



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Well, we have had a brilliant few weeks of the new school year and in some ways, it feels like the summer is a distant memory! The children have approached the new school year with enthusiasm and excitement. There is a real buzz around school with wonderful activities going on and lots of learning.

The children may have told you that we are having a real clamp down on 'low level behaviour'. What this means is that, while behaviour at school is really good, there are times and moments where noise levels are too high, interruptions are occurring during lessons or movement around school is not as calm and controlled as it could be. As always, we bring this back to the 'Branch Out' system we have in place and the children are responding really positively to it. Our primary aim is for everyone to get the best education possible and by minimising the disruptions, this will further support this.

As always, we really value home/school relationships so please get in touch if you ever need to. I am usually on the playground both morning and evening or you can always speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support,

Headteacher

Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe is the number one priority for us here at school. We have a number of key people who you should contact if you have any safeguarding concerns.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is **Mrs Lorraine Bamforth** (Headteacher)

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) are **Mrs Jude Kenny** and **Mrs Jo Lomas** (Assistant Headteachers), as well as **Miss Lily Smith** (Senco) and **Mr James Haigh** (Busy Bees coordinator)

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility; please speak to us if you have any concerns. There is also lots of information regarding safeguarding on our website.

Our Lovely Little Acorns

We are so proud of how our Little Acorns have settled into school! They have been busy exploring all our resources and different areas both inside and out of the classroom. Well done Little Acorns!



Edstart Activity Day

On Tuesday we were treated to a day of fun sporting activity from Edstart. Our year 6 rounders' team last year won this day as their prize for coming first at the rounders' tournament in June. KS1 were treated to a fundamental movement skills lesson and KS2 had fun learning the basics in American football. The feedback from the children and staff was all very positive - great fun and lots of physical activity!

Edstart are also running an American football club after school on a Tuesday for KS2 - there are a few places left if you hurry!



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.

September

Tuesday 24th

Wednesday 25th

Friday 27th

Monday 30th

PTFA AGM at school – all welcome

Open Minds Resilience Workshops for Y3 and Y6

Girls Football tournament at Ryburn (after school)

Phonics information session for parents (R/KS1) at 6pm

R/KS1 celebration assembly – 2.45pm

Nasal flu vaccinations

October

Friday 4th

Tuesday 8th

Wednesday 9th

KS2 celebration assembly – 2.45pm

Individual and family photographs – Tempest from 8.30am

Phonics open session in Little Acorns – 11am

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			
3				
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			
28				
29			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
30	Nasal flu vaccinations			
31				

	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
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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	
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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