



Welcome to the final Round-Up of what has been an outstanding academic year at Rainow! Traditionally, this is an annual round-up, and I have chosen some pictures from the amazing Y5 / Y6 Summer Show, *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies*, to break up all the information. As I said to all 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 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' — There really is RaiNOW business, like show business!



Leavers' Assembly...Tomorrow...2.15 p.m.

The Leavers' Assembly will take place in the school playground, starting at approx. 2.15 p.m. tomorrow. 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 24-25...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 an incredibly busy and enjoyable year. Apologies if I missed one of your favourite moments!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE RAINOW ROUND-UP VIDEO 24-25](#)

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 2025 (%)	National GLD 2024 (%)
79	*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 2025 (%)	National Phonics Screening Check 2024 (%)
90	*79

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 2025—Average mark 2025	National MTC – Average mark 2024
22.4 out of 25	*20.6 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 2025 (%)	National 2025 (%)
Reading Expected Standard	96	75
Reading Greater Depth	67	*28
Writing Expected Standard	79	72
Writing Greater Depth	17	*13
EPGS Expected Standard	83	73
EPGS Greater Depth	54	*32
Maths Expected Standard	88	74
Maths Greater Depth	29	*24
Reading, Writing, Maths Combined	75	62
Science Expected Standard	96	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 2024 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 few more items worthy of particular note...

Celebrating Our Outstanding Ofsted Report

We were absolutely delighted to share the news that our school was once again judged *Outstanding in every category* following our Ofsted inspection in December. This remarkable achievement is a true testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of our wonderful children, talented staff, and the unwavering support of our school community.

The report rightly highlights the exceptional quality of education our children receive at Rainow. It praises our broad and balanced curriculum, the consistently high standards of teaching, and the ambitious expectations we set for all learners. Just as importantly, it recognises the nurturing and inclusive environment we provide—one where every child feels valued, supported, and inspired to thrive.

Maintaining *Outstanding* judgements across the board is no small feat. It places us among a very small number of schools locally and nationally to achieve this level of recognition. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and the progress they make every single day.

This Outstanding result belongs to every member of our school community, and we look forward to building on this success together. Thank you, once again, for being such a vital part of our journey. The full report is [here](#).



Striking Gold!...Celebrating Another Year of PE Excellence and Sporting 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 (Sykk 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, it may not surprise you to announce that we have, once again, achieved the **GOLD** School Games Mark Award for the 2024-25 academic year. 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.

We were also awarded a Quality Mark with Distinction, the highest award, from the association for Physical Education (AfPE) at the beginning of January. This is a prestigious award that involves a lengthy and thorough application process to evidence the high-quality PE we offer at our school. We are delighted to have our efforts acknowledged and will continue offering a wide range of opportunities in school sport and physical activity for our pupils to experience.

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)

Planet Protectors...Eco Schools...Green Flag Award

For the fourth year running, Planet Protectors have achieved a **Green Flag with Distinction**. Congratulations to them all!



At their final meeting, they reviewed the year and Year 6 brought along legacy ideas. Peter Grogan (Vice Chair of Governors) kindly joined us to be updated. They also said a fond farewell to Ms. Lewis who has been utterly inspirational and hard working during her time in charge. Thank you Ms Lewis, and welcome to Ms Barber and Mrs Paton who will take over where Ms Lewis left off.

[Read about their achievements here.](#)

Gardening Club

Gardening Club members have also been incredibly busy this year. They meet once a week and the club is open for children from Y1—Y6.

[Read about their achievements here.](#)





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

"The values-driven approach of the school is evident in every member of the community's practices and behaviours. My child loves going to school and has a genuine love of learning that is fostered in every way at school. The team are outstanding and all families are valued and nurtured through both care and compassion, and also through high expectations for learning, progress and achievement in a broad set of personal and educational areas. We don't want this to sound like an excerpt from an Ofsted report, but as educators it's tricky to separate professional and personal opinions about schools! Hands down, we would send our children to Rainow over and over again, and continue to recommend to friends and colleagues." Year 6 Parent

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 from a Year 6 parent who, after 7 years here, speak with a considerable amount of experience and authority.

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 morning!** 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.

Farewell and Thank You... Rainow Round-Up 2024-25

Staffing Update

As the summer term draws to a close, we prepare to say farewell to two much-loved and long-serving members of our Rainow community. After many years of dedicated service, both Mrs Ewer and Ms Lewis will be retiring at the end of the term. It is a bittersweet moment for us all—while we are truly delighted for them as they embark on their well-earned retirements, their absence will be deeply felt. Together, they have brought warmth, wisdom, and unwavering support to generations of children, families, and colleagues.

Mrs Ewer has given an incredible 26 years of service to Rainow, making a lasting and positive difference in the lives of so many children and their families. Her kindness, commitment, and deep care for our school community have shaped the culture of the school and touched the hearts of everyone who has had the pleasure of working with her. Never one to shy away from getting involved, Mrs Ewer has raised significant funds for the school over the years and is perhaps best known by the children for her wonderful sense of fun—especially her love of dressing up for school events, which has brought joy to so many.

Ms Lewis, too, has been a cornerstone of our team. Over more than 15 years, she has worked tirelessly in a range of roles—most notably as a skilled and compassionate Teaching Assistant, a qualified and highly valued Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, and as the inspirational leader of our much-loved Planet Protectors and Gardening Clubs. Her patience, creativity, and quiet determination have made a profound difference to so many young lives, and her ability to support children with empathy and care has left a lasting legacy.

On behalf of everyone at Rainow, I would like to thank both Mrs Ewer and Ms Lewis for the dedication, care, and joy they have brought to our school. Their influence will continue to be felt for many years to come, and we wish them both every happiness as they begin this new and well-deserved chapter.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Oldfield, who will be joining us to take on some of Ms Lewis's Teaching Assistant hours. We look forward to her becoming part of the Rainow community and know she will be made to feel very welcome.



A reminder that the classes and teachers are as follows from September 2025:

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 Bishop , Mrs Bolam
3	Mrs Copeland (Mon, Tues), Mrs Hill (Wed—Fri)	Mrs Cowey, Mrs Worth
4	Miss Crowther	Mrs Bolam, Mrs Burdock, Mrs Oldfield
5	Mr Trueman	Mrs Fielding
6	Mrs Eddie (Mon—Thurs), Mrs Walker (Fri)	Miss Barber, Mrs Cowey

***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](#).

As the school year finishes we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has helped to make our events a huge success. As well as raising much needed funds for school they help to bring our fabulous school community together. Whether you have volunteered at an event, behind the scenes or attended an event it all helps and means we can enhance the children's education with the money raised. This term we have raised money to buy five new iPads which, added to the existing set, means that a whole class can use them to research a topic or learn something. We were also able to fund a set of construction blocks for reception class which helps with physical development, spatial awareness and imagination.

Other items that we have raised money for this year are:

- STEM week resources
- Play costumes and props
- Leavers' hoodies
- Whole school theatre trip
- Laminator
- Christmas tree
- New books for the classrooms
- Chess clocks



The year has finished strongly with our treasure hunt and mini fair, movie night with pop up bar for parents, play bars and freeze pop Fridays all run by our dedicated volunteers all in the last half term. The treasure hunt saw families set off from school into the beautiful countryside around Rainow, collecting stamps from our marshals en route and answering questions along the way before returning to school for face painting, BBQ, crafts, games and a fabulous duck race in the stream running through our school woodland. So great to see so many families getting out and having fun. It was also lovely to welcome back some of our former pupils, proving that the Rainow family extends beyond the time that children attend the school.

Have a great summer and we look forward to welcoming new and returning faces in September.



And finally...

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THE CLASS OF 2025 - OUTSTANDING!

As another school year draws to a close, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all our staff and families for their continued support, dedication, and partnership throughout what has been a deeply rewarding and successful year. My warmest congratulations go to all the children for the amazing progress they have made and for the enthusiasm, hard work and positive attitudes they bring to school life. Rainow remains a truly special place to teach and learn.

We will, of course, be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, who are now ready to take their next step into high school. This particular group holds a special place in my heart. They are thoughtful, kind, quietly determined, and full of depth and talent. It has been a real privilege to watch them grow and flourish over the past seven years, and we will miss them greatly. They leave us ready for all the opportunities and challenges ahead—go forward with confidence and pride.

We also bid farewell to several families whose final children are now leaving Rainow. Thank you for the many years of support, involvement, and encouragement. You have played an important part in the life of our school, and you will always be warmly welcomed back.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your generous gifts and thoughtful messages—they are deeply appreciated. We wish you all a restful summer and look forward to another wonderful year ahead.

For those parents who cannot attend the Leavers' Service, I trust that you will all have a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. Enjoy the break, and for those returning to school, **we will open for all pupils on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.**



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.

This class can safely say: "Vision Fulfilled!"

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Learning,
Achieving**