

## Head's Message

# Rainow Round-Up

19th Sep–3rd October 2025



As I sit here writing, the Year 5 and 6s are nearing the end of an incredible four-night, five-day visit to Whitby. I was fortunate enough to join them on their first day, when they stopped off in York, en route, to Whitby to visit the Jorvik Viking Centre and The Chocolate Story—two fantastic experiences that set the tone for the week ahead.

Since then, our children have enjoyed fossil-hunting, exploring museums, a trip to Whitby, time in Robin Hood's Bay, and even some welcome sunshine. It has truly been another amazing adventure.

At Rainow, we have well-established residential and day visits. These trips are designed to bring topics alive and offer numerous benefits, including the promotion of independence, resilience, and teamwork among the students. We are delighted with the way our carefully considered programme of trips helps to achieve this. For parents who are new to our school, and as a reminder to our wider community, residential visits are a key part of our Pupil Promise. You can read more about it [here](#).

By all accounts, the children's attitude and behaviour throughout the week have been exemplary. Watching and helping them overcome fears and try things for the first time is such a privilege, and we should all be very proud of them. Mrs Eddie, Year 6 teacher, has summed it up far better than I could below.

Thanks, as always, go to my staff and to Alison (ex-Rainow parent), for their hard work in making sure it has been another memorable, safe and successful week away. They will sleep well this weekend!



*"I can't believe that we are almost at the end of our trip. I have led a lot of residential trips in my career and this stands out as the best so far. Amazing behaviour. Resilience when things are tough (we know that being away from home is a challenge for some of our children but they have coped admirably). Learning new things. Keeping us smiling when we are having a tired moment. Quite simply, an brilliant bunch of children who have demonstrated all of the Rainow Learning Values in bucket loads this week."*



### Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



### School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 25:

**96.8%** 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
<b>Rec</b>	Iris (Badger) Sam (Badger)	Poppy (Raven) Maeve (Bees)	Buddy Finley	Jasper Ruby
<b>Year 1</b>	Frankie (Raven) Winnie (Badger)	Mylo (Bees) Seth (Raven)	Isaac Eleanor	Isabelle Aurora
<b>Year 2</b>	Henry (Badger) Alex (Badger)	Oscar (Badger) Lily (Badger)	Stevie Tilly Flori	Martha
<b>Year 3</b>	Sophie (Bees) Leo (Owl)	Iris (Bees) Henry (Raven)	Elise	Sam Penny
<b>Year 4</b>	Bertie (Owl) Rowan (Bees)	Tilda-Mae (Squirrel) Jacob (Raven)	Fred J Noah	Molly Edie
<b>Year 5</b>	Emily (Squirrel)	Archie (Squirrel)	Miles	Finlay
<b>Year 6</b>	Oliver (Raven)	Isla S (Badger)	Henry B	Ava



**Y6 SPECIAL  
AWARD—  
OUTSTANDING  
STUDENTS**

**Angus: for being  
incredibly kind,  
caring, intelligent  
and multi-talented.**

**A top student!**





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## Halloween Disco — Friday 17th October — Infants — 6pm — 7pm, Juniors — 7:15 — 8:15pm—School Hall

Tickets are now live for the Halloween discos. See the links in the FRS WhatsApp groups to book. 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. There's also a pumpkin decorating competition to enter so get your creative heads on!

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—School Hall

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 – Sunday 5th October – 1pm onwards

We've had to change the date of this from Saturday to Sunday (due to Storm Amy arriving, bringing 40+mph winds – not ideal conditions for erecting a pergola!) 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.

## Christmas Cards and Gifts

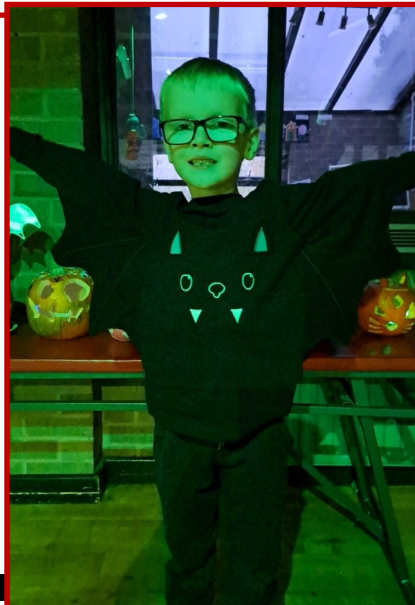
The children have been working hard on their Christmas card designs in school and will shortly be bringing them home with an order form. You can then make payment online with the company, Cauliflower Cards. We ask that you do this promptly to make sure that orders can be produced and fulfilled in good time for Christmas.

Your child's design can be printed onto playing cards, gift labels, mugs, wrapping paper, spiral bound notebooks as well as the traditional Christmas cards so they can make ideal gifts for those hard-to-buy-for relatives. Different classes artwork may come out on different days.

## Other ways to support FRS:

Buy a lottery ticket at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://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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## 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.

### October

Fri 3rd Year 5 / Year 6 Residential ends  
 Tues 7th THS Open Morning for Y6s  
 Thurs 9th FRS: AGM—School Hall, 7 p.m.  
 Fri 10th Harvest Collection  
 Fri 17th Just One Tree (Eco Event)  
 FRS: Halloween Disco  
 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

