



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 18th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Well, here we are at the final newsletter of the first half term of school! It's flown by!

The weather has definitely changed, so please make sure that you send your children in with coats and maybe hats, gloves and scarves, as it gets colder. Whenever possible, we get the children out for fresh air and we want them to be appropriately dressed and warm!

It's been Parents Evening this week and it has been so lovely to see so many parents in school. There has been some lovely feedback from parents too, so thank you.

The next half term is such a fun one – with many festive activities for the children to enjoy. Make sure you keep an eye on the newsletter, as well as Facebook and Dojo for updates and activities. A big thank you to the PTFA for organising some of the wonderful activities that we have planned.

Next week we have our Halloween Discos – Tuesday for R/KS1 and Wednesday for KS2. For the R/KS1 disco, the children who are going to the disco can come to school dressed in their spookiest costumes and the KS2 children can bring them in to get ready for their disco at the end of the day. Please make sure, though, that with the costumes, there are no weapons brought into school.

Please remember that next Friday, the school kitchen will be closed for ongoing repairs. All children will need to bring a packed lunch that day. There will be no facilities to make lunches.

I am sure I will see many of you before half term, but if I don't, I hope you have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you after the holidays. Remember we have a teacher training day on Monday 4th November, so we will see you all on Tuesday 5th November.

With kindest regards

Headteacher



Children in Need

Children in Need is a charity we always support and this year is no different. The date is 15th November, but we will be selling merchandise leading up to the event, so we can be really festive! We will have Pudsey ears, pin badges, pens and wrist bands on sale (all £1, apart from ears which are £2.50) We will have a limited stock, so it will be first come, first served. These will be on sale after October half term. Please support this great cause. Details of the day will be sent out nearer the time.

Run Mrs Lomas!

Our very own Mrs Lomas, Year 6 teacher, Assistant Headteacher and maths and PE coordinator is taking on her own challenge. She is running her first marathon in York on Sunday. Not only is she doing this as a personal challenge, she is raising money for Yorkshire Cancer Research, which is a cause that touches many lives and is poignant to many of us. If you would like to and can spare anything, please consider sponsoring her - [Joanne Lomas is fundraising for Yorkshire Cancer Research \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/JoanneLomas) Many thanks and good luck Jo!

Cross Country

On Thursday 10th October, 35 KS2 children attended the annual cross-country event at Ryburn. All of the children did really well, putting everything into their running. We did have a number of top ten results: Harry C came 2nd in the Year 3 boys' race; Willow came 3rd and Evelyn came 9th in the Year 3 girls' race; Elijah came 8th in the Year 4 boys' race and Esme came 4th in the Year 4 girls' race; Grace came 3rd followed by Daniella in 5th and Florence in 7th in the Year 5 girls' race; Arthur came 4th in the Year 6 boys' race and Sophia came an amazing 1st in the Year 6 girls' race!

The Year 4 girls, Year 5 girls and Year 6 boys teams are all through to the Calderdale finals. Also the following individuals: Harry Cross, Evelyn, Willow, Evan B, Elijah and Sophia F.

Well done to all who took part; we are so proud of you all.



Key Stage Two Reading Books

Look at this amazing selection of KS2 reading scheme books! A great big thank you to the PTFA for supporting this from last years fundraising efforts and to everyone who supported PTFA in any way. Many thanks, too, to Mrs Kenny for researching, ordering and organising the books into the Learning Zone. What a fantastic resource for the children once they finish Little Wandle!



Willows dance the Samba!

Willows are currently enjoying an exciting dance unit in PE. We have learnt all about Brazil and the festivals that take place in Rio. We have thoroughly enjoyed our Samba dancing!



Ripponden Christmas Markets

Once again, there will be wonderful Christmas Markets in Ripponden this December. They are such a lovely, festive start to the season and our very own choir will be opening events, singing Christmas songs down by The Bridge at 11am on Saturday 7th December. It is always a lovely, village event, with craft stalls and food and drink. Please come along and support our choir!

Great Oaks Map Work

Great Oaks have been working hard in Art and Design to look at different techniques to create abstract maps. We have used our drawing skills, overlapping skills and pattern skills to explore how different materials can create different effects in the style of a map.



Busy Bees – don't forget to get booked in for half term!

Monday 28th Breakfast served between 8-9am Pumpkin Paper Plates 	Tuesday 29th Breakfast served between 8-9am Cotton Wool Ghost Craft 	Wednesday 30th Breakfast served between 8-9am Witch & Ghoul Games 	Thursday 31st Breakfast served between 8-9am Lolly Pop Spider Web Craft 	Friday 1st Breakfast served between 8-9am Firework Wands 
Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch Ghost Cookies 	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch Pumpkin Carving 	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch Bat Cups 	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch Halloween Party Fancy Dress 	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch Film Afternoon 
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm

Elmer Day!

Little Acorns had an Elmer Day to celebrate how unique and special we all are. We dressed in bright, colourful clothes and decorated our elephant ears for a tea party with cake. We finished the day with a parade around the hall at assembly time. What a special day!



Bikeability

Some of our Year children had their Bikeability course this week, with the remaining taking place next week. Everyone that attended this week's sessions put in 100% effort and they all learned something new. Even though not everyone passed level one they all gained a little confidence. It was fantastic to see them have fun and gain more knowledge!



THE EXTRAORDINARY STORY of SAINT FRANCIS of ASSISI - THE MUSICAL

To mark the beginning of the 800th year of the world's most popular saint in one year's time – on the **first weekend of October 2025** in St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Ripponden, West Yorkshire **HX6 4DF** we are putting on a piece of **musical theatre** – in other words, something that anyone and everyone, of any age – from our **churches, schools** and **community-groups** can join in creating with whatever talents you can bring:

- singing / dancing / acting
- reading aloud / playing an instrument
- making costumes / props / scenery / tea and cake
- lighting / recording / filming
- fetching / carrying / storing

To find out how you could get involved there one more Sunday afternoon taster session, including the story, songs, and all the whats, whens & wheres on: **20th October** from 3.00pm to 4.00pm, and then more involved sessions, with speech & movement **3-5pm** on: **3rd+10th+17th November**.
[If you're under 16, you'll need to be accompanied by an adult.]

We look forward to seeing you.

Very best wishes – Stephen.

[Rev'd. Stephen Southgate TSSF – Vicar of the Ringstone Benefice, W. Yorks]



Our Saint Francis Window
at Deanhead

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.

October

Monday 21 st	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 24 th	Boccia at Ryburn
Friday 25 th	R/KS1 celebration assembly – 2.45pm School closes for half term
W/C Monday 28 th	Half term – Busy Bees open

November

Monday 4 th	Teacher training day – school closed, Busy Bees open
Friday 8 th	KS2 celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Wednesday 13 th	Parent coffee morning Boys football tournament at Ryburn (after school)
Thursday 14 th	Sportshall Athletics at Ryburn
Friday 15 th	Children in Need R/KS1 celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Friday 22 nd	KS2 celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Friday 29 th	R/KS1 celebration assembly – 2.45pm

December

Friday 6 th	KS2 celebration assembly – 2.45pm Clubs finish for Christmas
Monday 9 th	Rocksteady concert
Wednesday 11 th	R/KS1 Christmas productions at 10am and 2pm
Thursday 19 th	KS2 Christmas Production – Church – 2pm School closes for Christmas
Friday 20 th	Staff training day – school closed, but Busy Bees open

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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Growing Together, Reaching for the Sky

	September	October	November	December
1				
2	TRAINING DAY			
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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		
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27	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly			
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29			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
30	Nasal flu vaccinations			
31				

	January	February	March
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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
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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	
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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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