

RAINFORD NEWSFLASH – December 2023

Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God.

Our Christian value for this half term: joy

Psalm 118: 23-24 – ‘This is from the Lord, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.’

Mrs Richardson Retirement

On behalf of the Governors, we would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic job Mrs Richardson has done since coming to the school. She has successfully led the school through many significant changes and met every challenge that has come her way. The school has improved both academically and spiritually so that it is a place where everyone can achieve their best. As a previous Chair of Governors commented ‘Mrs Richardson has a very strong faith which shines through everything she does. Her decisions always have the children at the heart, wanting the very best for them.’ We would like to wish her a happy, healthy, and long retirement and success in whatever she chooses to do in the future.

We would also like to take the opportunity to wish all our families, staff and especially the children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Keith Gratton Diane Pennington
Co Chairs of Governors

Staffing changes

We say a sad farewell and thank you to Mrs Sternberg who is moving onto another school with an enhanced role. She has been a wonderfully nurturing presence with our Year 5 children and she will be missed!

Mrs Bradshaw has been appointed SENCo from January. We wish her well with her new role.

SEN queries should be sent to Mrs Bradshaw at SEN.Rainford@ldst.org.uk

We welcome Mr Samuel Johnson has joined our teaching staff for the rest of the academic year to release staff to have time for their increased leadership responsibilities.

KS1 and Reception trip to Atkinson Theatre

The children had a wonderful Christmas trip to the theatre and for many experienced their first pantomime ‘Jack in the Beanstalk’.

Christmas Activities

Choir

Well done to the choir who performed brilliantly at both the Rainford Village Christmas Fayre and at Christingle in church. Thank you to Miss Jaeger to preparing the children so well.

Posada

Mary (Beatrice), Joseph (Nate) and the angel Gabriel (Eve) have been visiting classes so that children can find room for the baby Jesus. This was celebrated with Janet today in our Crib Service.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

We had a fantastic Christmas lunch together on Christmas Jumper Day. The children really enjoyed it.



Christmas Parties and Talent Show

Children loved their Christmas Parties and are very excited about the Talent Show on the last day of term.

Teardrops Toy Appeal

Thank you to all our families and school community for their kind and thoughtful donations to the Teardrops toy and gift appeal. We were so impressed with your generosity.



Year 1/2 Nativity

We are so impressed with our Y1 and Y2 children's performance at the Nativity in church. Children read their lines brilliantly and what fantastic singing especially from our soloists. Well done everyone!



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone helped make our Christmas Fair successful. A great big thank you to Mrs Heyes and Mrs Hirst for going above and beyond and organising the event and to FORCES. We raised an amazing £1291.79

Poppy Appeal

We raised £423.37 for the Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

New Crib

Many thanks to Mr Ian Lancaster who has made a beautiful new crib for our holy family.



Y4 trip to Liverpool World Museum

We had a fantastic trip to World Museum where the children learned more about mummification and handled ancient Egyptian artefacts and viewed the Egyptian Gallery.

Primary Places Consultation

Please find a link below to the proposed admission arrangements and proposed schemes for the 2025/26 academic year for places at schools in the borough including Rainford C.E.. [Pupil place planning and schools organisation - St Helens Borough Council](https://www.rainfordcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-place-planning-and-schools-organisation)

Polite Reminder

There have been several incidences recently in which parents have expressed their frustrations to staff personally on the playground. We would like to remind parents that if they do have a complaint or a frustration then to send details into school either via the School Office at rainfordp@ldst.org.uk or to the leadership team at Communications.Rainford@ldst.org.uk

We will do our best to resolve any issues as quickly as possible.

The Parent Code of Conduct is available on the School website:

<https://www.rainfordcofe-pri.st-helens.sch.uk/page/parents-code-of-conduct/133495>

Many thanks

End of term

School Closes 2.30pm on Friday 22nd December
After School Club finishes at 4.55pm
School reopens for spring term on Mon 8th January.



The governors and staff at Rainford C.E. wish all our families a joyful Christmas.

Dates for January

Monday 8th January and subsequent Mondays

Catch up swimming for identified children

Tuesday 9th January

FORCES meeting at The Derby Arms 6pm

Thursday 11th January

Reception hearing check

Thursday 18th January

Whole school Spirituality Day

Wednesday 31st January

Year 5 at Crucial Crew

Thursday 1st Feb to Friday 2nd Feb

Year 2 residential