

Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

22nd May–13th June 2025



What a wonderfully busy fortnight it has been at Rainow Primary! As always, our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, energy, and that distinctive Rainow spirit.

My main highlight has to be Sports Day – a vibrant celebration of teamwork, resilience, and super sportsmanship. It was fantastic to see every child taking part and giving their all for their colour teams. The cheers, determination, and

support for one another truly captured the essence of our school values. Thank you to Miss Crowther and John from ASM sports for leading, and for all your support in helping make it such a successful afternoon.

Year 6 pupils received their much-anticipated Leavers' Hoodies – a proud rite of passage that marks the beginning of their final weeks with us (see pics throughout this edition).

Meanwhile, our eco team, The Planet Protectors, ventured to the Garden Show at the NEC Birmingham. They returned brimming with ideas and inspiration to make our school even greener. Their commitment to sustainability continues to impress us all (see page 2).

As we head into the final stretch of the term, I'm incredibly proud of all that has been achieved and look forward to the many more memorable moments still to come. Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Ready



Steady



Go!



School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 24:

96.7% which is

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.

Chess Club Update

Our Chess Club goes from strength to strength, and they recently took part in a prestigious tournament in Nottingham. Alex, one of our Chess Club leaders, sent this report:

"A really good day yesterday in Nottingham. As anticipated it was a very high standard - we were one of only a handful of state schools to qualify for it, and definitely the smallest school there. The top chess schools from the North were all there - coming from Birmingham, Newcastle, York, Wirral etc. The U9s won three out of their five matches, including against Royal Grammar School Newcastle and Birkenhead School, but two heavy losses against Hallfield School pushed them down the overall standings to finish 11th/14. Just one extra point in the last match would have put them in the top half. The U11s drew one and lost three matches out of four, but that didn't really tell the story - all the matches were closely contested and two of them were only lost 3-2. They finished 13th/17. The children were fantastic, and I hope they can appreciate what they have achieved in its proper context."



Thanks, as ever, to Alex, Mark and Phil for all their effort and expertise to build one of the best and most active Chess Clubs Rainow has ever had. And a huge well done to all the children.

Planet Protectors

Our Planet Protectors went national yesterday, travelling to The Garden Show at The NEC in Birmingham. They were invited by one of our dads, Tom from Skylark Garden Design, to see his amazing installation. A huge thank you to Tom, who will be donating his garden to make our school grounds look even more stunning. The children had this to say:

"We've had an amazing and enjoyable time, wandering about the gardens and floral marquee. The gardens were creative, innovative and interesting. Our favourites were Tom's, the Lego garden and Mrs Daley liked the posh one with vegetables in it; it was cool. Some children chose succulent and carnivorous plants to buy. We want to come again!"



Our thanks also go to Ms Lewis for organising another memorable and worthwhile experience for the Planet Protectors, as well as to Mrs Daley and Mrs Paton for helping supervise.



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**Rowan the
Raven**



**Bramble
the Badger**



**Fern the
Fox**



**Speedwell
the Squirrel**



Oakley the



**The Busy
Bees**

Rainow School Learning and Life Values

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Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display. In addition to the usual awards, **Well done**

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Other Award
Rec	Ella (Badger)	Ted (Bee)	Isla	Isaac
Year 1	Woody (Bees)	Teddy (Badger)	Henry	Alexander
Year 2	Nancy (Squirrel)	Oonagh (Squirrel)	Bronte	Arlo
Year 3	Toby (Fox)		James	Jacob
Year 4	Beatrix (Badger)	Oliver (Fox)	Noah	Charlie
Year 5	Noah B (Badger)	Martha (Squirrel)	Hetty	Jenson
Year 6	Monty (Fox)	Joshua (Squirrel)	William	Max



Gardening

Parent power is helping our garden and grounds to grow and bloom!

Many thanks to those families who helped during the holidays - a phenomenal amount of clearing was done and the sweet peas that were planted by the children are starting to grow. Everything is looking wonderful, ready for Bollington in Bloom and we are glad we can support the school Gardening Club by providing a bit of extra muscle for those tougher jobs!

On **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th June** (next week) we have a big job on after school both days - the Skylark Garden is coming from the Gardeners World Show to its new home at school. Therefore we need volunteers to help carry and wheelbarrow plants and all the elements of the garden from the playground up to the garden at the top after school. There's more information in the FRS Announcements WhatsApp group.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our **Movie Night with Pop up Bar**. The children watched Paddington in Peru while parents socialised on the school playground, enjoying drinks and some delicious Spearing's pies and sausage rolls. It's always wonderful to see the school community come together at events like this. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to make this a successful event.

Freeze Pop Fridays - Look out for these after school in the final few weeks of term.

Important Dates

Sunday 6th July - Family Treasure Hunt

Some of you may remember the spring walks that used to run before the pandemic where we used our beautiful, unique surroundings to follow a route to White Nancy. We're bringing this back and we'll be needing volunteers to marshal. We're appealing to the wider school community for this so parents, other family members, neighbours are all welcome to support. Do let us know if you can help. Follow the route, find clues along the way before returning to school for a prize, refreshments and more.

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July - we will need some volunteers for the Y5/6 play bars (in the evening). It's ideal if parents from younger classes can volunteer for this so that those with children in Y5 and 6 can enjoy the shows.

If you'd like to get involved with either event please contact Rachel on 07786001336. **Your FRS needs you!**



A Look Ahead...

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Year 6—Then and Now!



Diary Dates



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June		July	
Tues 17th	Halle Trip - Year 5	Weds 2nd	Reception Crich Tramway Visit
Thurs 19th	Planet Protectors Own Clothes Day & Sale	Sun 6th	FRS: Treasure Hunt & Fun Day
Tues 24th	Class Photos	Thur 10th	Lower Moss Wood - Year 1 *NEW*
Tues 24th	Reception 25 Parent Meeting 7pm *NEW*	Sat 12th	Rainow Church Fete
Weds 25th - Thurs 26th	Catalyst Trip - Year 2	Mon & Tue 14th & 15th	Y5 & Y6 Summer Play *NEW*
Mon 30th June - Fri 4th July	Walk, Cycle or Share a Lift to School Week	Fri 18th	School closes for summer break