

Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

5th –19th September 2025



It has been a wonderfully busy and rewarding few weeks in school as the children have settled into new classes, routines and ways of working. The early weeks always place extra emphasis on building relationships, and this is especially true in Reception. Our youngest children, just 4 and 5 years old, have now made the exciting step into full-time schooling, supported by their families, our staff and—of course—their Year 6 Buddies.

The Buddy System is a long-established and much-loved part of life at Rainow. Not only does it help our new starters feel safe and supported, it also gives our older children valuable opportunities to practise the skills of mentoring, empathy and being positive role models. A similar system is in place in Year 5, where each child has been paired with a Year 1 Buddy to share reading together.

I am delighted to report that our Reception Class—and indeed all of our children—are settled, happy and thriving! Pupil Voice is also stronger than ever at Rainow. From Buddy Systems to Planet Protectors and our Rainow Reps, children are making sure their voices are heard and their ideas are shaping both school life and the wider world.

To give you a flavour of this, I have included a short message from our Rainow Reps below. You will hear more from all our student groups in the coming weeks. Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

"As Reps, we make things happen, like Ridge View for example. Ridge View is a place where you can go to feel calm and re-energised again. It is open every lunchtime. We have completed a number of other projects too, such as the Be Polite Code, the food survey to improve meals, and more. This year we have recruited 7 new reps, ranging from Y4—Y6, which brings our total to 16! Our next project is to create a time capsule for future students to discover. Overall, we are looking to create a safe, calm school environment that everyone



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 25:

97.3% which is **EXCELLENT**

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.



**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 'OTHER AWARD' MIGHT BE PRESENTED FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECT. Well done to all the recipients!

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Evie (Raven)	Erin (Raven)	Florence	Rufus
Year 1	Ella (Bees) Imogen (Raven)	Rowan (Bees) Phoebe (Raven)	Mylo	Ted Georgie
Year 2	Lily (Raven) Woody (Raven)	Owen (Raven) Thea (Bees)	Ruby Felix	Tilly Ella S
Year 3	Ernie (Raven) Oonagh (Raven)	Hattie (Squirrel) Bronte (Raven)	Harriet Nancy	Ben Riley
Year 4	Ted (Badger) Ethan (Fox)	Santi (Badger) Lily K (Raven)	Daisy Jack R	Isla Rhea
Year 5	Oscar (Raven) Hugo (Raven)	Ted (Bees) Noah (Raven)	Harriet Libby	Poppy Eva
Year 6	Isla B (Bees)	Alex (Raven)	Sylvie	Angus C



Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Alice: for being kind, caring, helpful, intelligent and hardworking.

A total superstar!

Olivia: for being super helpful, hardworking and responsible for filling our playground with music and dancing!

A wonderful student!



Year 6 Girls Serve Up Squash Success

Yesterday, four of our talented Year 6 girls spent the afternoon at Macclesfield Leisure Centre competing in a squash tournament. They achieved excellent results, finishing top of their group! Their success means they have now been invited to take part in the finals next week. A huge thank you to our amazing parent volunteer, Alex (also our Chess Leader!), for supporting the team and making this possible.



Extra-Curricular Clubs...Update

Talking of extra-curricular activity, our Autumn term extra-curricular clubs are now in full swing and we are delighted to offer such a wide range of interesting and exciting clubs for our children. A full timetable of clubs for the Autumn Term can be found [here](#).

Friends of Rainow School (FRS)—Our School PTA

Now that we're back for the new school year, **planning mode has been activated** and we're excited to tell you about a few upcoming events.

Halloween Disco...Friday 17th October – Infants – 6pm – 7pm, Juniors – 7:15 – 8:15pm

After last year's Halloween Disco was so successful we're bringing it back. More details to follow but there's a separate disco for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and then another for Years 3-6. A fun opportunity to dress up, play some games and have a dance!

If you are able to help with the planning or on the night please message Rachel on 07786001336.

Friends of Rainow School...Drinks, nibbles and AGM – Thursday 9th October – 7pm

Our PTA, the Friends of Rainow School (FRS) runs as a charity because of the large amount of money that we raise for school. Therefore we are required to have an AGM each year. We'll have some drinks and nibbles beforehand and review last year with Mr Norris before deciding on pledges and priorities for the year ahead. It's a great way to find out more about the FRS and have your say in shaping the fundraising activities for the year ahead. **Do contact Rachel or Jenny if you would like to find out more or just turn up on the evening.**

Help in the school garden...weekend of 4th/5th October – date and time TBC

Our group of parent and child volunteers were working hard in the summer. This supports the work of the school **Gardening Club** and **Planet Protectors** eco group. We're trying to have a last push on finishing the 'show garden' with the support of **Tom from Skylark Garden Design who donated the garden after it's appearance at the BBC Gardeners' World Live exhibition** this summer. If you are able to help with putting up the pergola and finishing the pond area and some other smaller jobs in the garden you are very welcome to join us. The gardens are helping to improve the biodiversity of the school grounds. A frog has already been seen and we're hoping for dragonflies to start visiting next year. It's already a haven to bees, butterflies, hoverflies and more. **If you're interested in this work in general or on the October weekend please contact Jenny on 07941386572.**

WhatsApp

You may notice over the next few days that the school/FRS WhatsApp groups will come under a 'community' structure. This is to make it easier for new parents to know which groups they can join and everyone has the chance to get involved in some of the useful groups that we have.

Other ways to support FRS:

Buy a lottery ticket at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk (just search for Rainow Primary School).

Make a donation via Givey - <https://www.givey.com/friendsofrainowschool>



A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

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Class Information Evenings

Thank you to those parents who have managed to attend our 'Meet and Greet' meetings. For those of you who could not make it, **the PowerPoint presentations will be available on your class's digital platforms.**

Tytherington High School Open Morning...Tues 7th Oct...Please Inform Us

If you plan on taking your Year 6 child to THS for their Open Morning on Tuesday 8th October please email the school office admin@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk so that we can update our registers.

Harvest Collection...Silklife Foodbank...Fri 10th October

We will be marking Harvest with a special assembly on Friday 10th October. On the morning of the assembly, we invite families to bring in donations of non-perishable food items. To make drop-off easier, the hall doors will be open before school. All contributions will be donated to [Silklife Foodbank](#), supporting local families in need.

September 2025

Mon 29th Year 5 / Year 6 Residential commences

October

Fri 3rd Year 5 / Year 6 Residential ends

Tues 7th THS Open Morning for Y6s ***NEW**

Thurs 9th FRS: AGM—School Hall, 7 p.m. ***NEW**

Fri 10th Harvest Collection ***NEW**

Fri 17th Just One Tree (Eco Event)

FRS: Halloween Disco ***NEW**

Wed 22nd Individual and Sibling Photographs

Thurs 23rd Year 5 Bikeability

School closes for the children: HALF TERM

Fri 24th **INSET DAY—TEACHERS ATTEND**

November

Mon 3rd **School reopens: AUTUMN 2**

Well-Being Launch Day 1 - KEEP LEARNING

Mon 10th Anti-Bullying Week commences

Parents' Evenings (1:1) commence (tbc.)

Thur 13th Year 6 Bikeability

Fri 14th Year 6 Bikeability

Children In Need Fundraiser

Wed 26th Children's Flu Vaccination (whole school)

Fri 28th Xmas Fair (tbc.)

December

Thur 18th Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties (tbc.)

Fri 19th Whole School Church service

School closes for Christmas

January 2026

Mon 5th **School reopens: SPRING 1**

Well-Being Launch Day 2—

CONNECT

Fri 9th Whole School Trip to New Vic Theatre

February

Tues 10th Safer Internet Day

Fri 13th **School closes for half-term**

Mon 23rd **School reopens: SPRING 2**

Well-Being Launch Day 3— TAKE NOTICE

March

Mon 2nd Mid-Year Parents' Evenings this week (tbc.)

Thur 5th World Book Day

Fri 27th **School closes for EASTER**

April

Mon 13th **School reopens: SUMMER 1**

Well-Being Launch Day 4—STAY ACTIVE

Thurs 16th Year 3 / Year 4 Residential commences

Fri 17th Year 3 / Year 4 Residential ends

May

Mon 4th **School closed for early May Bank Holiday**

Tues 5th **School reopens**

Mon 11th Key stage 2 SATs week for year 6 pupils

Thur 21st **School closes for children: HALF TERM**

Fri 22nd **INSET DAY—TEACHERS ATTEND**

June

Mon 1st **School reopens: SUMMER 2**

Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE

July

Fri 17th **School closes for Summer**

**A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
SUMMARY FOR 2025-26 IS [HERE](#)**

Diary Dates

