



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear parents/carers,

The weather finally seems to be changing and it seems that Spring is Springing at last! However, we know the Great British weather....please keep sending your child with their coat, as it can be very changeable and we usually start with showers any time now!

We have had a great couple of weeks in school and also had parents evening this week. It was so great to see so many families and sharing your child's achievements with you. We always say that education is a partnership between home and school and this was absolutely reflective this week.

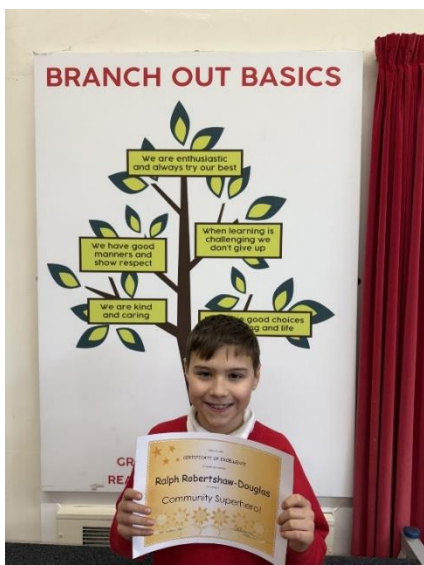
A huge thank you to Miss Baldwin who catered for parents evening too. She laid on curry, lasagne, pie, cakes and cookies. It was so great to have parents have a taste of what our children are offered every day and the feedback from this was super – things like “I wish school dinners were like this when I was at school” and “the lasagne was better than The Malthouse”. These are just a selection of the meals on offer, and we are really proud that all of our food is homecooked for your children to enjoy.

We also had World Book Day on Thursday, where children came in their PJs and enjoyed hearing about favourite books and completing super activities, including Escape Rooms and raps!

Keep an eye on the diary dates section – things are always added on there as and when we can and as we race towards Easter, there are wonderful trips and experiences on offer.

With kindest regards

Headteacher

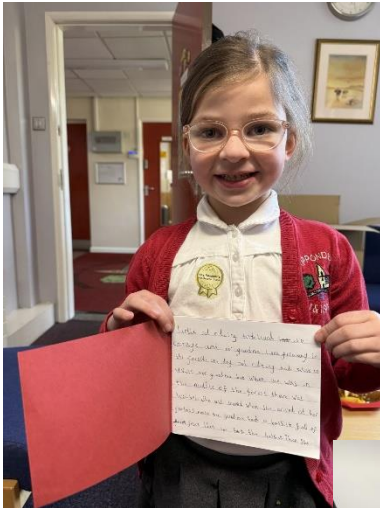


Superhero Ralph!

A huge well done to this young man, Ralph.

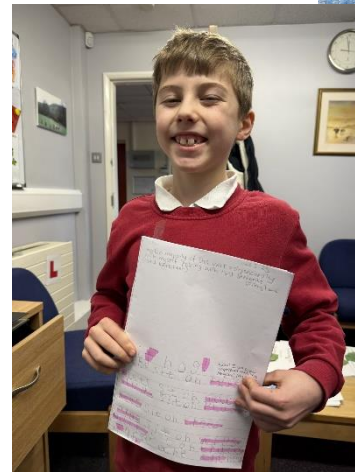
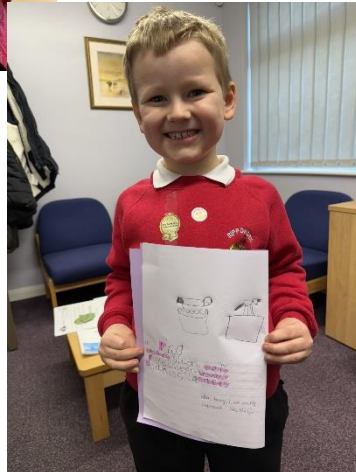
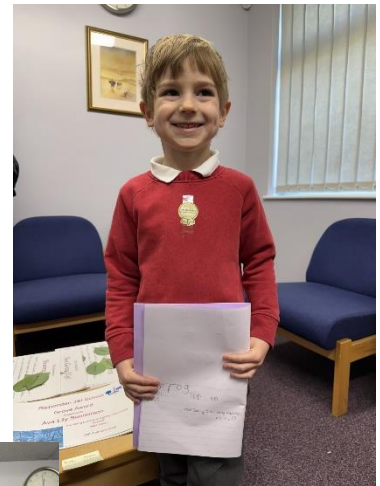
I had an email last weekend about how amazing he is. Last Friday, Ralph stopped a pram from rolling down the hill before school. As parents, we naturally think of the worst and Ralph prevented this by his quick thinking.

What an absolute treasure and he has received the first ever Community Superhero award. We are so proud of you Ralph.



Superstar writers!

I love it when children bring work to show me, and I have had a flurry of writers over the last couple of weeks! A huge well done to Emmeline, Sammy, Harry and Magnus who have been so proud of their fantastic writing!



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Lost Scooter!

A lovely pink scooter, like the one shown here has been lost in the village. It was left at the weekend and when the family realised and went back for it, it had gone. If you happen to see it, if you could return it to school and I will make sure it gets back to its rightful owner. Many thanks.

Sensory Circuits

A huge thank you to those who have bought something for our sensory circuits work. We hope to bring you updates later this term, once it is all set up.

. If you would like to support the Sensory Circuits appeal, the link is here - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3RTX721U978XP?ref_=wl_share Huge thank you, as always, for your support.



Cross Country Stars

Yesterday we took a group of children to Temple Newsam in Leeds for the West Yorkshire Crocc Country Finals. For a change, the weather was glorious which made the event even better than usual! Having already succeeded at the Calderdale finals, our children were not only representing the school but also Calderdale. They were all given their official green t-shirts and race numbers were pinned to them. All of the children showed great resilience and stamina with every race having between 145 and 165 children competing. Harry Cross in year 3 came an amazing 6th in his race so we're expecting great things from him in the future! All of our children were fantastic and we are so proud of them all. For the full results, parents can scan the QR code on the back of the race numbers.

We would also like to thank our fabulous parents who helped to transport the children to and from the event, as well as helping with toilet trips etc. A big thanks to everyone involved.

Timeline Challenge

We have had a fantastic response to our timeline challenge and have selected winners from a lot of categories. The children were presented with certificates in assembly this morning for their entries. Some categories were so good that Damian is going to combine some entries!

The winners are:

Dinosaurs become extinct	Stanley W Lydia R Lotte S	Great Oaks Great Oaks Maples
Stone Age	Evelyn S	Chestnuts
Ancient Egypt	Willow W Grace W	Chestnuts
Ancient Maya	Darcie M	Redwoods
Ancient Greece	Seb B	Redwoods
Roman Britain	Siena R	Maples
Anglo Saxons	Daniella P	Maples
Norman Conquest	Patrick A	Redwoods
Vikings	Isla M	Great Oaks
The Bridge Inn	Maisie S	Chestnuts
War of the Roses	Summer C	Maples
Tudors	Hannah G	Maples
Columbus	Isla B	Chestnuts
Great Fire of London	Hannah G Nancy T Arabella A Mabel T	Maples Great Oaks Saplings Maples
St Bart's Church	Eva B	Willows
Suffragette Movement	Emmeline B	Saplings
World War I	Jake C	Maples
Queen Elizabeth II	Bessie F	Great Oaks
Rosa Parks	Hannah G	Maples
Space Age	Ivan M	Maples
Martin Luther King	Patrick A	Redwoods
Covid-19	George LI	Maples



We still have some categories that we either didn't get any entries for, or not enough entries to make a choice from. We will be reopening these entries, with a closing date of after Easter. This will give Damian chance to start painting some of the winners on now. These categories are:

The Bronze Age

The Iron Age

Islamic Golden Age

The Magna Carter

The Ripponden Bridge

English Civil War

Industrial Revolution

The Victorians

Crimean War

World War II

The Digital Age

Ripponden School

King Charles III

Ripponden Panto Co.
PROUDLY PRESENTS

Once upon a time
in Pantoland
by Alex Jackson

VICTORIA HALL, RIPPONDEN

Friday 7th March - 7pm	Friday 14th March - 7pm
Saturday 8th March - 2pm & 7pm	Saturday 15th March - 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 9th March 2pm	Sunday 16th March - 2pm

Tickets available at *ticketsource* - £12 each
Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £40

Busy Bees at Easter

We will be open all of the Easter holidays, except Good Friday. We have a Wicked themed week and an Easter Week. Bookings can be made on the app now – looks like great fun!

					
Monday 7th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Tuesday 8th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Wednesday 9th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Thursday 10th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Friday 11th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	
Elphaba Hats 	Defying Gravity Broomsticks 	Glittering Glinda Wands 	Magic Star  Biscuits	Wicked & Wonderful Games 	
Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	
Glinda's Bubbles 	Flying Monkey Crafts 	Make Elphaba's Fizzing Potion 	Wicked Witch Bookmarks 	Movie Afternoon 	
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	

		<h1>Easter Fun</h1>			
Monday 14th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Tuesday 15th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Wednesday 27th March Breakfast served between 8-9am	Thursday 28th March Breakfast served between 8-9am		
Easter Egg Cards 	Easter Nests 	Easter Bonnet Competition 	Easter Egg Baskets 		
Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch		
Lollipop Bunnies 	Chick Painting 	Bunny Handprints 	Easter Egg Hunt 		
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm		

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.

March

Tuesday 11 th	Redwoods going to Rishworth to see Grease
Wednesday 12 th	Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 14 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 17 th	Saplings Calderdale Book of the Year Workshop
Wednesday 19 th	Panathlon Bowling in Leeds
Thursday 20 th	Football match away at Luddenden CE School
Friday 21 st	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Thursday 27 th	Maples to Savile Park – Linking Project
Friday 28 th	Clubs finish for Easter KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

Monday 31 st	Rock Steady Concert
April	
Wednesday 2 nd	Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 4 th	School Council Fundraiser – Break The Rules Day *More information to follow*
	Break up for Easter
W/C 7 th	Busy Bees open all week – book on the app
W/C 14 th	Busy Bees open Monday-Thursday - book on the app
Monday 21 st	School Closed – Bank Holiday Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 nd	School reopens for Summer Term
Monday 28 th	Clubs restart
May	
Friday 2 nd	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 5 th	School closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 9 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 12 th	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 16 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Thursday 22 nd	Savile Park to visit Maples
	Musical Soiree – 6pm
Friday 23 rd	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
	Close for half term
W/C 26 th	Busy Bees open Tuesday – Friday
June	
Monday 2 nd	School reopens
Friday 6 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 9 th	Sports Week
	Y4 MTC Week
	Y1 Phonics Week
Tuesday 10 th	Whole School Sports Day
Friday 13 th	Saplings & Great Oaks trip to Temple Newsham
	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 16 th	Redwoods on Residential to Langdale all week
Friday 20 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Wednesday 25 th	Class photographs
Friday 27 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

2024/2025 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

	January	February	March
1			
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4			Parents Evening
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6	School reopens		World Book Day Parents Evening
7		KS2 Celebration Assembly	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
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12			
13	Clubs restart		
14		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly Break up for half term	KS2 Celebration Assembly
15			
16			
17	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		
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21			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
22			
23			
24	KS2 Celebration Assembly	School reopens Young Voices	
25			
26			
27			
28		KS2 Celebration Assembly	Clubs finish for Easter KS2 Celebration Assembly
29			
30			
31	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		Rock Steady Concert

	April	May	June	July
1				
2		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	School reopens	
3				
4	Close for Easter			Clubs finish for summer Transition Day – TBC R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
5		BANK HOLIDAY		
6			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
7				Rock Steady Concert
8				
9		KS2 Celebration Assembly	Sports Week	
10			Sports Day	
11				KS2 Celebration <u>Assembly</u> <u>Reports Out</u>
12		Y6 SATs Week		
13			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
14				
15				
16		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	Y6 Residential all week	Year 6 Production
17				
18				School closes for summer
19				
20			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
21	BANK HOLIDAY - EASTER			
22	School reopens			
23		KS2 Celebration Assembly Close for half term		
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27			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
28	Clubs restart			
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