Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

2nd–23rd October 2026

As we reach the end of a long but hugely rewarding half term, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for all they have accomplished since September. It has certainly been a busy start to the year and I think everyone is ready for a well-earned rest. This edition is slightly different, with our first ***Growing Great Writers*** takeover of the front page. Developing confident, enthusiastic writers is a key school improvement priority this year, and I hope you enjoy seeing some of the fantastic writing being produced by our children. Thank you to the **Year 4 writers** for leading the way in our first spotlight. Alongside this, we have enjoyed a number of memorable events over the past fortnight, including **Harvest**, **One Tree Day** and our **Pumpkin Party**. Please also take a few moments to check the diary dates carefully, particularly if you have not yet booked your Parents' Evening appointment. I wish all our families a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back for our first Wellbeing Launch Day of the year, focussed on one of the NHS Five Steps to Wellbeing: **Keep Learning**.

Our very first edition of **Growing Great Writers** belongs to **Year 4!**

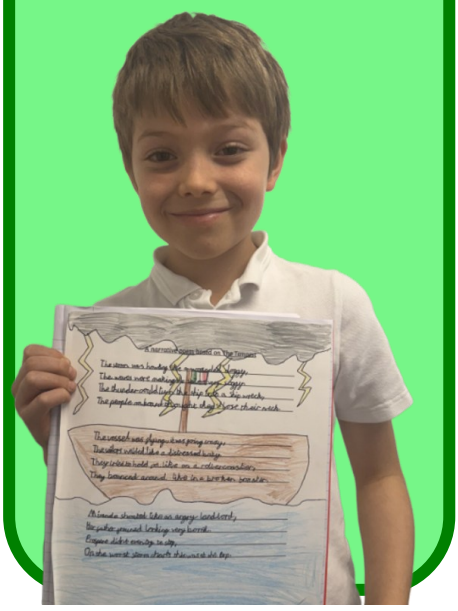
As we explore different ways to celebrate and share our writing, we have randomly selected three children's latest pieces of work to share with our whole Rainow community.

The whole class has worked incredibly hard to create narrative poems inspired by Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, and we can't wait for you to enjoy them! We have taken particular care to publish our work beautifully for our families, focusing on **joined handwriting and accurate capital letters** to make sure our writing is as polished as possible.

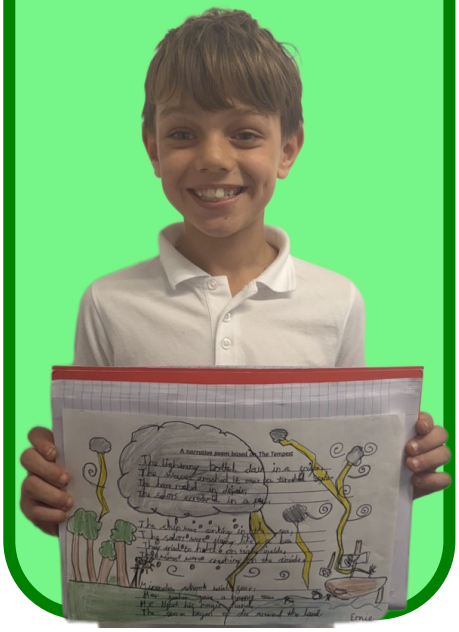
Meet Our Great Writers!

Tap a writer to hear their work!

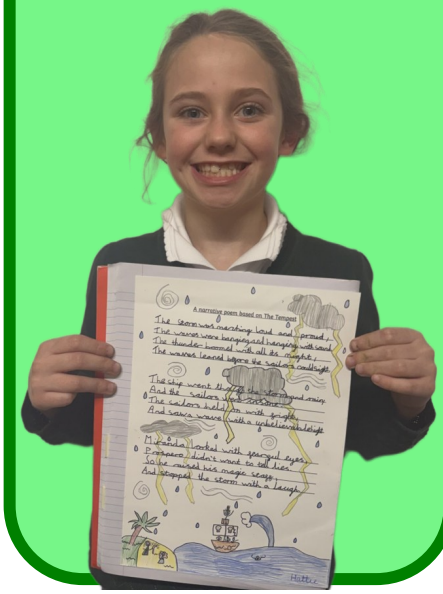
Arlo— *"Prospero didn't even try to stop,*
On the worst storm chart, this was at the top."



Ernie— *"Miranda shook with fear,*
Her father gave a happy tear."



Hattie— *"The sailors held on with fright,*
And saw a wave with an unbelievable height!"



All Year 4 poems have now been uploaded to the children's Dojo portfolios!

The videos are shared via unlisted YouTube links and are intended for the Rainow community only.

Please do not share these links outside our school community.

School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 26:

97.4% which is **EXCELLENT**

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

Please see our **Attendance Policy** & **Fixed Penalty Notice** 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.

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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	Rowan (Fox) Edith (Fox) Emily (Raven)	Bea (Badger) Sienna (Raven) Dougie (Bees)	Wren Evan Phoenix	Dougie Evie Milo
Year 1	Rufus (Bees) Bea (Raven) Sam (Raven)	Hazel (Raven) Hattie (Raven) Florence (Raven)	Zach Nellie Parker	Amelie Riley Eva
Year 2	Ted (Owl) Isla (Bees) Lorenzo (Badger)	Emmett (Badger) Mylo (Owl) Bertie (Badger)	Georgie Lily Jack	Winnie Seth Mylo
Year 3	Oliver (Fox) Elijah (Fox) Hattie (Raven)	Alex (Raven) Harriet S (Squirrel) Thanos (Fox)	Thea Ruby Alex	Finlay Felix Stevie
Year 4	Ralph (Owl) Edith (Raven) Silva (Bees)	Ernie (Bees) Harriet (Squirrel) Iris (Raven)	Lewis Riley Eli	Sam Hattie Bronte
Year 5	Bertie (Badger) Francis (Raven) Jacob (Bees)	Jack (Raven) Whole Class (Badger) Blaize (Bees)	James Bea	Wilson Harrison
Year 6	Coralie (Bees) Declan (Badger) Wiliam (Raven)	Ted (Raven) Hugo (Badger) Oscar (Raven)	Mollie Miles Beatrix Jasper	Olive Seb







Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Martha: for being incredibly thoughtful, caring, helpful, intelligent and multi-talented A top class student.

Jake: for being incredibly patient, thoughtful, intelligent, athletic and multi-talented. A superb Year 6.

Coralie: for being consistently kind, caring, thoughtful, intelligent and friendly. An A* Student!

Sports Desk

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One Tree Day at Rainow School

We were delighted to take part in **One Tree Day**, joining schools across the country in supporting this fantastic environmental initiative. Our children embraced the day with great enthusiasm, learning about the importance of trees and how they help to protect our planet for future generations.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families and community, we raised a **tree-mendous amount** for this very worthy cause! A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make such a positive difference.







Harvest Assembly and Foodbank Collection

Our Harvest Assembly was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the importance of being thankful for the food we enjoy and the hard work that goes into producing it. We also encouraged the children to think about those who may be experiencing challenges or difficult circumstances and how we can support others within our wider community.

We were delighted to welcome **Dan from Silk Foodbank in Macclesfield**, who spoke to the children about the valuable work of the foodbank and how donations help local families. The children were thoughtful, curious and asked some excellent questions, showing great empathy and understanding.

A huge thank you to all of our families for their incredibly generous donations. Dan was thrilled with the collection and even commented that **Rainow School was the happiest school he had ever visited!** We are very proud of the kindness and community spirit shown by our children and families.





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Friends of Rainow School (FRS)—Our School PTA

A highlight of this term has been the **Pumpkin Parties** that we put on last Friday. The children enjoyed the chance to dress up, dance and play games with friends. As always we were amazed by the creativity, design and skill of the pumpkins entered into the competition. Big thanks to Jo and Sandra for leading the party games and dancing. The parents enjoyed a particularly fun rendition of The Time Warp!

Another great community event was the **Get in the Garden** working party on Sunday 11th October. Parents and children came along and helped to tidy the garden in preparation for some work that we hope will happen in the half term holiday. Weeding, strimming, tidying, sorting out the pots, leaf collecting for composting – it's looking a lot better and it was such a gorgeous afternoon for working outdoors. The wellbeing benefits of gardening are well documented and felt by those who get in the garden! If you'd like to join our gardening group find it in the Rainow School WhatsApp community.

This year, as well as tracking the money raised for the school charity we have decided to keep a track of **volunteer hours** and the **total for Autumn 1 is a whopping 86**! This is comprised of everything involved in putting on the Pumpkin Parties, the Garden working party and other admin tasks that trustees and committee member undertake. Thank you so much to all the parents, school staff and children that made this possible.



We're keen to explore match funding at some of our events (particularly our upcoming Christmas event). If you work for a company that offers this support to charities, we'd be keen to have a conversation with you.

Thinking ahead to next half term and the run up to Christmas, please look at the upcoming dates and support where you can. Links to book for events will be sent soon via WhatsApp.

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

Wednesday 11th November – Friends of Rainow School AGM 7pm – 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 – 6pm – 8pm – a festive craft evening for parents and children.

Have a great half term holiday everyone! The FRS team.





A look ahead… Rainow Round-Up

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Parents' Evening...Wk. Commencing 9th November

Appointments for Parents' Evening on 11th & 12th November are available to book on Arbor / Guardian Consultations. Should you experience any difficulties please call the office before the bookings close on Monday 9th November.









October 2026

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

Mon 9th Year 6 Bikeability

Tues 10th Year 6 Bikeability

Weds 11th FRS AGM—All Welcome

Fri 13th Children In Need Fundraiser

Mon 16th Anti-Bullying Week commences
Parents' Evenings (1:1) commence (tbc.)

Fri 27th FRS Christmas Movie Night

December

Weds 3rd

Fri 4th FRS Christmas Fair

Fri 11th Christmas Family Craft Night

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

Weds 27th Young Voices Choir ***NEW***

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

Weds 14th Y3 & Y4 Residential starts

Thurs 15th Y3 & Y4 Residenital finishes

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**

Diary Dates

A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMARY For 2026-27 IS HERE