



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Another fabulous couple of weeks and school is in full flow, with excellent teaching and learning, super attitudes to learning and extra-curricular activities to support the development of all of our children.

Ripponden is a really special place, with wonderful children, hardworking and dedicated staff and incredibly supportive families and governors. I am excited to start showing prospective parents around from next week, for them to choose which school they would like to send their child to. If you know of any families with children due to start school next September, please ask them to email or call the office. We don't do Open Days, like some other schools do. We like to show families what a typical day in school is like and I also like to do tours on an individual basis. This way, I can really focus on the family, tell them specific things about school and answer any specific questions they may have. This is often tricky in a larger group.

Don't forget individual and family photos are taking place on Tuesday. Preschool children who are wanting to be included can come from 8.30am and other school-aged siblings will be taken during the school day.

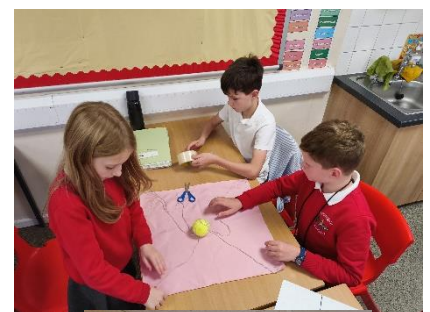
Thank you for your support,

Bamforth

Headteacher

Maples' Forces Experiments

Year 5 are studying forces. They conducted a parachute investigation to determine whether air resistance would cause a larger parachute (with greater surface area) to travel to the ground more slowly than a smaller parachute. The size of the canopy was the independent variable (they changed that), time was the dependant variable (they measured that), and the controlled variables were the length of strings, the mass of the object attached and the height it was dropped from (these were kept the same to make it a fair test). A lot of vocabulary was learnt as well! The results showed that the larger parachute did travel more slowly. There was some great teamwork and organisation!

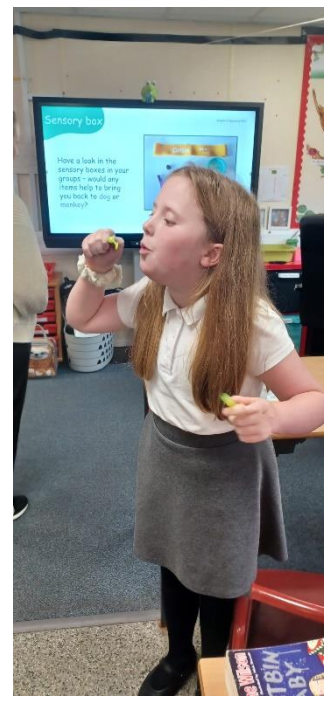
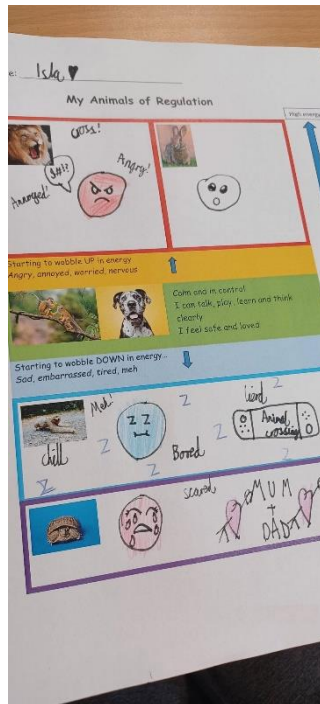


Run Mrs Lomas!

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 20th October. She has been training hard in all weathers and is just about race ready. 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/Joanne-Lomas-is-fundraising-for-Yorkshire-Cancer-Research) Many thanks and good luck Jo!

Open Minds Session

Year 3 and Year 6 children enjoyed a useful workshop from Open Minds on self-regulation last week. The children participated really well, were super engaged and found the session both fun and useful. Many thanks to Open Minds.



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.

Girl's Football Team Does Us Proud!

On Wednesday 25th September, our Year 6 girls competed in their first tournament together. They played really well throughout, showing great sportsmanship. They won 3 matches, drew 1 and lost 2, which resulted in them coming a magnificent 2nd and only 2 points behind the winners! Well done, girls, we are all very proud of you!



Safety Alert from Calderdale Public Health Team

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) has issued a safety alert for a product commonly known as 'water beads' (<https://www.gov.uk/product-safety-alerts-reports-recalls/product-safety-alert-water-beads-psa7>), alongside a news story (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/opss-issues-safety-alert-to-warn-of-the-risks-of-water-beads>).

Water beads are marketed to fulfil a variety of different purposes, which can include being used as a toy, or in crafting, home decor and floristry.

The alert highlights the harms caused by the dehydrated bead/s when swallowed that can expand post-ingestion, causing a blockage along the gastrointestinal (GI) digestive tract requiring surgical removal. Additionally, a hydrated or dehydrated bead can cause asphyxiation from aspiration if swallowed.

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

Tuesday 8 th	Individual and family photographs – Tempest from 8.30am Phonics open session in Little Acorns – 11am
Wednesday 9 th	Parents Coffee morning – 8.40-9.30am
Thursday 10 th	Cross country at Ryburn
Friday 11 th	R/KS1 celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 14 th	Book Fair on all week Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 15 th	Year 6 Bikeability Parents Evening
Thursday 17 th	Parents Evening

Friday 18 th	KS2 celebration assembly – 2.45pm
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 Bikeability		
15		Y6 Bikeability 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 Bikeability		
22		Y6 Bikeability	KS2 Celebration Assembly	
23				
24	PTFA Meeting			
25	Open Minds Workshops Phonics information session	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly Break up for half term		
26				
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 <u>Assembly</u> <u>Reports Out</u>
12		Y6 SATs Week		
13			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
14				
15				
16		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	Y6 Residential all week	Year 6 Production
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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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