



Ripponden J&I News

September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

Thank you so much for doing a great job of getting your children prepared to come back to school. It has been a lovely, calm start to the term with lots of catching up with friends and finding out things about our new classes. Let's hope the calm and enthusiasm continues for many weeks to come.

Our newsletters come out every month and will contain a round-up of things that have been going on in school. They will also share lots of information, reminders and dates etc. Dates will be frequently updated so please keep an eye on the newsletter and Dojo for current correct information.

If you would like to get in touch about anything then please drop in at reception or email the office at: office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk who will forward your message on. You may also be able to catch me in the playground at pick up or drop off times.

Headteacher

Next newsletter due out 30/9/26

Reminder – September price increases: **School Meals**

Due to rising costs we have had to make the decision to increase school meals.

From the 1st September 2026 the new cost of school meals will be **£2.65 per day or £13.25 per week** (we are still the cheapest school in the area!)

Busy Bees

Busy Bees – wrap around care fees with effect from September 2026:

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TERM TIME:	FIRST CHILD	ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS
Morning session (7.30-8:45am)	£6.25	£5.75
Afternoon session (3.15-6pm)	£9.00	£8.50

Holiday fees with effect from September 2026:

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:	FIRST CHILD	ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS
Half day (8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm)	£14.00	£13.00
Full day (8am – 6pm)	£28.00	£26.00

Clubs will start w/c 28th September

Clubs will start slightly later in the term than usual as we have some after-school staff training dates booked for the next few weeks. We would like to have all clubs starting in the same week rather than to have to cancel various ones until our training is finished. Information and booking options will be out by the end of the week.

Welcome Meetings

There are Welcome Meetings for every class this week. Days and times have been published on class Dojo pages. If you have not been able to make the meeting then please check the class page on the website at the end of the week as all powerpoints will be available there.

Parking Reminder

Please do not park in parking spaces which are marked for Greenacres Residents only. Parking here causes disruption and inconvenience to our neighbours. We would also ask that you do not park in the cross-hatched areas as these are marked to allow access for emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your understanding and support

Communication

All communication for staff members should be via the office. This is particularly important for medical, behavioural, home matters and pick up information. Dojo is for very simple messages that don't require a reply. Staff may not read or respond to any Dojo message before 8.30am and after 4.30pm. Please also bear in mind that they are teaching during the day and do not check messages during teaching times. We will always endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible and our replies will usually be an email, phone call or face-to-face message.

Contact details are:

office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk

telephone: 01422 823362

Diary Dates

The vast majority of our important dates are published in many places:

- Class Dojo – in the calendar and automatic reminders are sent out
- Newsletters – monthly with important dates for the next few weeks
- Parents Year Overview Calendar – issued at the beginning of the year and then re4-issued with every newsletter with any updates
- Website (currently being updated)

Please check dates as they may be changed from those originally published at the beginning of the year.

The Parents Overview issued today is v2 as we have now had confirmation of our KS2 Christmas Performance in church.

Dates for your Diary

September

- Mon 7th Little Acorns Welcome Meeting - 3.15pm
Great Oaks Welcome Meeting - 3.30pm
- Tues 8th Willows Welcome Meeting - 3.30pm
- Weds 9th Saplings Welcome Meeting - 3.30pm
Redwoods Welcome Meeting - 3.30pm
- Thurs 10th Chestnuts Welcome Meeting - 3.30pm
Maples Welcome Meeting – 3.30pm
- Fri 11th Reception/KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2.45pm all welcome
- Weds 16th Reception class eye screening by NHS (am)
- Fri 18th KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm all welcome
- Thurs 24th SENDCo Coffee Morning – 8.40am-9.15am
You are welcome to come and have a chat with Miss Smith, our Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator about anything to do with our Special Needs provision. Coffee and biscuits are served too!
- Fri 25th Little Acorns Stay and Read session – 8.40-9.00am
Little Acorns parents are welcome to come into the classroom and share a book with their little ones.
Reception/KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2.45pm all welcome
- Mon 28th Clubs start this week
Y5/6 Girls Football Competition at Ryburn – after school
- Tues 29th Phonics Information event – 6pm in school.
Find out about how we teach your children to read using phonics. This is aimed particularly at Reception parents but all are welcome to attend.

October

- Fri 2nd KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm all welcome
- Tues 6th Individual photos taken by Tempest (am)
- Thurs 8th SENDCo Coffee Morning – 8.40am-9.15am
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- Fri 9th Reception/KS1 Celebration Assembly - 2.45pm all welcome
- Fri 16th KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm all welcome
- Mon 19th-Thurs 22nd Y6 Bikeability – more information to follow on Class Dojo
- Thurs 22nd Break up for Half Term
- Fri 23rd Staff Training Day – children not in school
- Mon 26th – Fri 30th Half Term