Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

18th Sep–2nd October 2026

Caring, Learning, Achieving

One of the things we are determined never to do at Rainow is rest on our laurels. We are rightly proud of our school and our children, but a successful school should always be looking at what it can do even better.

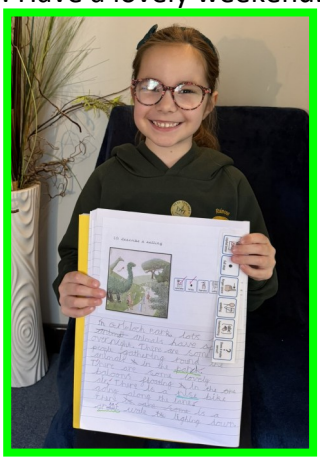
With that in mind, I wanted to use this edition of the *Rainow Round Up* to share our three Key Improvement Priorities (KIPs) for 2026–27. These priorities have been shaped by a range of evidence and, importantly, by the views of staff, governors, parents and children.

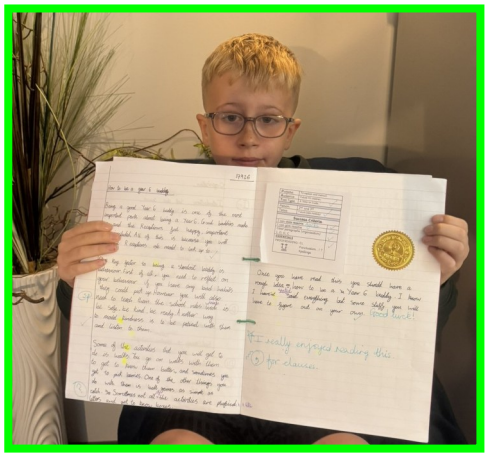
This year, our priorities focus on **Writing and Inclusion**, **Mathematical Excellence**, and **Raising Attainment for Disadvantaged Youngsters**. Together, they reflect our ambition to raise attainment while ensuring that every child feels that they belong, participate fully and have the opportunity to thrive.

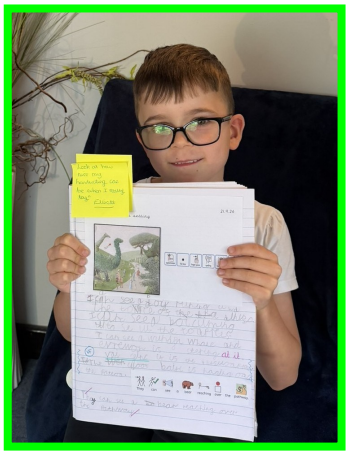
You will see our first priority reflected in some of the writing featured on the front page. Writing is arguably one of the hardest skills children are asked to master at primary school, and accuracy and good habits really matter. *Practice makes permanent* is our school mantra – and, of course, that applies to poor habits too! On page 3, we have included some practical suggestions for how families can help children develop accurate, fluent writing at home.

Our other front-page photographs link particularly well to KIP 3. Our brilliant Year 6 Playleaders, who completed their leadership training this week, are helping to make playtimes happier, more active and more inclusive, ensuring younger children have opportunities to join in and feel that all-important sense of belonging.

As ever, thank you for working alongside us as we continue striving to make a successful school even better. Have a lovely weekend.











School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 26:

97.5% which is EXCELLENT

AND *STILL* THE BEST EVER AT THIS TIME OF YEAR!

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

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

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.

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

CLICK ON ANY BADGE TO LEARN MORE

Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school.

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

THIS TERM, THE 'WRITING AWARD' WILL BE PRESENTED FOR EFFORT AND ACCURACY IN WRITING.

Well done to all the recipients!

	Badge	Badge	Kindness Award	Writing Award
Rec	Arthur (Badger) Otto (Raven)	Milo (Raven) Louis (Bees)	Marianna Arthur	Emily Phoenix
Year 1	River (Raven) Ruby (Raven)	Iris (Raven) Buddy (Bees)	Poppy Seija	Evie Tom
Year 2	Poppy (Raven) Dora (Raven)	Rowan (Raven) Elisza-Blu (Bees)	Isabelle Eleanor	Winnie Elliott
Year 3	Pru (Raven) Amelia (Raven)	Finlay N (Raven) Lily (Raven)	Tilly Henry	Karina Woody
Year 4	Sam (Raven) Charlie (Fox)	Oonagh (Fox) Jack (Raven)	Arlo Leo	Riley Oonagh
Year 5	Freddy (Bees) Bea (Raven)	Francis (Raven) Jacob (Fox)	Santi Tilda H	Molly Francis
Year 6	Coralie (Raven) Mollie (Raven)	Olive (Owl) Archie (Fox)	Harriet Coralie	Declan Poppy



Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Emily: for being consistently kind, helpful, caring, intelligent and thoughtful. An A* strudent.

Libby: for being incredibly kind, caring, intelligent, thoughtful and multi-talented. Another A* student!



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GROWING GREAT WRITERS

RAINOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

LOOK OUT FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF WRITERS...

At Rainow Primary, we are focusing on helping every child grow as a confident writer through:

- Accurate sentences
- Rich vocabulary and creative ideas
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Fluent handwriting
- Talking and rehearsing ideas before writing

Coming Soon...

Growing Great Writers

Each term, one class will take over our Growing Great Writers feature, where we will proudly showcase some of their latest pieces of writing for you to enjoy.

Sports Desk Rainow Round-Up

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Match of Day...Rainow Hit Back of the Net vs. Hollinhey

Talking of writing… Hugo in Year 6 has put his journalistic skills to the test and written this sports report following two amazing Rainow victories on Tuesday. Over to Hugo for the match report…

"We had a five-a-side game and a seven-a-side game for Rainow against Hollinhey.

In the seven-a-side game, it was a tough match, but we stood strong and finished the game with a 5–4 victory to Rainow. Miles scored four goals, which is absolutely stunning! Somehow, he scored a rabona that went through the defender's legs and into the bottom corner. Seb scored one, which was great as well. Miles got one assist, Ted, our goalkeeper, assisted two, Seb got one and William got one assist too.

In the five-a-side game, it was 6–4 to Rainow. Hollinhey did really well and put up a fight, but we were the better team. Hugo scored a hat-trick and Freddy did too. Wilson got two assists, Charlie got one, Hugo got one and Freddy got two assists as well.

Hugo scored a great goal from an impossible angle, which was too powerful for the goalkeeper to save. Freddy was agile and dribbled through the defenders to score a great goal. A big well done to Charlie because, if it wasn't for him, we would probably have lost – so well done, Charlie!

We were 6–0 up at half-time, but Hollinhey came back and made it 6–4. We still held on for the win!

Well done to the entire Rainow team. You all did very well!"

A huge thank you to Mark and Matt (two of our Year 6 dads) for giving up their spare time to coach our teams to their first victories – it is very much appreciated!

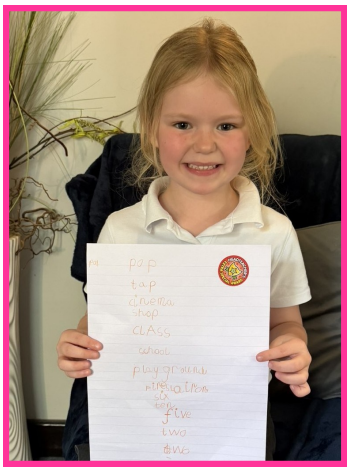
It is worth mentioning that our boys' football club aims to give all of our Year 6 players equal time on the pitch and opportunities to play in a range of different positions. This may not always be the approach taken by the schools we play against; however, at this age, we believe it is important that every child has the chance to represent their school and experience competitive sport on a larger scale.



Boys' Football Team 2026-27 (Year 6s and some Year 5s—and Mark and Matt!)

FRS Rainow Round-Up

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Sent to the Head's Office!

Here are the children who have been sharing work they are especially proud of.

Friends of Rainow School (FRS)—Our School PTA

The Friends of Rainow School (FRS) is our registered charity comprised of parents, staff and family members who volunteer their time to raise money and put on events to enrich the educational & social experiences of all children at Rainow School.

We have planned a few dates in for this term and are excited to announce a mix of favourites and new events and activities.

Sunday 11th October – Get in the Garden – 2:30 – 4:30pm – Come and help us for our autumn tidy of the school garden. There's jobs for all – leaf gathering for compost, weeding, strimming and more!

Friday 16th October – Pumpkin Parties – Reception and KS1 – 6pm – 7pm, KS2 – 7:15pm – 8:15pm – we'll send the booking link on WhatsApp soon. A chance to dress up, boogie and play some games. Prizes for best costume and best pumpkin. We need volunteers to decorate the hall, help on the evening and help with tidying away at the end. Please join the **Pumpkin Party planning and volunteers group** in the Whatsapp community. Donations of decorations also welcome.

Monday 2nd November – Christmas Fair Planning Evening – 7– 9pm in the school hall. New & returning volunteers welcome.

Wednesday 11th November – Friends of Rainow School AGM 7 – 9pm in the school hall – help shape our charity and find out more about the work we do. More details to follow.

Friday 27th November - Christmas Movie Night – 6pm – 8pm (approx.) in the school hall. The children are invited to join us for a cosy Christmas movie.

Friday 4th December – Christmas Fair – straight after school

Friday 11th December - Make your own Christmas decorations – 6 – 8pm – a festive craft evening for parents and children.

We have decided to postpone our planned sponsored bubble run to the Spring Term. We'll need a little help clearing some of the undergrowth in the woodland area so will organise this and let you know at some point.

We'd like to highlight an easy way to **get involved with fundraising - playing the school lottery.** You've got to be in it to win it so sign up at **www.yourschoollottery.co.uk** and search for **Rainow Primary School.** We are looking for someone to promote this – if you'd like to take on a small job that you can do from the comfort of your sofa then please get in touch. This would involve a monthly reminder on WhatsApp and promoting any of the special promotions that are running. friendsrainowschool@gmail.com or Jen on 07941386572.

Did you know we have a **party kit** that you can hire for a donation to the FRS? It includes 30 plastic plates/bowls/cups, 2 large bowls, 1 jug & 10 teaspoons. Contact Claire Moorby claire.moorby@yahoo.co.uk or 07977236395 if you would like to hire it. Donations can be sent on the following link: https://www.givey.com/friendsofrainowschool You can gift aid your donation so that the FRS charity receives more.!

A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

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FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER. One Tree Day, Harvest Collection & Pumpkin Party!

Friday 16th October is shaping up to be one of our busiest and most exciting days of the term. Here's what you need to know:

One Tree Day:
Come to school dressed in Green or Brown and donate £1 Donate to JUST ONE Tree Day 2026 One Tree Day Foundation will plant one tree for every pound donated—let's see if we can get 190!

Harvest Collection:
We will be marking Harvest with a special assembly on **Friday 16th October**. On the morning of the 16th, we invite families to bring donations of non-perishable food items. To make drop-off as convenient as possible, the hall doors will be open before school. All donations will be given to **Silklife Foodbank**, helping to support local families in need.

Pumpkin Party:
Please see the **FRS section on Page 5** for further information.

Diary Dates

October 2026

Tues 6th	Year 5 &6 Residential Commences
Fri 9th	Year 5 & 6 Residential Ends
Sun 11th	FRS Get in the Garden Day *NEW*
Thurs 15th	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 16th	Just One Tree, Harvest Collection, *NEW*
	FRS Pumpkin Parties
Thurs 22nd	Year 5 Bikeability
Fri 23rd	**School closes for Half-term**

November

Mon 2nd	**School reopens: AUTUMN 2**
	Well-Being Launch Day 1 - KEEP LEARNING
	FRS Xmas Fair Planning Evening *NEW*
Mon 9th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tues 10th	Year 6 Bikeability
Weds 11th	FRS AGM—All Welcome *NEW*
Fri 13th	Children In Need Fundraiser
Mon 16th	Anti-Bullying Week commences
	Parents' Evenings (1:1) commence (tbc.)
Fri 27th	FRS Christmas Movie Night *NEW*

December

Weds 3rd	
Fri 4th	FRS Christmas Fair *NEW*
Fri 11th	Christmas Family Craft Night *NEW*
Tues 15th	Rec & KS1 Xmas Performance (Matinee)
Wed 16th	Rec & KS1 Xmas Performance (Evening)
Thur 17th	Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties
Fri 18th	Whole School Church service
	School closes for Christmas

January 2027

Mon 4th	**School reopens: SPRING 1**
	Well-Being Launch Day 2: CONNECT
Wed 6th	Whole School Trip to New Vic Theatre—The Borrowers

February

Tues 9th	Safer Internet Day
Fri 12th	**School closes for half-term**
Mon 22nd	**School reopens: SPRING 2**
	Well-Being Launch Day 3— TAKE NOTICE

March

Mon 1st	Mid-Year Parents' Evenings this week (tbc.)
Thur 4th	World Book Day
Thurs 25th	**School closes for EASTER**

April

Mon 12th	**School reopens: SUMMER 1**
	Well-Being Launch Day 4—STAY ACTIVE

May

Mon 3rd	**School closed for early May Bank Holiday**
Tues 4th	**School reopens**
Mon 10th	Key stage 2 SATs week for year 6 pupils
Thur 27th	**School closes for children: HALF TERM**
Fri 28th	**INSET DAY—TEACHERS ATTEND**

June

Mon 7th	**School reopens: SUMMER 2**
	Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE

July

Fri 16th	**School closes for Summer**