



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back and for those I haven't seen, Happy New Year!

And what a start to the new year! With so much snow and ice it didn't start the year off as we had planned, but in typical Ripponden spirit, the team pulled together, and we opened from Tuesday. Thank you, as always, for your support and understanding when it comes to adverse situations – these are times when you cannot please everyone. When we open, some think we should shut, when we shut, some think we should open, but what we do, is always with the safety of the children and staff at the forefront of our minds.

The Spring term is always one with lots of hard work and progress from the children. We had our termly pupil progress meetings this week and it was a joy to hear how hard the children are working and how their teachers know them so well. There is a parents evening scheduled in for after half term, where you will be able to hear for yourself just how well your child is doing and what they are working on to make even more progress.

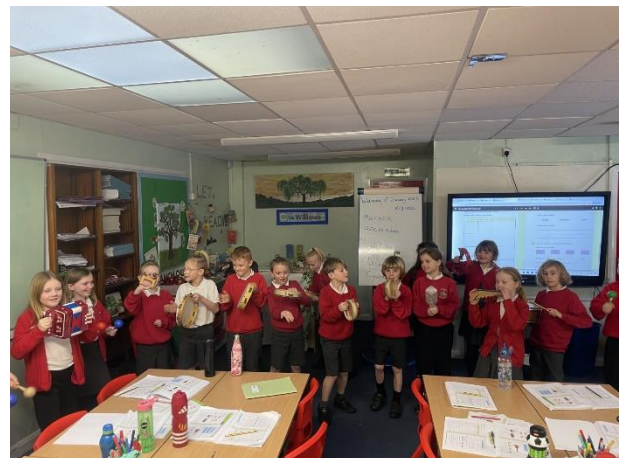
Here's looking forward to a great Spring term together!

With kindest regards

Headteacher

Willows are Scientists!

This week Willows have explored how sounds are made when objects vibrate. The children were exposed to the different ways objects vibrate to produce sounds, including musical instruments, radios, and animals. It was a very noisy lesson, but we had lots of fun creating the Willows Science Band!





Little Acorns Explore the Snow

The snow doesn't stop Little Acorns! Children donned their snow suits and played, slid and built igloos! What a fabulous time they had!

Redwoods' Jewish Music

In Redwoods, to end the topic on Judaism in RE, the children were tasked with writing a song which included references to Jewish celebrations. So, in advance we revised several celebrations including names and how they were celebrated. The children were to set their lyrics to the tune of a famous or well-liked song. Once the songs were written and practised, they were able to perform their song to the class if they so wished. Songs covered included Wonderwall and Bohemian Rhapsody amongst others. The lyric writing on display was of a very high quality. It brought our topic to a wonderful conclusion.





Panathlon Ten-Pin Bowling Competition

On Monday 13th January, some of our children were honoured to be invited by St James's Place to participate in the Panathlon Challenge at Electric Bowl in Halifax. We joined other local school for an exciting afternoon. All the children and support staff had an amazing time taking part, and we were incredible proud that Ripponden J&I School came in first place!

A massive thank you to St James's Place for sponsoring the event!



Daily Mile Bronze Medallists

Well done to the medallists from Maples, who have achieved their bronze award on our running track! Keep running guys!



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.

January 2025

Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 24 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Friday 31 st	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

February

Monday 3 rd	Children's Mental Health Week Curing Competition
Tuesday 4 th	Year 3/4 Workshop on the importance of sleep
Wednesday 5 th	Year 5/6 Workshop on coping with stress and worries
Thursday 6 th	Yoga Workshops for Reception and Key Stage 1
Friday 7 th	Dare to Be You – Dress Down fundraiser for Healthy Minds KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Wednesday 12 th	Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 14 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm Break up for half term
W/C 17 th	School closed – Busy Bees Open all week
Monday 24 th	School reopens
Friday 28 th	Young Voices – Coop Arena, Manchester KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

March

Tuesday 4 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day Parents' Evening
Friday 7 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Wednesday 12 th	Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 14 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 17 th	Saplings Calderdale Book of the Year Workshop
Friday 21 st	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Friday 28 th	Clubs finish for Easter KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 31 st	Rock Steady Concert

April

Wednesday 2 nd	Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 4 th	Break up for Easter

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

	January	February	March
1			
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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
22			
23			
24	KS2 Celebration Assembly	School reopens Young Voices	
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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	
14				
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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