



# Ripponden J&I News

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon,

It snowed this week so it must be Spring! We have made it to the end of the term and the Easter break awaits. Hopefully we will all get to share some family time over the bank-holiday weekend as we get a rest from the normal hurly-burly of term time.

We know you are busy people and that you don't always have time to read through our newsletters so when we return for the summer term we will be slightly changing the way we communicate with you. There will be information, reminders and photos shared more frequently on ClassDojo and the newsletter will be a quick round up of important information and future events once per month. This is because we have noticed that our families seem to find getting information by the Dojo app much more accessible than an emailed newsletter and our aim is to keep you as informed and up to date as possible about life in school. Enjoy the Easter break, whatever you are doing and we look forward to seeing you again on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to get in touch about anything then please drop in at reception or email the office at: [office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk) who will forward your message on. You may also be able to catch me in the playground at pick up or drop off times.

*Jude Kenny*

## The School Council Quiz Night



It was a full house at the Family Quiz Night run by the school council!

Thank you to all those who supported it; we raised £90 for school funds.



Thank you to all our families and our wonderful PTFA!

The Mother's Day Shop was a roaring success, as ever, and raised £594.78! This will be added to the PTFA fund for the development of the school playground.

### Dress Down Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March



### Coffee Mornings with the SENDCo

#### Coffee Morning at Ripponden J&I School Summer Term 2026

Come along to our coffee mornings and chat to us! Whether you have a child with additional needs, need some advice, or just want to talk to us, please come to see us!

Come and chat to us and know you are NEVER alone ☺

Refreshments provided!

*Who can say no to a biscuit and a brew?*

#### **Summer Dates:**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April in the Woodland Room 8:40-9:15am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May in the Woodland Room 8:40-9:15am

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June in the Woodland Room 8:40-9:15am

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July in the Woodland Room 8:40-9:15am

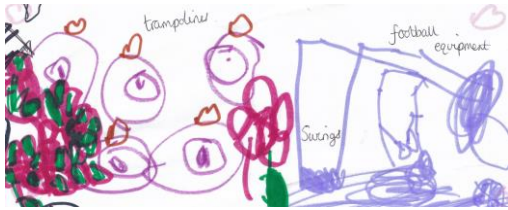
**We are also looking to set up a parent group that will have more of an insight into SEND at Ripponden School. More details to follow on this in the summer term but let Miss Smith know if you would be interested. The group would meet termly.**



## Dream Playground Designs

Well done to all our winners!

We are looking forward to seeing these come to life when the PTFA have raised enough to develop the school playground.



Alice



Clea



Ellie



Elsie



Lillie



Hannah



Artist unknown!!

## School Linking Project – Y5



We are now planning school visits next term, going to Savile Park for the day and welcoming them into our school and showing them our local area.

## Calderdale Access to Schools Project

We have received notification that work on the signalised crossing on Halifax Road outside school will commence next week. Following safety advice (below) please note that the top pedestrian gate will be closed until the work is complete.

Extract from email:

“we will be starting on site on Monday 30th March until end of May to construct the new signalised crossing, including resurfacing works on both the carriageway and the footway.

The works will begin on the footway on Halifax Road on the side opposite the school. We then plan to switch to the school side during the week commencing 27/04. With that in mind, I wanted to ask whether it would be possible to close the top pedestrian entrance from at least 27/04 until early May. We will have heavy machinery on site, and my priority is ensuring that all pupils feel safe.

Although we will be working restricted hours, meaning the works will not be active during school arrival or departure times, the area itself will remain fenced off throughout, so closing that entrance during this period would be the safest option.”

## PTFA Gala – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

There's still time to get your ticket! <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/ripponden-gala>



# Busy Bees at Easter

## Booking is open on the app now

 <h2 style="display: inline-block; margin: 0 20px;">Easter Fun</h2> 			
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>March</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>March</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>April</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>April</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am
<b>Egg Wreaths</b> 	<b>Easter Bonnets</b> 	<b>Easter Egg Cards</b> 	<b>Easter Egg Baskets</b> 
<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch
<b>Bunny Silhouette Art</b> 	<b>Rice Krispie Nests</b> 	<b>Chick Fork Painting</b> 	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> 
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm

 <h2 style="display: inline-block; margin: 0 20px;">Spring Week</h2> 			
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>April</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>April</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>April</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>April</b> Breakfast served between 8-9am
<b>Planting Sunflowers</b> 	<b>Making Bird Feeders</b> 	<b>Making Fruit Smoothies</b> 	<b>Blossom Tree Handprints</b> 
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<b>Spring Biscuits</b> 	<b>Spring Flower Paper Chains</b> 	<b>Scavenger/Bug Hunt</b> 	<b>Beaded Butterfly Craft</b> 
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## Y6 Design and Technology

You might remember seeing this talented bunch of Y6 children on the school Dojo page recently.



They brought their fantastic water wheel creations to show me and I set them a challenge of writing a report about them for the newsletter. They didn't disappoint me and here it is:

### Water Wheels

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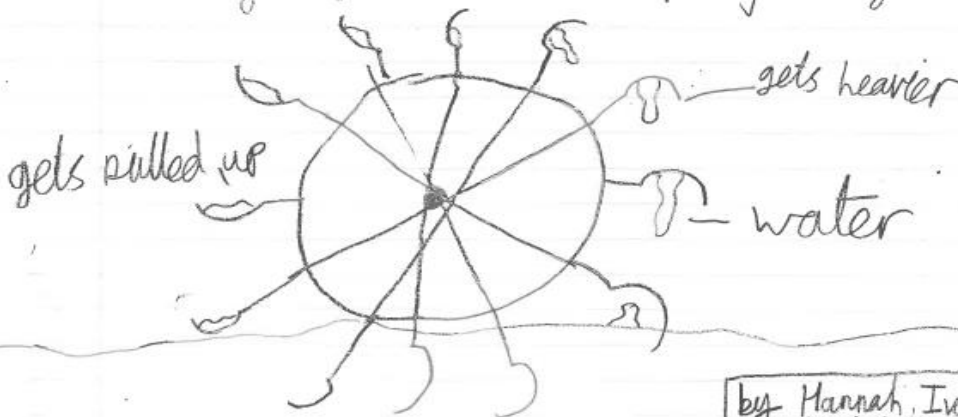
in Redwoods (year 6) we have been making water wheels.

Water wheels are a machine invented during the Industrial revolution used to power machines housed in mills.

Whilst building these water wheels we only had a minimal amount of resources: such as plastic cups, skewers, wooden sticks, string, paper, sellotape and blue tac.

Back in the water wheels were built in valley bottoms so that the water runs down the hills to power the machines in the mills.

The wheels work as loads of water gets up in one section of the wheel so the water gets heavier and gravity pulls it down repeating the cycle.



by Hannah, Ivan,  
Mabel & Elsie  
Diagram by Hannah

### **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 2026**

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> School closes for Easter Break  
Mon 30<sup>th</sup> - Easter Break – Busy Bees open  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April

#### **April 2026**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April School reopens  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Y5 trip to the Jorvik Centre

#### **May 2026**

Fri 1st KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm  
Mon 4th Bank Holiday – school closed  
Fri 8th R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm  
11th -15th Y6 SATS week  
Fri 15th KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm  
Fri 22nd R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm  
Fri 22nd School closes for half term – Busy Bees open

#### **2025/2026 Calendar of main events (see below)**

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.

	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
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			
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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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