



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Well, we have been back in school for two weeks now and what a great start we have all made to the new year!

If you are new to our school, a very warm welcome! We are glad to have you join our Ripponden Family. I would also like to extend this welcome to our new teacher. Mrs Beaumont has joined us from a school in Lancashire and is teaching our Willows class. We hope she will be very happy here.

Newsletters usually go out every fortnight and are a celebration of things in school, notices and reminders and a great source of information about what it is coming up with diary dates. Please take time to read these dates and mark them in your diaries, as we would hate for you to miss anything. We do send reminders on Dojo and Facebook too, so please engage with those platforms. We do try to give plenty of notice, but sometimes things come in at short notice, so keep your eyes peeled.

We have a great term ahead of us and I look forward to sharing it with you all.

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'L. Bamforth'.

Headteacher

Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe is the number one priority for us here at school. We have a number of key people who you should contact if you have any safeguarding concerns.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is **Mrs Lorraine Bamforth** (Headteacher)

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are **Mrs Jude Kenny** (deputy headteacher), **Mrs Jo Lomas** (Lead teacher), **Miss Lily Smith** (Senco) and **Mr James Haigh** (Busy Bees coordinator). **Miss Courtney Sladdin** (Inclusion Support Assistant) will be completing her training as DSL later this term to further strengthen the safeguarding team.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; please speak to us if you have any concerns. There is also lots of information regarding safeguarding on our website.

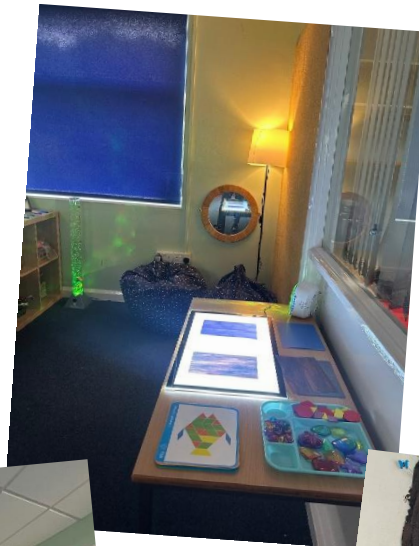
Our Lovely Little Acorns

We are so proud of how our Little Acorns have settled into school! They have been busy exploring all our resources and different areas both inside and out of the classroom. Well done Little Acorns!



The Dell

To support our ongoing commitment to inclusion, we have created a breakout classroom to support the additional needs of some of our children. This is called The Dell. This is a multipurpose space, where intervention groups take place, small groups or one-to-one. It can be used for a calming and regulation sensory space and is accessed by many children over the course of a week. Many thanks to Miss Smith and Miss Sladdin who have brought this vision to life. We are confident that this space will be a wonderful addition to our provision offer and will continue to grow and flourish over time.





Well done, Ivan!

A huge well done to Ivan, who at the end of last term took part, along with his class, in a Calderdale-wide competition based on the Fixing Fluency programme. Ivan only went and won! The prize was this fabulous bundle of books for him, but also a bundle for The Woodland Room too! Thanks Ivan and well done again!

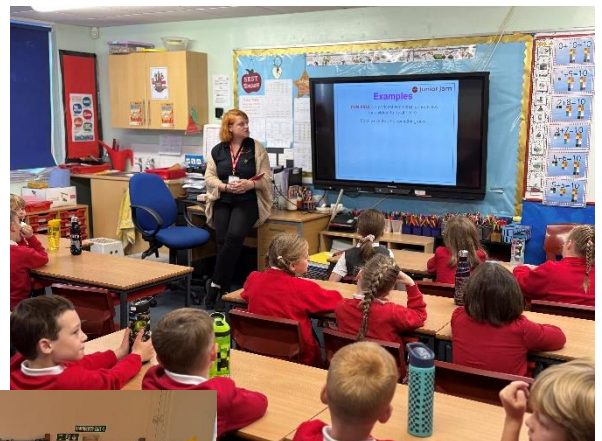
Fire safety talk for Upper Key Stage Two

On Thursday of the week, we had members of West Yorkshire Fire Service in to speak to Years 5 & 6 about fire safety and what to do in an emergency. Very important messages that the children received really well and asked lots of pertinent questions.



Junior Jam

As I said in my first letter, we are using a company called Junior Jam to support our teacher's PPA entitlements. These classes are led by specialists in Spanish, PE and Computing who are teaching from Year 1 to Year 6 every Thursday. We have had two weeks' work now and the children have loved lessons and have already made great progress!



Car Park

A reminder, please, about the car park. This is a staff car park only, so there should not be any parent cars in there, including for Busy Bees. Also, please remember that when coming into school, under no circumstances should you walk through the car park. Please also watch your children as they get out of cars. As staff are coming and going throughout the day, the last thing we would want is a car to hit a child or adult, when there is a walkway behind the cars, which is a safe route to walk. And again...please do not park in the Greenacres car park. These spaces are for residents, health care professionals, visitors and emergency services only. Thank you for your understanding.

Tremendous Timeline

Damian has been busy finishing the last few entries for our amazing timeline. Here is Seren & Grace with Ripponden School being built and Elsie with King Charles III. Maisie with the Victorian Era, Hannah with the Crimean War and William for the Industrial Revolution. What talented children we have, and as always, a huge thank you to Damian for so expertly transferring these onto our timeline. Next time you are in school – be sure to have a look at it – it is superb!





FRANCESCO

*HELP US TELL THE STORY
OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
IN DRAMA, SPEECH AND SONG*

*VENUE: ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, RIPPONDEN
WE NEED ALL KINDS OF PERFORMERS AND HELPERS*

WORLD PREMIERE - 3pm SATURDAY 4th of OCTOBER

COSTUMES PROPS TECH on SATURDAYS

LEARNING + REHEARSALS on SUNDAYS

AFTERNOONS from 2-5pm on the 13th/14th - 20th/21st - 27th/28th SEPTEMBER

Contact Stephen by e-mail - priest.ripponden@outlook.com

Diary Dates

Lots of dates will be added regularly – keep an eye on the diary dates section! We will add more detail in the coming weeks.

September

Tuesday 16 th	Overgate Danceathon
Wednesday 17 th	Special Music Service Assembly
Friday 26 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm
Monday 22 nd	OpenMinds session for parents – 3.30pm
Wednesday 24 th	Phonics Information evening for Reception parents – 6pm
Friday 26 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm

October

Friday 3 rd	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm
Monday 6 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 7 th	Year 6 Bikeability
	Individual photographs
Wednesday 8 th	Phonics open session for parents – 11am
Friday 10 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm
Friday 17 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm
Tuesday 21 st	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd	Parents Evening
Friday 24 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm
	Break up for half term
W/C 27 th	School Closed – Busy Bees open all week

November

Monday 3 rd	Training Day – School closed, Busy Bees open
Friday 7 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm
Tuesday 11 th	Coffee Morning 8.40am
Friday 14 th	Year 6 Bikeability Children in Need R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm
Monday 17 th	Year 6 Bikeability Saplings and Great Oaks trip to Chester Zoo
Friday 21 st	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm
Friday 28 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm

December

Tuesday 2 nd	Coffee morning
Friday 5 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.40pm Clubs finish for Christmas
Monday 8 th	Rock Steady Concert
Wednesday 10 th	R/KS1 Christmas Production – 10am and 2pm
Friday 12 th	Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18 th	KS2 Christmas Production at St Bartholomew's Church – 2pm School finishes for Christmas
Friday 19 th	Training Day – school closed – Busy Bees open
Monday 22 nd	Busy Bees Open
Tuesday 23 rd	Busy Bees Open
Monday 29 th	Busy Bees Open
Tuesday 30 th	Busy Bees Open

January 2026

Friday 2 nd	Busy Bees Open
Monday 5 th	School reopens for the Spring Term

2025/2026 Calendar of main events

This is a summary of main events. Please keep looking at the half-termly diary dates section on the newsletter, as they get updated regularly.



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Growing Together, Reaching for the Sky

	September	October	November	December
1	TRAINING DAY			
2				Coffee Morning
3		KS2 Celebration	TRAINING DAY	
4				
5				KS2 Celebration. Clubs finish for Christmas
6		Y6 Bikeability		
7		Y6 Bikeability Individual Photos	KS2 Celebration	
8	Welcome Evenings this week			
9	Coffee Morning			
10		R/KS1 Celebration		R/KS1 Christmas Production 10am/2pm
11			Coffee morning	
12	R/KS1 Celebration.			Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree
13				
14			Children in Need R/KS1 Celebration	
15	Clubs start			
16				
17		KS2 Celebration		
18				KS2 Christmas production – 2pm Church School closes for Christmas
19	KS2 Celebration			TRAINING DAY
20				
21		Parents Evening	KS2 Celebration	
22				
23		Parents Evening		
24	Phonics information session	R/KS1 Celebration. Break up for half term		
25				
26	R/KS1 Celebration.			
27				
28			R/KS1 Celebration	
29				
30	Staff Meeting			
31				

	January	February	March
1			
2			
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4			
5	School reopens		World Book Day
6		KS2 Celebration Young Voices	KS2 Celebration
7			
8			
9			
10			Parents Evening
11			
12	Clubs restart	Break up for half term	Parents Evening
13		TRAINING DAY	
14			
15			
16	R/KS1 Celebration		
17			
18			
19			
20			R/KS1 Celebration Clubs finish for Easter
21			
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23	KS2 Celebration		
24			
25			
26			
27		R/KS1 Celebration	KS2 Celebration. School closes for Easter
28			
29			
30	R/KS1 Celebration		
31			

	April	May	June	July
1		KS2 Celebration	School reopens	
2				
3				Clubs finish for summer Transition Day
4		BANK HOLIDAY		
5			KS2 Celebration	
6				
7				
8			Redwoods Residential all week	
9				
10				Reports Out
11		Y6 SATs Week		
12			R/KS1 Celebration	
13	School reopens			
14				
15		KS2 Celebration.		Year 6 Production
16			Class photos	
17				School closes for summer
18				
19			KS2 Celebration	
20	Clubs restart			
21				
22		R/KS1 Celebration. Close for half term	Sports Week	
23			Sports Day	
24	R/KS1 Celebration.			
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26			R/KS1 Celebration	
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