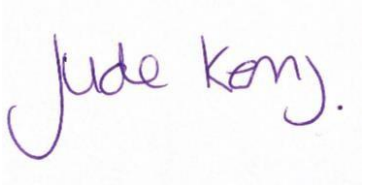
Ripponden J&I News

October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just check out all the photos to see what a busy and colourful month October has been here at Ripponden! You never know if you are going to bump into a Viking, a ghost, a future Olympian or a chef in the making!

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 who will forward your message on. You may also be able to catch me in the playground at pick up or drop off times.



Headteacher

Parent Governor

We have had 2 nominations for the position of Parent Governor:

Jodie Fairburn

Laura Hudson

The election will take place between 9am on 4/11/26 and 3pm on 10/11/26. Every parent (who we have an email address for) will receive an email invitation to vote electronically. If you prefer a paper vote then please call into the office for a pack. The votes will be counted and the winning candidate announced on Wednesday 11th November.

Our First Grove Award Star!

Our Little Acorns only started school 8 weeks ago and they are already showing our Branch Out Values! Ottilie is the first person in the whole of the school to complete her Grove Award chart and is now ready to start filling her yellow Orchard Award chart! It is going to be a real pleasure to present her with her certificate and badge in our Celebration Assembly. Well done Ottilie!



The Vikings came to school!









Maples had a fantastic Viking Day, bringing history to life through creative activities and research. The children wrote their names using runes in salt dough before baking their creations, and decorating their own cardboard shields. We were especially proud of their confident class assembly, with every child sharing Viking facts with the whole school. The children also used BBC Bitesize to investigate Viking life and build their historical knowledge which can be recalled upon next term. This was a great way to immerse the children in their book for next term and kickstarted that learning journey. Their amazing Viking costumes added to the excitement and made it a memorable day for everyone!

Superstars!

We have some resilient and kind children at Ripponden! Eva and Esme completed a charity swimming challenge at Sowerby Bridge swimming pool recently. Eva completed 100 lengths which is 2.5km and Esme 55 lengths which is nearly 1.5km. More importantly they have raised over £200 for Healthy Minds charity. We also know that Seren in Y4 took part and completed 70 lengths which is 1.75km. Well done girls, we are so proud of all of you!





Pumpkins Galore!










This time last year, Mrs Greenwood, our very own green-fingered superstar, had a vision! She saved the seeds from the pumpkins we bought for chopping and making into soup then dried, planted and cherished them in our pumpkin patch. She had lots of help looking after them from last year's Little Acorns, especially with watering over the hot summer. This year's Little Acorns worked hard to pick them all and what a harvest we got!! They scooped, chopped, made soup and saved the seeds to plant for next year's crop. The polytunnel is ready and the cycle continues!



Well done Mrs Greenwood, Trev and Little Acorns!

Apples too!

We have a few apple trees in the school grounds and had a great harvest this year! Little Acorns picked them and had some for snack but Y6 went one step further and used them to make apple crumble!

















Cross Country at Ryburn

We competed in the cross country event at Ryburn. Look at all those smiles and medals!! 20 of this lovely bunch have now qualified for the Calderdale finals at Old Brodleyans Rugby Club on Wednesday 25th November. Well done to everyone who took part!











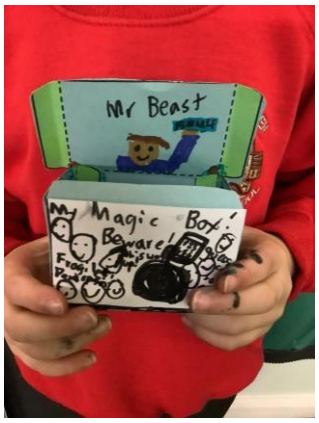




Magic Boxes

Chestnuts have been writing their own version of the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright and they have made their magic boxes in DT.







Remembrance Sunday Services
Hosted by Ripponden Parish Council
Sunday 8th November 2026

Join us in honouring those who served and sacrificed for our country. Families and children are warmly invited to attend any or all of the following services:

9.00: Assemble at Rishworth War Memorial
9.10: Service of Remembrance at Rishworth War Memorial
Parade to Ripponden War Memorial
10.00: Assemble at Ripponden War Memorial
10.10: Service of Remembrance at Ripponden War Memorial
12.00: Assemble at Barkisland Cricket Club
Parade to War Memorial
12.15: Service of Remembrance at Barkisland War Memorial

All are welcome to come together to remember, reflect, and show our respect.

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Mr Steve Fisher

It is with great sadness that we share with you the news that our former Chair of Governors Mr Steve Fisher has passed away. Steve was a fantastic friend to our school for many years and will be well remembered by some of our older children for his wonderful story telling assemblies.

Parking Thank You!

Thank you, your efforts do not go unnoticed. As a reminder, please do not park in parking spaces which are marked for Greenacres Residents only. Parking here causes disruption and inconvenience to our neighbours. We would also ask that you do not park in the cross-hatched areas as these are marked to allow access for emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your understanding and support

Dates for your diary:

November

Mon 2nd School Re-opens

Tues 3rd Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.00pm

Tues 3rd Scholastic Book Fair in the hall 3.10pm – 5pm

Weds 4th Scholastic Book Fair in the hall 3.10pm – 5pm

Thurs 5th Parents Evening – 3.30pm-6.00pm

Thurs 5th Scholastic Book Fair in the hall 3.10pm – 5pm

Fri 6th Reception/KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2.45pm all welcome

Mon 9th Y5/6 Boys Football Competition at Ryburn (after school)

Thurs 12th SENDCo Coffee Morning – 8.40am-9.15am You are welcome to come and have a chat with Miss Smith, our SENDCo, about anything to do with our Special Needs provision. Coffee and biscuits are served too!

Fri 13th Children in Need Day – Dress Down in anything Pudsey Bear related (something yellow or spotty or with Pudsey logos etc). We will be collecting donations to send to the BBC appeal fund – we suggest £1.00 each but please send in what you can.

Fri 13th KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm all welcome

Mon 16th – Fri 20th Anti-Bullying Week

Weds 18th KS2 gymnastics team at competition – details to follow

Fri 20th Reception/KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2.45pm all welcome

Weds 25th Calderdale Cross Country Finals – children who have qualified will be informed

Fri 27th KS2 Celebration Assembly - 2.45pm all welcome

December

Thurs 3rd SENDCo Coffee Morning – 8.40am-9.15am You are welcome to come and have a chat with Miss Smith, our SENDCo, about anything to do with our Special Needs provision. Coffee and biscuits are served too!

Thurs 3rd Christmas Jumper Day – donations for the Christmas raffles please

Fri 4th Clubs finish for Christmas

Fri 4th	PTFA Secret Santa
Sat 5th	11.30 -12.00 Choir singing at Ripponden Christmas Market (outside The Old Bridge Inn)
Weds 9th	10.00am and 2.00pm Rec/KS1 Christmas performances – tickets will be released nearer the time
Fri 11th	Grandparents Around the Tree – our annual invitation to grandparents to hear our lovely children singing Christmas songs. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served!
Mon 14th	9.30 Rocksteady Concert
Thurs 17th	pm KS2 Christmas Performance at St Bartholomew's church
Thurs 17th	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Fri 18th	Teacher Training Day – children not in school.

Fri 18th – Weds 23rd Busy Bees open.

January Mon 4th School re-opens