



# Ripponden J&I News

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Well, we have had another very busy, but fabulous couple of weeks in school.

This week has been SATs week for our Redwoods'. These are national, standardised tests that every Year 6 child in the country sits and are an assessment of the children's knowledge and skills. I have been so proud of each and every one of the children – they truly embodied our Branch Out philosophies. They were so calm, relaxed and mature and their resilience really shone through. I think the copious amounts of toast helped! Thank you, as always, to Mrs Lomas for supporting them through, as well as Mrs Thompson, Miss Beazley and Mrs Greenwood. Even though Mrs Thompson officially retired at Christmas, she has been volunteering once a week to support groups and has been in all week to support the children through the tests. Thank you, Mrs Thompson, for giving up your valuable time, we all really appreciate it.

I have added some more dates onto the diary section below – please have a look and update your calendars accordingly. These include race days, which I know parents like to come to.

We approach Spring Bank holiday next week, where we will be off for the week. Remember Busy Bees is open (programme below) and get booked in if you need it. We have already planned all 6-weeks of the summer holidays – so rest assured we will be here to help with childcare over the summer and will send the programme for this out after Spring Bank.

Have a great weekend,

*V Bamforth*

Headteacher



## Timeline Update

Damian has been busy working on the timeline and here are Jake's, Ivan's and Summer's entries on the wall. Well done, guys, they're great!



### **The chicks have hatched!**

Little Acorns' eggs and chicks are always a highlight of the year, and this year is no exception! We have had 4 fluffy chicks hatched and they are a hit with the children! Here is Miguel in awe of one of them! The children love watching them grow and develop and then sending them off to Mrs Greenwood's farm.

### **Football, Football, Football!**

On Wednesday the 1st of May, the Y5/6 boys team played a match against Copley. It was extremely hot but that didn't stop us seen as though the match ended 7-0. (Oscar scored 5 goals and Lucas scored 2.) We pressed them high and it paid off because most of our goals were because of high press and not letting Copley have any time on the ball.

Well done Lads 🍊 🙌

By Oliver Oxley

This Thursday afternoon our Year 5&6 boys played a football match against St. Mary's Millbank. We got off to a great start and by half time it was 3-0 to Ripponden. St. Mary's came back in the second half, but we stayed ahead, and the final score was 7-3 to Ripponden! Goals were scored by Kai, Ivan, Harley and Oliver. Thanks go to Oscar who stood in as goalkeeper and made some great saves. Also thank you Rex for being a fantastic ball boy!








### Maples' Trip to York

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Maples spent the day in York. The trip was designed to enhance the Year 5 History units. At Jorvik, they learnt more about Vikings, particularly about their presence in the North of England.

At Barley Hall, they learnt about the Tudors, their current topic. The pupils impressed everyone with their historical knowledge and, of course, with their behaviour. A fantastic day was had by all.






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### **Daily Mile Medals**

Well done to our Silver Medal Winners! A fantastic 50 miles around our track.



### **E-Safety for parents**

I shared a document a number of weeks ago about keeping children safe online. I also offered for parents to come in to meet with Pete, one of our parents who works in IT with children and young people, to discuss your needs and for him to help you with your child's devices. We haven't had a huge take up of this, so I am sharing the link again -

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=urQs3c-rmEmigJStcz9U8dWznFnwGX5OtwscyLf-TW1UQjcxUFBTVTdZREVaTjVaWjgzNFAzUFpSWi4u>

If this is something you would be interested in, please complete the very short survey and so we can plan some sessions in to support parents with their children's digital safety. Thank you.

### **Redwoods Cricket Morning at Ryburn**

Year 6 children had a fantastic morning at Ryburn, taking part in a cricket coaching session ran by Mr Duffy and some brilliant Year 9 coaches.

The children participated with great energy and enthusiasm as they developed skills in bowling, fielding and batting. The children represented Ripponden brilliantly and showed their sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done to all involved. A big thank you to parents who kindly helped with lifts back to school.







### **Superstar Summer!**

Our very own superstar gymnast, Summer has been asked to join the open age Yorkshire team to represent Yorkshire at the national British Gymnastics final next week. What an honour Summer and we wish you all the luck in the world!

### **Maples' Spring Onion Planting**

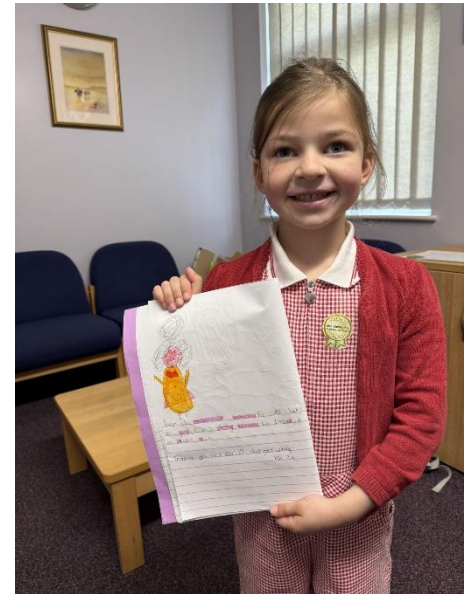
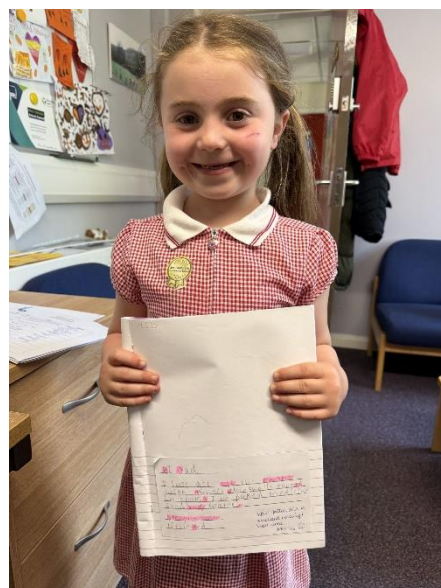
As part of our aim to become a Platinum Health School, Maples have been planting spring onion seeds.

Towards the end of the year, we will be harvesting and using them to cook a healthy meal. Fingers crossed they grow!



### **Superstar writers!**

Saplings are at it again with their super writing! A huge well done to Hattie and Emmeline who have visited me this week with their excellent writing – well done girls!





# Ripponden Children's Day Races

**SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2025**

MILL FOLD – RIPPONDEN  
Gates Open  
**12.30pm – 1st race 1.00pm**





Races, Prizes, Raffle, BBQ and lots of other stalls  
**JOIN US FOR A FUN, FRIENDLY, FAMILY DAY!**

Volunteers required to help out on the day – contact us via:  
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## Ripponden Children's Day – 21<sup>st</sup> June

Ripponden Children's Day is always a fantastic, community event, where our children have always, historically, done really well at. It would be great if we could have a good turn out this year too.

Deadlines for the yellow entry forms (sent home a couple of weeks ago) is next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, so please make sure you have them sent in by then, so your children can take part in this wonderful event.



## It's a Bug's Life!



Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May Breakfast served between 8-9am	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May Breakfast served between 8-9am	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Breakfast served between 8-9am	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May Breakfast served between 8-9am
<b>DIRT CUP CAKES</b> 	<b>POTATO MASHER LADYBUGS</b> 	<b>MAKING BUG EYES</b> 	<b>MAKING A WILD BEE HOTEL</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>BUG YOGA</b> 	<b>INSECTS IN JELLY</b> 	<b>INSECT HUNT</b> 	<b>FOOTPRINT BUTTERFLIES</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

## Busy Bees at Half Term

The programme for Busy Bees at half term is called 'It's a Bug's Life!' and is a mix of outdoor and creative activities.

Busy Bees is open to everyone, whether you usually attend Busy Bees or indeed Ripponden School – so please spread the word! Busy Bees provides excellent value for money in the school holidays and has additional benefits such as sibling and full-week discounts. Book on the app for Ripponden children and via email – [office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk) for non-Ripponden children.

### **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.***

#### **May**

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Day
	Local Offer Meeting – 3.25pm
	Boys and Girls Football matches at home V Triangle.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning - 8.40am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Rounders at Ryburn
	Year 3/4 Bun Sale
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
	Close for half term
W/C 26 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Bees open Tuesday – Friday

#### **June**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School reopens
	Y4 MTC Week
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 Bun Sale
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Boys Football match away to Barkisland
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Secret Shop
	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Week
	Y4 MTC Week
	Y1 Phonics Week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 Race Day – 1.15pm start
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Sports Day (Morning – 9.15am start)
	Open Minds Workshop for Redwoods
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning
	Year 5 & 6 Race Day – 1.15pm start
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor athletics
	Year 3 & 4 Race Day – 1.15pm start
	Boys football match away to Barkisland
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saplings & Great Oaks trip to Temple Newsham
	Reception Race Day – 1.45pm start
	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 16 <sup>th</sup>	Redwoods on Residential to Langdale all week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Minds Workshops for Great Oaks and Willows
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	New Intake (Reception 2025) Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Little Acorns Trip to Hesketh Farm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Minds Workshop for Chestnuts and Willows
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs
	Year 2 football
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Musical Soiree – 6pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Teddy Bear's Picnic
	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

#### **July**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chestnuts & Willows trip to Murton Park
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs finish for the summer Rock Steady Concert PTFA Raffle Draw
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Minds Workshop for Maples & Redwoods
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	SATs results
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Bonanza Reports to go out KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Production 2pm & 6pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the summer



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