



Ripponden J&I News

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Another couple of weeks have flown by and only another couple until Easter! This year is whizzing by!

The children have been enjoying the sunshine and working hard both in and out of the classroom and making great progress. Within the next two weeks, teachers will be assessing the children for the spring term and so it is important that every child is in school every day, so we can really see how much progress they have made.

Have a look at some of the great things that we have been up to and the lovely plans we have for the next few weeks.

With kindest regards

Bamforth

Headteacher



Calderdale Book of the Year Workshop

Saplings had a visit from the library and were very lucky to be read 6 books! We then voted for our favourite picture book and Saplings chose 'How to Spot a Unicorn'. We now have 6 new and exciting books in our reading corner, and we are looking forward to seeing which book is chosen as the overall winner.



Yorkshire Panathlon Champions!

On Wednesday this week, we took our fabulous bowling team to Hollywood Bowl in Leeds for the Yorkshire Finals, following our victory in the Calderdale competition.

The boys bowled amazingly, and their sense of camaraderie and teamwork was outstanding. Not only that, but they only went and won!! Our boys are the all-Yorkshire Champions in Ten-Pin Bowling!

We didn't know at the time, but this was a national event, with regional competitions taking part across the country and our team were narrowly pipped to 3rd place by an astonishing 0.83! What a fantastic achievement!

On top of this, certificates were awarded to any child who scored above 100. We were delighted that Eric was one of these children. However, we were overjoyed to learn that not only had he scored above 100, but he also scored the highest in Yorkshire, with a whopping 128!! Just incredible, well done Eric!

A fantastic achievement for all – very proud of you!



Grease is the Word!
 Last Tuesday, Redwoods were treated to an afternoon at Rishworth School watching their students perform the children's version of Grease. We all had a great time and really enjoyed the show. We were treated to popcorn and a drink and at the end we even got signatures from the cast!



Join us for an evening of Fun & Fashion with Chainreaction at

St Bartholomew's, Priest Lane, Ripponden, Sowerby Bridge on

Wednesday 2nd April 2025.

Tickets £5 available from Tina 07733 183 063 or email rippondenguides@gmail.com

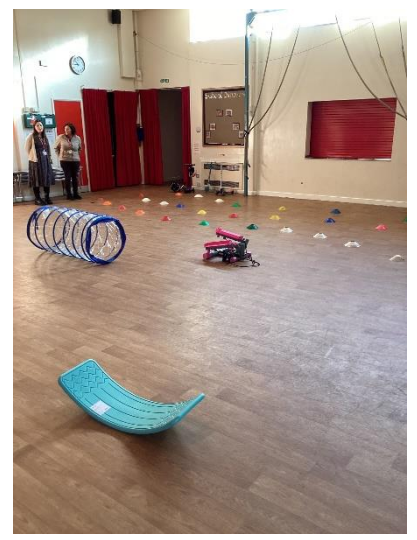
Doors open 6.45pm and Fashion Show starts at 7.30pm

There be refreshments available on the night.



Sensory Circuits up and running!

After weeks of thought, planning and resourcing, sensory circuits are ready to go! Thank you so much to the very generous parents and grandparents who have ordered something from the Amazon wish list to support this – we are overwhelmed by your generosity. Miss Smith, along with support assistants in school have planned out the week of sensory circuits and will be trialling it with some children next week. Watch this space as I will update with pictures of the children accessing them, as well as other developments we have in the pipeline!



Elmo treads the boards!

A very big well done to our very own Elmo, who has been treading the boards in the Ripponden panto. We know Elmo loved doing this and I am sure we will see his name in lights in the not-so-distant future! Keep it up!



Little Acorns Embrace Indian Culture

Little Acorns have been finding out about India this week. They loved tasting the food! They also did some Bollywood dancing, made spicy tea, tried on saris and even painted with spices. It has been a really colourful week!



RIPPONDEN J & 1 SCHOOL PTFA

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SHOP

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

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

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

RIPPONDEN SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

BREAK THE RULES DAY

Friday 4th April 2025

50p for each rule broken. £3 to
break as many rules as you
want!

(RULES THAT CAN BE BROKEN)

SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN

NO TRAINERS

NO MAKE-UP

NO CRAZY HAIR STYLES

NO TEMPORARY TATTOOS

ONLY HEALTHY SNACKS AT BREAKTIME

NO NAIL VARNISH

ONLY WATER IN BOTTLES

We are raising money for the 'grow your own' project. The project will support
the school in achieving the diamond Healthy Schools Award!

Busy Bees at Easter

We will be open all of the Easter holidays, except Good Friday. We have a Wicked themed week and an Easter Week. Bookings can be made on the app now – looks like great fun!

					
Monday 7th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Tuesday 8th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Wednesday 9th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Thursday 10th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Friday 11th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	
Elphaba Hats 	Defying Gravity Broomsticks 	Glittering Glinda Wands 	Magic Star  Biscuits	Wicked & Wonderful Games 	
Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	
Glinda's Bubbles 	Flying Monkey Crafts 	Make Elphaba's Fizzing Potion 	Wicked Witch Bookmarks 	Movie Afternoon 	
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30- 4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30- 4.30pm	

		<h1>Easter Fun</h1>			
Monday 14th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Tuesday 15th April Breakfast served between 8-9am	Wednesday 27th March Breakfast served between 8-9am	Thursday 28th March Breakfast served between 8-9am		
Easter Egg Cards 	Easter Nests 	Easter Bonnet Competition 	Easter Egg Baskets 		
Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch	Lunch 12-1pm Please bring a packed lunch		
Lollipop Bunnies 	Chick Painting 	Bunny Handprints 	Easter Egg Hunt 		
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm		

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

Thursday 27th
Friday 28th

Maples to Savile Park – Linking Project
Clubs finish for Easter
KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

Monday 31st

Rock Steady Concert

April

Wednesday 2nd
Friday 4th

Parent Coffee Morning
School Council Fundraiser – Break The Rules Day *More information to follow*
Break up for Easter

W/C 7 th	Busy Bees open all week – book on the app
W/C 14 th	Busy Bees open Monday-Thursday - book on the app
Monday 21 st	School Closed – Bank Holiday Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 nd	School reopens for Summer Term
Monday 28 th	Clubs restart

May

Friday 2 nd	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 5 th	School closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 9 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 12 th	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 16 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Thursday 22 nd	Savile Park to visit Maples Musical Soiree – 6pm
Friday 23 rd	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm Close for half term
W/C 26 th	Busy Bees open Tuesday – Friday

June

Monday 2 nd	School reopens
Friday 6 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 9 th	Sports Week Y4 MTC Week Y1 Phonics Week
Tuesday 10 th	Whole School Sports Day
Friday 13 th	Saplings & Great Oaks trip to Temple Newsham KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 16 th	Redwoods on Residential to Langdale all week
Friday 20 th	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Wednesday 25 th	Class photographs
Friday 27 th	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

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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16			
17	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly		
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21			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
22			
23			
24	KS2 Celebration Assembly	School reopens Young Voices	
25			
26			
27			Maples to Savile Park
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	Parent Coffee Morning	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	School reopens	
3				
4	Break the Rules Day 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 Reports Out
12		Y6 SATs Week		
13			KS2 Celebration Assembly Year 1 & 2 Trip to Temple Newsham 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	Savile Park to Visit Maples Musical Soiree 6pm		
23		KS2 Celebration Assembly Close for half term		
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25			Class Photographs	
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27			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
28	Clubs restart			
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