



# Ripponden J&I News

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

Dear parents/carers,

I cannot believe that we are two thirds of the way through the school year!

We break up today for the Easter holidays and we return on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**. Remember that this is a Bank Holiday, as Easter is late this year and there won't be anyone here on the Monday!

While we have the holidays – don't forget about the Family Challenge! We love to see what you all get up to in the holidays – so please send your photos to the Facebook page or email the office. We will then update the display by the hall.

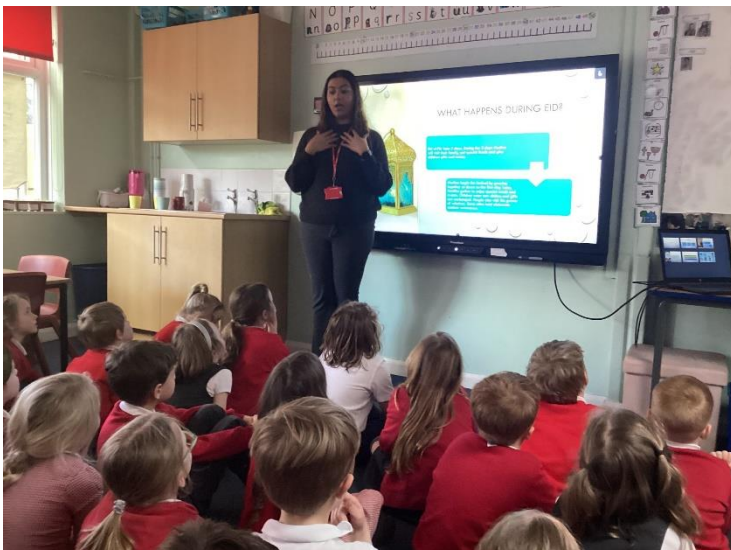
Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day Secret Shop – we hope all the ladies were spoiled! The funds raised from this event have been used to purchase new science equipment to support our teaching and give the children more hands-on experiences.

The Break the Rules Day today has also been really successful! What a wacky bunch of clothes, hair and make-up we have seen! The funds raised from this will be used to regenerate our growing initiative – watch this space!

I hope you have a wonderful Easter holiday, that the weather is kind to us and you make wonderful memories with your beautiful families.

With kindest regards

Headteacher



## Great Oaks learn about Eid

Great Oaks have been learning about Ramadan and Eid. Miss Tanveer, our student teacher, celebrated Eid with her family on Monday and told the children all about how she celebrates.



### **Maples' Linking Project**

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Maples went to Savile Park School for the day to visit Kestrels class, our partners this year in the School Linking Network. We had a great day, with teamwork at the heart of everything we did. Children also worked together to create 'Together Town', including things we want in our local communities.

They also worked in small groups to build strong, stable towers out of paper. After our day together in November at Bankfield Museum, then visiting Savile Park School last week, we are hoping to welcome our friends when they visit us next term.



### **Great Oaks DT Project**

In Design Technology, Great Oaks have been testing stability and structure using different shapes to find out which would be strongest to build a chair. We then used paper and tape to create chairs and tested these using a little bear. We found that the tighter the paper cylinders were folded, the stronger the structure ended up being.





## Easter Active Challenge!



At last the warmer, longer days are here! It's time to get outside and get active. Over the Easter holidays, we'd like you to go hunting for signs of spring. You might go for a walk, bike ride or even a run! Please take photos of your activity and also the signs of spring that you find and share them on our Facebook page. We'll also share these photos on our 'Active Families' display board in school. Have fun!

### Daily Mile Medals

Well done to our Silver Medal Winners! A fantastic 50 miles around our track. Our grounds are so idyllic – we even had a young deer getting their steps in yesterday!





### Timeline Challenge

The timeline challenge down the main corridor is well underway. Damian has been using the winning entries to paint virtually identical replicas on the wall and here you can see Patrick's, Darcie's and Seb's. I think you will agree they look fantastic! The children have loved watching Damian at work, too.

Don't forget we still have some categories that are open! The children can create entries and bring them back to school, to be entered into the categories are below. The closing date for the next batch is **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**.

The remaining 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**

We are excited for the next round of entries and I will continue to send updates home.

### Egg-cellent Egg Decorations!

The annual Redwoods egg decorating competition occurred yesterday, and I always have the super (but difficult!) job of judging. Well done to everyone – very creative and artistic entries!



## Rock Steady Concert

It was our termly Rock Steady Concert on Monday and this is always a great opportunity for the children to showcase their progress and talent in music. The children's enthusiasm and enjoyment shone through, as did some very cool personalities! Some of our children are destined for the stage, I am sure! It was also Jess's last concert with us, as she is being redeployed in Lancashire, but her colleague Joe will be taking over from after Easter. Well done to everyone involved.



## Chestnut's Castles

Chestnuts have been making castles. They have towers, flags and even a working draw bridge. The children have used design specifications to make their castles appeal to a particular purpose and owner. I think you will agree that they look fantastic – so creative! Well done Chestnuts!



Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Week Y4 MTC Week Y1 Phonics Week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Sports Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saplings & Great Oaks trip to Temple Newsham KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 16 <sup>th</sup>	Redwoods on Residential to Langdale all week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Musical Soiree – 6pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	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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	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
1				
2	Parent Coffee Morning	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	School reopens	
3				
4	Break the Rules Day Close for Easter			Clubs finish for summer Transition Day – TBC R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
5		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
6			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
7				Rock Steady Concert
8				
9		KS2 Celebration Assembly	Sports Week	
10			Sports Day	
11				KS2 Celebration Assembly Reports Out
12		Y6 SATs Week		
13			KS2 Celebration Assembly Year 1 & 2 Trip to Temple Newsham 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	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - EASTER</b>			
22	School reopens	Savile Park to Visit Maples		
23		KS2 Celebration Assembly Close for half term		
24				
25			Class Photographs	
26			Musical Soiree 6pm	
27			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
28	Clubs restart			
29				
30				
31				