



# Ripponden J&I News

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Christmas activities are in full swing! Rehearsals are well underway, and we are excited to share performances with you from next week. Emails have gone out for R/KS1 productions, where families can have 2 tickets across the two shows. If you would like any more, email the office and we will allocate any additional that we have spare. This is on a first-come, first served basis.

KS2 production at church is on the final day of term, down at St Bartholomew's Church. We don't issue tickets for this, all welcome, but it has been standing room only.

For all performances, we welcome preschool children, but we respectfully ask that if they become unsettled, an adult takes them out. The children (and staff!) work really hard to put these shows together and so the least distractions, the better.

Parties are also booked in – see diary dates. For these, children can bring in party clothes to get changed into. They will be provided with a drink and a snack during the party, so you don't need to send anything else in.

As I write this newsletter, children are excitedly shopping at Elfridge's – our PTFA Secret Santa Shop. Thank you to the PTFA and extended families for buying and wrapping 1000s of gifts – the shop is always a highlight of the children's year.

Thank you, too, for your donations for Christmas Jumper Day – my office is a rainbow of goodies! These will be made up into fabulous hampers to be raffled off at the Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree event next Friday (13<sup>th</sup>). The link to buy these raffle tickets is here - [Ripponden school PTFA](#) they will also be available to buy during the R/KS1 nativity productions.

At this event, all grandparents are welcome to attend, but again, we don't issue tickets. The doors will open at 9am and seats will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please don't arrive too early though, we cannot let you in until 9am, when all of the children are safely in and the hall is ready. Again, our wonderful PTFA will serve teas, coffees and mince pies and will be selling raffle tickets on the day too.

Lots of fun but also hard work as end of term assessments are being undertaken and the children are working hard to achieve their best. It's a very busy time in school, but such a wonderful time!

With kindest regards

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

Headteacher



## INVESTORS IN PUPILS

*Ripponden Junior and Infants School*

has self-validated to the Investors in Pupils quality mark,  
successfully achieving the following category:

**Embedded**

The schools' self-validation has been quality assured by the Investors in Pupils Central Team

Signed: *S. Russ*

Steven Russ, National Programme Manager, Investors in Pupils

Valid: December 2024-2026

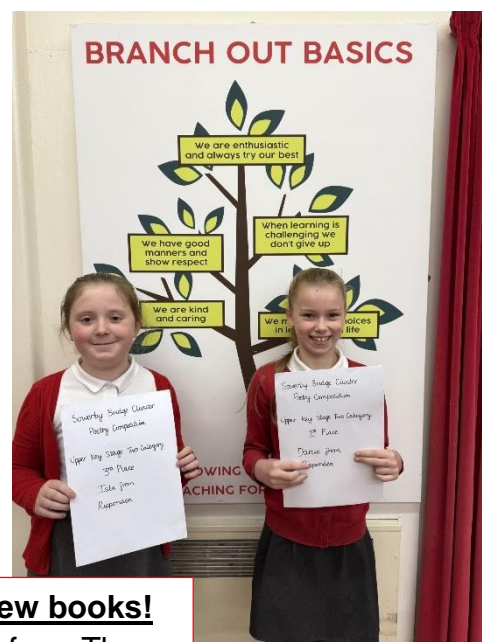
## Investors in Pupils

I am delighted to share that we have been successfully reaccredited for the Investors in Pupils Status. This is testament to the work the whole community do to support our children to feel heard, supported and valued - so thanks to the whole team. Thanks to Mr Baldwin for collating the evidence and submitting for assessment.

## Well done Darcie & Isla!

Children from Years 1-6 took part in the Sowerby Bridge Cluster of Schools Poetry Competition. There were entries from 10 local schools.

Darcie and Isla in Redwoods excellent, winning first and third place, respectively in the Upper Key Stage Two category. They were presented with a book token in assembly on Monday. Well done, girls, we are really proud of you – in a very tough competition!



## Saplings love their new books!

Using the money raised from The Book Fair, Saplings have been snapped enjoying their new books!

## Daily Mile Medal Winners

The cold and wet weather doesn't stop us! Well done to all of our Daily Mile Medal winners!

25 miles for bronze and some children have even already achieved their silver medals, which is a whopping 50 miles since September! Well done guys!







### **Calderdale Cross Country Finals**

On Wednesday afternoon we took individuals and teams of runners to the Calderdale Cross Country Finals competition at Old Brodleians Rugby Club. There were hundreds of children from all over Calderdale taking part. All of our children were amazing, and they all showed great resilience and perseverance. We had some fabulous top 10 results: Willow came 6th, Harry came 3rd, Evan came 10th, Grace came 8<sup>th</sup> and Sophia came 7th. The next event is the West Yorkshire Finals in March - we'll let you know who is through to this event when we are informed. Well done to all of the runners; we are really proud of you all and many thanks to all of the parents who battled through the traffic to help transport the children - your help is very much appreciated!

### **Willows are Scientists**

Willows took advantage of the recent snowfall to complete a science experiment. The children have been discovering at what temperature snow changes state from a solid to a liquid. Their favourite part was the collecting of the snow!!





### Great Oaks DT Day: Wrap Making!

On Thursday, Great Oaks has a design technology day where they designed, made and evaluated wraps as part of our 'Balanced Diet' unit. The children have done lots of background learning around a healthy diet by ensuring we use the healthy food plate to encompass carbs, protein, fruit and veg, healthy sugars and spreads into our diet. The children then spent the day practicing chopping, cutting and grating skills, taste-testing and designing 3 different types of wraps, before choosing their favourite to create. They had a design criterion to follow which they evaluated against at the end. It was a yummy day!



### **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.***

#### **December**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rocksteady concert – 9.30am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Christmas productions at 10am and 2pm Film Night for Y3/4/5
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree – 9am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Christmas Party PM
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Christmas Party PM
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas Party AM
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 Christmas Party AM KS2 Christmas Production – Church – 2pm School closes for Christmas
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Staff training day – school closed, but Busy Bees open
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Busy Bees Open
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Bees Open
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Bees Open

#### **January 2025**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Busy Bees Open
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Busy Bees Open
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens

### **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.



#### **Ripponden J&I School**

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***Growing Together, Reaching for the Sky***

	September	October	November	December
1				
2	TRAINING DAY			
3				
4		KS2 Celebration Assembly	TRAINING DAY	
5				
6				Clubs finish for Christmas KS2 Celebration Assembly
7				
8		Tempest Photos – individuals and families	KS2 Celebration Assembly	
9	Welcome Evenings this week	Parent coffee morning		Rock Steady Concert
10		Phonics open session		
11	SEN coffee morning	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		R/KS1 Christmas Production 10am/2pm
12				
13	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		Parent coffee morning	
14		Book Fair Y6 <u>Bikeability</u>		
15		Y6 <u>Bikeability</u> Parents Evening	Children in Need R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
16	Clubs start			
17		Parents Evening		
18		KS2 Celebration Assembly		
19				KS2 Christmas production – 2pm Church School closes for Christmas
20	KS2 Celebration Assembly			TRAINING DAY
21		Y6 <u>Bikeability</u>		
22		Y6 <u>Bikeability</u>	KS2 Celebration Assembly	
23				
24	PTFA Meeting			
25	Open Minds Workshops Phonics information session	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly Break up for half term		
26				
27	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly			
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29			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
30	Nasal flu vaccinations			
31				

	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
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17	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		
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21			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
22			
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24	KS2 Celebration Assembly	School reopens Young Voices	
25			
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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 Assembly <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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