School. **We wish all the Y6 children the best of luck and joy in their next steps.**

As you know we love putting on fun, community events for all the children and families and we're particularly excited to announce that we intend to hold a **sponsored Bubble Run** early in the autumn term. We'll confirm the date early next term but it's likely to be a Friday afternoon during school time at the end of September/early October. Parents are invited to participate with their children or spectate, as is your wish, and we'll send out sponsorship forms in the first week back. We will be inviting local businesses to sponsor one of the bubble stations so if you own a business and may be interested in this opportunity please email friendsrainowschool@gmail.com to hear details first. There will be longer and shorter routes around the school grounds including the woodlands. Lace up your trainers and get running!

Get in the garden – over the summer we rely on our family volunteers to keep an eye on the garden and any plants that need watering if there's a hot spell (thanks for doing that over the last month). If you'd like to join in with as much or as little time as you have, you are very welcome to join the **Rainow School Garden Support** WhatsApp group to find out more.

A message from FRS Chairs Kylie and Hayley

As another school year comes to an end, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the staff, friends and families and all the children for their dedication and support. We wish everyone a wonderful, well- deserved summer break. We hope you have time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with your family and friends. We look forward to another fantastic year together in September.



And finally...

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As another school year draws to a close, I would like to thank all our staff, governors and families for their continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout what has been another successful year at Rainow. Most importantly, I would like to congratulate our children for all they have achieved. Their hard work, enthusiasm, resilience and kindness are what make our school such a special place, and it is a privilege to see them grow and develop each year.

This week, we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their education. They have been a truly wonderful year group and one that I will remember very fondly. They are warm, friendly, talented and full of personality. They have embraced opportunities, supported one another, represented the school with pride and brought a great deal of laughter and enjoyment to school life. Individually and collectively, they have achieved so much and have been tremendous ambassadors for Rainow. We are incredibly proud of the young people they have become and have no doubt that they will go on to enjoy great success in the years ahead.

We also say farewell to several families whose final children are now leaving Rainow. Thank you for the support, trust and encouragement you have shown the school, often over many years. You have been an important part of our community and you will always be welcome back at Rainow.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your generous gifts, cards and kind words at the end of the year. They are greatly appreciated and mean a great deal to us all.

For those families attending our Leavers' Service, I look forward to celebrating our Year 6 pupils together.

For everyone else, I wish you a happy, restful and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Wednesday 2 September 2026.

THE CLASS OF 2026 - SIMPLY OUTSTANDING!



Growing a community of life-long learners who will **care** for each other,
who will work hard to **learn** new things every day,
and who will **achieve** more than they thought possible.

**Caring,
Learning,
Achieving**