



# Ripponden J&I News

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon,

What a busy 2 weeks we have had since half-term! This newsletter is full of activities and events that the children have been involved with plus information about things that are coming up. As always please see the dates at the end of the letter for events in the near future and the whole school diary at the very end which covers the rest of the school year.

I have spent much of this week proudly showing off our school to quite a number of prospective parents of children from all age groups. This is as a result of the sad news that our neighbours at Heathfield House will probably be closing their doors in July. Many of these parents arrived at our door in shock that they had been put in the position of having to find a new school for their primary aged children. After looking round and seeing our fabulous school in action many left feeling reassured that they had a super option in Ripponden J&I School. Some are already in the process of putting in their transition requests to transfer their child to us which is wonderful! A big thank you must go to Elisabeth Allison from Heathfield who has been signposting her parents to the local schools and talks about our school with real warmth due to her first hand experience as a parent here.

We are looking forwards to seeing you all at parents evenings this week. If you haven't yet made an appointment then please email the office and they will find you an available slot.

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](mailto: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.

*Jude Kemp*

## **Ripponden Family Quiz - still time to get your ticket!**



Don't forget that our wonderful School Council are trying to raise funds for school.

Please support them (and have some fun as you do) by taking part in their Quiz. This will be after school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm-4.15pm. Tickets are £2 per person or £5 for a family of 4. Please send ticket money (cash only) in an envelope with your child's name and class written on so we can send tickets home. Alternatively, you can buy tickets at the school office but again this must be cash only.



## Chestnuts' Class Reward

After achieving their target Chestnuts had an amazing time in the hall with the big apparatus for their reward.



## Great Fire of Ripponden!



On Thursday afternoons, Great Oaks have been having History lessons with Mrs Bolton. Last half-term, they have been learning about the causes and consequences of the 1666 Great Fire of London. Today they re-enacted the Great Fire in the playground with cardboard boxes. The children recalled all the main facts that they have learned and the fire was put out by London resident and fire volunteer (Damian), who pulled down a house to create a fire break. He was given permission to do this by King Charles II (Gordon, our Rotary Club reader). The fire warden (Amelia) confirmed it was out and the Town Crier (Mrs Bolton) announced the good news to all the residents (Great Oaks). They had been watching from a safe distance, the other side of the River Thames (the brown benches in the playground).

## West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March with this lovely bunch of KS2 children! They all qualified for the West Yorkshire Country Finals at Temple Newsam so we took them along to compete with hundreds of other children. Look at those smiles and blue skies! No medals but every single one of our children ran their hearts out. Well done!



## Boys Football Ripponden V Copley

Ripponden 3 – 6 Copley

We started really well with an amazing 2 goal lead but then Copley made an amazing comeback to 2-3. Moments later we had chance after chance after chance but the half-time whistle blew. In the second half Copley scored 2 outstanding goals to put it 2-5. Then a few more chances Ripponden scored and then it was 3-5 but then out of the traps Copley scored another and five minutes later the full-time whistle blew then that was how the game ENDED.

By Evan

## PTFA Mothers Day Shop

RIPPONDEN J & I SCHOOL PTFA

# Mother's Day SHOP

## Friday 13th March

For just £3 you can get a lovely surprise little bag of gifts selected by your children!

There will also be an opportunity for children to buy for any other special ladies if they wish. Please send £3 per person they would like to buy for.

For those that want to pay by bank transfer, please use the following details giving your child's name and year group:

Ripponden PTFA.  
Sort Code: 30-93-76  
Account No: 02603992

## World Book Day

A fabulous day of dressing up, dressing down and books, books and more books!

Lots more photos to see on Class Dojo.



## Are you going to the Ball?!

The PTFA Gala Ball is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please support them and their ambitious aim to raise £20000 this year to update the school playground equipment. Tickets can be bought online, just follow this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/ripponden-gala>

**Fundraiser for a new playground**

Total: £20,000

The school playground equipment is in need of an upgrade. The PTFA are organising a Spring Gala with the aim of raising as much as possible towards our £20,000 target. This will pay for a new set of equipment for all our children to enjoy. The date of the gala will be Saturday 18th April, with further details being released soon. Let's raise some cash by raising a glass!

# RIPPONDEN CHILDREN'S DAY 2026

Be part of the magic

Ripponden Children's Day has been a firm favourite of our village for over 50 years!

Join us for another **unforgettable day** at Ripponden Children's Day 2026!

**Date:** Saturday 20 June 2026

**Location:** Mill Fold Park, Ripponden

From **cheering crowds** to **thrilling races** and **fantastic prizes** to **tasty food**, there's something for everyone at this full village celebration.

## Highlights

- **Children and Parent & Child Races:** Join in on the fun and race to win!
- **Local Primary Schools Competing:** The winning primary school wins a trophy and £100 for their school to spend on sports equipment
- **BBQ & Refreshments:** Delicious treats for everyone!
- **Community Spirit:** Experience the joy of coming together.

## Get Involved

Being part of Ripponden Children's Day is not just about attending; it's about active involvement and making an impact! Here's how you can contribute:

- **Volunteer:** Lend a hand on the day.
- **Join the Committee:** Help in the lead-up and planning stages.
- **Donate Raffle Prizes:** Your contributions make the day magical!

## Contact Us

Have questions or ready to get involved? Contact us:

✉ [rippondenchildrensday@outlook.com](mailto:rippondenchildrensday@outlook.com)

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

**Be Part of the Community Magic!**

## **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.***

### **March 2026**

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Clubs finish for Easter
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am - Rocksteady Concert
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Feelings Day – Dress Down Day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Easter Break
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Break

### **April 2026**

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens 8.40am
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

### **May 2026**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATS week
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School closes for half term

### 2025/2026 Calendar of main events (see below)

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.

	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
1		KS2 Celebration	School reopens	
2				
3				Clubs finish for summer Transition Day
4		BANK HOLIDAY		
5			KS2 Celebration	
6				
7				
8			Redwoods Residential all week	
9				
10				Reports Out
11		Y6 SATs Week		
12			R/KS1 Celebration	
13	School reopens			
14				
15		KS2 Celebration.		Year 6 Production
16			Class photos	
17				School closes for summer
18				
19			KS2 Celebration	
20	Clubs restart			
21				
22		R/KS1 Celebration. Close for half term	Sports Week	
23			Sports Day	
24	R/KS1 Celebration.			
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26			R/KS1 Celebration	
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