



# Ripponden J&I News

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear parents/carers,

As we hurtle towards the end of the school year, we have had a great couple of weeks and a great couple to come!

Today has been Transition Day, where our Year 6s go to High School for the day and everyone moves up into their new class for the day. We spoke in assembly about how there are changes all throughout our lives, and while they can sometimes feel a little scary, they are also exciting. When I have been around the classes today, I have seen happy children and happy staff and lots of lovely activities on the go. We have also had our new Little Acorns in the Bungalow today. They came in without a bother and had a lovely time with us – we are so excited to welcome them full time from September.

I do hope we will see lots of you in the coming weeks for end of year activities, this time in school is always so busy, but so fun!

Have a great weekend,

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

Headteacher

## Summer Bonanza – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July

On Thursday, we will be holding our second annual Summer Bonanza. Last year, this was a super success! The children loved holding their stalls in their classes and 'shopping' at different stalls and games.

To stock this, we are asking for donations of sweets, chocolate and teddies. These will be used as prizes for games and for a teddy stall (this is a good excuse to clear out those piles of preloved teddies!)

You can send these in any time from Monday to the office. Then on Thursday, please send your child with some spending money, so they can fully participate in the bonanza. Last year was so successful; we split the money equally across the classes and it meant that the teachers were able to buy nice resources for their classrooms, which directly benefit the children. Many thanks.



### **Maples' Visit from West Yorkshire Fire Service**

On Friday, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service visited Maples (Year 5) to talk about fire safety. The main things we learnt were:

- \*Have a smoke alarm on each floor of the house.
- \*Test smoke alarms once a week (Test It Tuesday)
- \*WYFRS will provide home visits and fit free smoke alarms.
- \*Check electrical wires. Bin damaged wires.
- \*Don't leave devices (such as phones, tablets, laptops, bikes) on charge overnight. Overcharged devices overheat.
- \*Don't leave devices on soft furnishings, beds etc. Never under a pillow.
- \*Make an evacuation/escape plan.
- \*If there is a fire, GET OUT, PHONE 999, STAY OUT.
- \*Recycle batteries safely.
- \*Have bedtime routines, such as close all internal doors, move trip hazards.
- \*Hoax calls and false alarms endanger lives.



Maples listened carefully and asked lots of questions! It was a very useful visit.



### **Girls Football**

**By Sophia, Redwoods**

Last Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, the girl's football team decided to take an opportunity to represent Ripponden J&I School in a football tournament at Calderdale College. We played against a lot of different schools all day! All the girls did amazing and we all tried really hard.

### **Boys Football**

**By Vinnie, Redwoods**

On Thursday, 26th June, the boys' football team took part in a tournament at Calderdale College and placed 4th. They were against multiple opponents, including the following: Copley, Barkisland, and Carr Green.

The first game played was against Carr Green and was very unlucky as they lost 2-1, with a goal from Ivan and chances from Harley and Lucas.

The second game concluded 1-0 against a combined Norland and Millbank.

Having won a game and lost a game, they went into a match against Barkisland B's, who dealt them a heavy defeat in recent weeks. However, in high spirits, they ended up winning 1-0 after Lucas scored.

Going into the 4th game against Copley, it stayed level for the majority of it until Copley had a chance from halfway and scored, ending the game 1-0 to Copley.

The rest of the games were similar as the boys tried hard and won a few and lost a few, but all round they ended the day coming 4th out of 7 teams representing Ripponden J&I School well.



### Daily Mile Medal Winners

Maples, as always, have been working hard to achieve their Daily Mile Medals. Sue Rosborough, our Vice Chair of Governors, has been linked to Maples for a number of years now and Solomon saved his last laps to run with Sue! Additionally, Will only had a few laps left to achieve his gold, and the whole class cheered him on! Grace, so eager to achieve Gold, that she even ran laps during the Musical Soiree! Very dedicated, Maples, well done!



### Musical Soiree

We held our annual Musical Soiree last week, which was such a fantastic showcase of talent across the school. Thanks to your generous donations and profits from the refreshments, we raised a fantastic £264.09 towards the cost of the coach for Young Voices 2026 in Manchester.



### Schools Linking Network

On Thursday, Maples took part in a live Zoom session with other schools in the School Linking Network. They shared their memories of their link year with Savile Park Primary. They also found out a little about Schools Linking nationally; it was great to feel part of the Linking Network across the country. Finally, they shared their ideas on the question, 'How do we all live well together?'. The session was fun and engaging. We are looking forward to taking part in the project again next year.



### Timeline Update

Another batch of fabulous art work has gone on our timeline. Here are entries from Hannah, Mabel, Arabella and Nancy with a combined Great Fire of London, Maisie with her entries for The Magna Carta and The Bridge Inn and Isla (M) for her Vikings entry and Isla (B-C) for her Ripponden Bridge. Excellent work, guys! The timeline is really coming together!



### Teddy Bear's Picnic

Last Friday we had our Teddy Bear's Picnic. This was an idea by the School Council to celebrate the wonderful year we have had and to enjoy each other's company. It was so lovely to see children from different classes playing together and the staff all enjoyed it too. Thank you to the kitchen staff for putting on a lovely picnic for us all.





Join us for a

# DANCEATHON

12pm – 12am Ripponden Club

**TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

12 hour danceathon with live DJ, raffles and games all **in support of Overgate Hospice**

**Free Entry! Donations welcome**

**Promoting Togetherness**

**TUESDAY 2 O'CLOCK CLUB**

**Overgate HOSPICE**  
Registered Charity Number: 811618

**THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge**

## Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

Visit Calderdale Libraries this summer to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge

**Challenge starts on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July and runs to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Read 6 library books to earn a medal, certificate and prize**

**Find out more about events taking place in libraries this summer at**  
**[ticketsource.co.uk /calderdalelibraries](https://ticketsource.co.uk/calderdalelibraries)**



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### Danceathon

Just a little advanced warning that we will be supporting the Tuesday 2 O'clock Club with their sponsored Danceathon in aid of Overgate in September. Such a fantastic, local cause.

### **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.***

#### **July**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Steady Concert PTFA Raffle Draw Open Minds Workshop for Maples & Redwoods
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	SATs results
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Bonanza
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to go out
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Production of Bugsy Malone 2pm & 6pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 End of Year Assembly – 9.15am KS2 End of Year Assembly – 2.15pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Redwoods' Leaver's Assembly – 9.30am School Closes for the summer

**BUSY BEES OPEN THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, WITH SIBLING AND FULL-WEEK DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE – OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN, NOT JUST FROM RIPPENDEN!**



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