

TRIANGLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Hats Off to Year 6 – You Smashed Your SATs!

This week, our brilliant Year 6 children completed their end-of-key-stage SATs – and we couldn't be prouder of them all!

SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) are national assessments that take place at the end of Year 6 to measure children's attainment in reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling. While these tests provide a snapshot of certain academic skills, at Triangle we strongly believe they are just one of many ways to assess a child's progress, understanding and potential.

We work hard to ensure that SATs do not become a source of stress or pressure for our pupils. Our focus is always on high-quality teaching and building confidence over time. We see tests as a life skill – something our children will come across in different forms throughout their education – but we also know that they can never capture the full picture of a child's strengths, talents, creativity or character.

Our Year 6s have shown such maturity, resilience, and determination throughout this week and we want to say a huge well done to every single one of them. You approached each day with focus and gave your very best – and for that, we are so proud.

A big thank you also goes to Mr March and the entire Year 6 team, whose support, encouragement and expert teaching have helped our children feel well-prepared and cared for throughout. And of course – a special shout-out to our incredible kitchen staff, who prepared the best SATs breakfasts in England! The warm food, smiles and sense of routine helped set a positive tone for each day.

We hope our Year 6s now enjoy a well-deserved rest, over the weekend, and look forward to the exciting final term ahead. There's so much more to come – and we can't wait to celebrate all that makes each of you special.

Congratulations to Miss Steele

I am delighted to share some wonderful news with you all — Miss Steele, our SENCO and Year 4 teacher, is expecting a baby! We are all thrilled for her and know you will join us in sending her your warmest congratulations. Miss Steele's maternity leave will begin in September. After the half-term break, I will be writing to you with full details of our staffing arrangements for the 2025–2026 academic year, including how Miss Steele's roles will be covered during her time away.



We are so pleased for Miss Steele and her fiancée, Adam, as they prepare for this exciting new chapter.

Exciting News – Our New Minibuses Are On the Way!

We're thrilled to let you know that we have just signed the lease agreements for two new school minibuses, which we hope will be delivered in time for the start of the new academic year! Our current agreement was coming to an end and under the terms and conditions, we were unable to renew leases on our current pair.

These minibuses will continue to ensure that we can offer our children a range of school trips, access to sports fixtures, enrichment opportunities and local visits. Without them, the rising cost of coach hire—often hundreds of pounds per trip—would have meant we could only realistically offer one visit per year for each class. **That's not the kind of experience we want for our pupils.** With our own transport, we will continue to take the children on more frequent, more affordable outings, giving them the chance to explore, learn beyond the classroom and enjoy a wider range of experiences.

To help cover running costs, there will be a small increase in the voluntary contributions we ask for as part of trip payments—usually just 50p to a couple of pounds, depending on the mileage. We'll always aim to keep costs as low as possible and give you plenty of notice.

Can You Help? Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed!

To make the most of our new minibuses, we're also looking to expand our number of volunteer drivers to help transport pupils to events and visits. The vehicles are minibus-lites, meaning that no special license is required—just a full UK driving license and a short training course (arranged by us).

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer driver or would like more information, please contact the school office. Your support could make a real difference in helping us broaden the horizons of all our children.

Warmer Weather and the Importance of Hydration



It's been lovely to enjoy some warmer weather recently, with plenty of sunshine and bright days making breaktimes and outdoor learning even more enjoyable for the children. It really does lift everyone's spirits!

As temperatures rise, it becomes especially important for children to stay hydrated throughout the school day. We are actively encouraging all pupils to drink water regularly, particularly during and after physical activity or time spent outside.

However, we've noticed that a number of children—especially in the junior classes—are coming to school without a water bottle. This makes it harder for them to access water quickly and easily during lessons, which can have a direct impact on their focus, energy levels, and ability to concentrate throughout the day.

We kindly ask that all parents ensure their child brings a clearly labelled water bottle to school each day. Even small sips throughout the morning and afternoon can make a big difference to children's alertness and wellbeing.



"Abracadabra!" Y2/3 Just Dance Competition





Yesterday, a small group of our Year 2 and 3 pupils took part in the Just Dance competition—and what a performance it was! Dancing to "Abracadabra" by Lady Gaga, the routine was full of energy and confidence. The standard across all schools was incredibly high, but our children rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and determination. Every child gave it their all, and we couldn't be prouder of the way they represented Triangle.

A huge thank you to Miss Todd for her creativity and dedication in putting together such a fun, routine and to the children for working so hard to learn the moves. Well done to everyone involved—you were amazing!

Sports Week - An update

We're excited to announce that on Thursday 19th June, Triangle will welcome a Team GB athlete as part of our Sports Week celebrations! Every child will take part in a high-energy fitness circuit and attend a special whole school assembly led by the athlete. To support this event, children are invited to gather sponsorships from family and friends—either a set amount or per repetition of the circuit activities.

 **Important Deadline:**
Please return all sponsor forms and cash by Monday 16th June.

 Where the funds go:
60% supports Sports Week activities at school
40% supports the athlete's ongoing training as a GB representative

We understand this follows another recent fundraiser and there is absolutely no pressure to contribute beyond your means. Every little helps, and we're grateful for your continued support.

Let's make it a fantastic week of fitness, fun and inspiration!

Ripponden Children's Sports Day

A reminder that all entries for Ripponden Children's Day (yellow letters sent home) must be returned back to school by no later than Wednesday 21st May.

Missing Kit - A polite request

The summer term is always packed full of sporting events which places a high demand on the use of our sports kits. Please can I ask that any general athletics kit or football kit (both pictured) are returned promptly after each event. We understand the need to wash this and therefore do not expect it back immediately; however, after speaking to a couple of children this week, it appears that some households might have a kit or two laying around their houses.

Please can these be returned to Mr Allen as soon as possible.





Weekly Diary

W/C - 19th May 2025



MON

- Y1 Forest School - pm
- Y5/6 Boys Football match v Ripponden
- Y5/6 Girls Football match v Ripponden

TUES

- Reception Forest School - pm
- Y4/5 Rugby Sessions with Old Rishworthians

WEDS

THU

- Y2 Trip to Rochdale Fire Museum
- Y5/6 Boys Football match v Luddenden

FRI

- Celebration Assembly - 9am - all welcome
- Y4 Swimming at Sowerby Bridge Pool

SUMMER TERM DATES FOR DIARY



Other dates may be added as the term progresses. We will try our best to stick to all these dates. Any changes will be given with as much notice as possible

May

Thurs 1st - Y5/6 Boys Football matches v The Gleddings School
Mon 5th - BANK HOLIDAY
Weds 7th - LKS2 Performance - 2pm start
Weds 7th - LKS2 Performance - 6pm start
Mon 12th - Thurs 15th - Y6 SATs Week
Thurs 15th - Dance Competition (Y2)
Mon 19th - Y5/6 Boys and Girls Football v Ripponden
Thurs 22nd - Y5/6 Rounders Festival at RVHS
Fri 23rd - Sponsored Elephant March in aid of Happy Days
Fri 23rd - School breaks up for half-term



June

Mon 2nd - First day of Summer Term 2
Mon 2nd - Class Photographs
Tues 3rd - Weds 4th - Y3 residential
Thurs 5th - Y5/6 Football Tournament in Rochdale
Weds 11th - New Reception Parent's Evening
Thurs 12th - Y3-6 Athletics at RVHS
Thurs 12th - PTFA Father's Day Shop
Fri 13th - Sun 15th - Y6 Residential to Derwent Hill
Mon 16th - Fri 20th - Theme Week (Sports Week)
Tues 17th - Sports Day (Parents Welcome)
Mon 23rd - Athletics Competition in Rochdale (5pm - 7pm)
Weds 25th - Y2 Football at RVHS
Mon 30th - Back-Up Sports Day (Parents Welcome)



July

Thurs 3rd - Y6 Enterprise Day
Fri 4th - Y6 Transition to Y7
Fri 4th - Whole School Transition Day
Fri 4th - PTFA Summer Event (from 5:30pm)
Tues 8th and Weds 9th - Y5/6 Production (times TBC)
Thurs 10th - Whole School Transition Afternoon
Tues 15th - End of Year Reports out to parents
Thurs 17th - Leavers' Service in Church (1:30pm start)
Fri 18th - STAR Award Assembly (9am start)
Fri 18th - Last Day of Summer Term
Mon 20th and Tues 21st - INSET Days

