



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term! I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday – the weather was very good to us!

Thank you to everyone who sent in holiday family pictures – please see selection below. It is so lovely to see so many of you enjoying our Great Outdoors! Mrs Lomas has made a display of these pictures on the board outside of the hall – please come and have a look when you get chance.

This half term is such an amazing one! It is filled with hard work, but also lots of festivities and exciting Christmas activities. We try and get dates out as quickly as possible (see dates below) and reminders when we can, but please make sure you don't miss any of the activities on the go.

As always, as the weather is dropping colder, please make sure that you send your child in with appropriate clothing – always with a coat and maybe with hats, gloves and scarves as it gets colder. The weather can be unpredictable and changeable, so it is always best to be prepared!

Have a lovely weekend

With kindest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V Bamforth".

Headteacher

Well done, Mrs Lomas!

A huge well done and congratulations to Mrs Lomas for completing her first marathon in York. The conditions weren't great, and it was a very soggy day, but our very own superstar crossed the line in 4 hours and 37 minutes!

Thank you to everyone who supported her with her fundraising efforts. As you know, she was raising money for Yorkshire Cancer Research, which is a cause very close to many hearts.

Jo raised £621.50 + £140.38 Gift Aid, which takes her total to a whopping **£761.88!** Just fantastic! Thanks to everyone but a huge well done to Mrs Lomas!





Children in Need

We have been selling Children in Need merchandise this week and still have some left for next week.

We have Pudsey headbands (£2.50), pin badges (£1), wristbands (£1) and pens (£1).

Next Friday (15th) is Children in Need Day and we will be supporting this charity by having a non-uniform day. Please bring your donations (suggested £1) to contribute to this very worthwhile cause. The theme this year is to 'Make Life Lighter for Children' – something we all strive to do. You can come dressed in spots, in Pudsey outfits (I think Asda sell them?) or any outfit (appropriate for school) and support this charity. Many thanks for your support.

Boccia

Just before half term, some children from Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 went to Ryburn for a Boccia morning. They were all extremely well behaved and everyone took part in each activity. It wasn't a competition, it was just about enjoying new activities and having new experiences. Staff were so proud of all the children, and they did our school proud. The children really enjoyed the morning; they are all inspirational.



School Xmas tree bauble competition!

£1 PER BAUBLE MON 18TH & TUE 19TH NOV

- Baubles can be bought for £1 from the office in a morning. OR send £1 in an envelope with child's name and class on.
- Decorate 1 side of the bauble at home & put their name & class on the back.
- Bring back to school by Friday 29th Nov
The Bauble will be placed on the school tree for all to see & brought home at the end of term for your own tree!

PRIZES FOR THE BEST BAUBLE FROM EACH CLASS



Well done, Mabel!

A huge well done to Mabel, from Maples who was the first in the whole school to achieve the Grove Award this year. Mabel embodies our Branch Out values of being kind & caring, resilient, making good choices, showing respect and being enthusiastic! Well done, Mabel!

Hallowe'en Disco Fun!

Thanks to everyone who joined in the Hallowe'en disco fun! A great time was had by all. A huge thanks, as ever, goes to our wonderful PTFA for making it happen. See below for pictures!





Such creativity!

A huge well done to Magnus, who created this amazing masterpiece just before half term. He came up with the idea of making a Hallowe'en themed puppet theatre and executed all the parts brilliantly! Great job, Magnus!

Autumn Family Challenge

Thank you to everyone who sent in their photos. Here is just a selection!



Orienteering

On Thursday afternoon, eight year 6 children took part in an orienteering competition at the Osca Foundation in Ovenden. The children worked in two teams to find various check points across the fields. This involved a lot of running and also careful map reading. Our children were very competitive and determined to come first, which they did! Well done to the whole team - you were brilliant! A huge thank you to parents and grandparents who helped transport, too!





Christmas Jumper/Dress Down

Day

On Friday 29th November, we will be having our annual Christmas jumper/dress down day. In exchange for coming dressed fabulously festive, please bring a hamper donation to be raffled off at Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree.

Like previous years, we are asking for a rainbow of treats, to ensure we get some vibrant and colourful hampers. Please bring an item in according to your child's class.

Little Acorns – Red
 Saplings – Orange
 Great Oaks – Yellow
 Chestnuts – Green
 Willows – Blue
 Maples – Pink
 Redwoods – Purple

Let's see how creative you can be!

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.

November

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 – dress down day Maples Class to Bankfield Museum – linking project Healthy Schools Award Presentation R/KS1 celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 18 th	Baubles on Sale
Tuesday 19 th	Baubles on Sale
Thursday 21 st	Great Oaks to the War Memorial
Friday 22 nd	KS2 celebration assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 25 th	Mental Health & Wellbeing information session for parents – 3.30pm
Friday 29 th	Christmas Jumper Day with Hamper Donation Bauble deadline back into school R/KS1 celebration assembly – 2.45pm

December

Tuesday 3 rd	Christmas Pudding Order deadline
Wednesday 4 th	Cross Country
Friday 6 th	Secret Santa
	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
	Film Night for Y3/4
Thursday 12 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 13 th	Grandparents Around the Christmas Tree
Thursday 19 th	KS2 Christmas Production – Church – 2pm
	School closes for Christmas
Friday 20 th	Staff training day – school closed, but Busy Bees open
Monday 23 rd	Busy Bees Open
Friday 27 th	Busy Bees Open
Monday 30 th	Busy Bees Open

January 2025

Thursday 2 nd	Busy Bees Open
Friday 3 rd	Busy Bees Open
Monday 6 th	School reopens

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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	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			
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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
22			
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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
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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