



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

What a busy week!



It has been another hot and incredibly busy week in school! We hope that allowing the children to wear their PE kits has helped everyone stay a little more comfortable during the recent spell of hot weather. The classrooms have been uncomfortably warm for both children and staff, so thank you to those families who have been able to collect their children early this week.

It was wonderful to see so many of you supporting our **Sports Days**. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part, and we are very grateful to all of the staff, especially Mr Evans, for organising such successful events. We are now looking forward to our EYFS Sports Day next Friday.

A huge well done also goes to our **school choir**, who gave a fantastic performance of You Are Special to the rest of the school and their families and friends. They sang and performed brilliantly!

With just two weeks of the academic year remaining, there is still plenty to look forward to. Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we head towards the end of another successful year.

Active Uniform



Over the past couple of weeks, during the recent hot weather, we know that many children (and parents!) have appreciated the opportunity to wear a more relaxed uniform.

This, alongside our ongoing work with OPAL to encourage active play and learning, has prompted us to think about whether we should introduce an '**Active Uniform**' option at school.

We have recently become a member of the **Active Uniform Alliance (AUA)** and are keen to hear your views before making any decisions.

For us, an **Active Uniform** would simply mean that children could choose to come to school each day wearing their PE kit. The PE kit already forms part of our existing school uniform, so there would be no new items to purchase. You can view our current uniform guidance here:

<https://www.ravensheadcofeprimary.co.uk/uniform-information/>

Importantly, **an Active Uniform would be entirely optional**. Families who prefer the traditional school uniform would be welcome to continue wearing it every day.

You can find out more about the Active Uniform Alliance by visiting:

www.activeuniform.org

Before considering any changes, we would really value your feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete the short questionnaire below. We will share a summary of the responses in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

[Active Uniform – Fill in form](#)

Goodbye Mrs Thornton



At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Thornton, who is leaving Ravenshead after an incredible 27 years of dedicated service (with a short break in the middle!). During her time here, she has supported and inspired countless children and has been a valued member of our school community. We know that many families, past and present, will have fond memories of her kindness and care. Mrs Thornton will be greatly missed by both the children and staff, and we thank her for everything she has contributed over the years. We wish her every happiness and success for the future.

Help us share our school story



From September, we're looking to build a stronger online presence to celebrate the fantastic things happening at Ravenshead and to help more families discover what makes our school so special.

If you're a social media-savvy parent and would be willing to share your expertise or support us on this journey, I'd love to hear from you!

To help us decide where to focus our efforts, we'd really appreciate it if you could complete the **very brief** survey below to let us know which social media platform(s) you use most regularly. Your feedback will help us reach both our current community and prospective families more effectively.

Thank you for your support!

[Social media platforms – Fill in form](#)

Message from the PTFA



Summer Festival This Weekend! 🎉

We're excited to welcome everyone to our Summer Festival this weekend!

The weather is looking great, so we'll be making the most of it and hosting the event outside on the field and playground. There will be plenty of space to relax, enjoy the activities, and have fun with family and friends.

There will be shade available to help everyone stay comfortable, along with lots of refreshments to keep you cool and refreshed throughout the day.

Entry is just £1 on the gate! For those wanting to enjoy the funfair activities, unlimited bounce bands are available for just £5.

Bring your family and friends and join us for a fantastic summer celebration. We can't wait to see you there! ☺☺



☑ **School Summer Disco – Next Wednesday!** ☑

90 minutes of childcare for no more than £5.50 😊

Join us on Wednesday 15th July for an afternoon of dancing, fun and treats!

📅 Bookings are still open: <https://www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcofeschoolptfa/>

★ KS1 – Foundation to Year 2 – £5.50 (includes treats) ★ KS2 – Years 3 to 6 – £3.50 (please remember to send money for the tuck shop)

When booking, you'll be asked for: ☒ Your child's name ☒ Class ☒ Any dietary requirements

 Children should come to school in their normal school uniform and bring a change of disco clothes to get ready before the event.

We can't wait for a fantastic afternoon of dancing, fun and plenty of treats! 

OPAL Play



A huge **thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our recent Stay and Play event.** It was wonderful to see so many families taking part in the children's play, enjoying the beautiful sunshine and making the most of our OPAL provision. The children absolutely loved sharing their play experiences with you, and it was clear how much they enjoyed having you involved.

Following the success of the event, we are pleased to share that we are planning to hold another **Stay and Play session in the Autumn Term.** We look forward to welcoming you back then.

As we approach the end of term, please remember to **take your child's wellies home.** If your child has outgrown their wellies or waterproof clothing, we would be very grateful if you would

consider **donating them to school** so they can be used as spare items for other children. Donations can be handed in to the **school office**.

Thank you for your continued support of OPAL and helping us provide the best possible play opportunities for all our children.

Parental Controls Guide



Helping children stay safe online is a partnership between school and home. We've included this **Parental Controls Guide** to support families in setting up the free safety features available on many devices, apps and streaming services. It includes step-by-step guidance for smartphones, tablets, games consoles, social media, broadband providers, streaming platforms and search engines, helping you create a safer online environment for your child while encouraging regular conversations about their digital lives.

We hope that you find it useful!

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Roll of Honour



Please feel free to share with us any significant achievements your children have made at home e.g. 10m swimming badge, so we can share them in next week's newsletter and during our 'Celebration Assembly' on a Friday.

Please click on the link to fill in the details of their achievement. We love sharing them!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fLFiE1ndRUC4x3tDwhN-M8hOgSY59GIMuxxXhfzXmkdUQkNSSktETzhKVU1DSkJKTElCWjM3TDZINS4u>

Sadie	Y4	Sadie performed amazingly in her dance show at the weekend. We are all very proud of you xxxx
Harald	Y5	Amazing work passing your Grade 2 Music Theory Exam with a Distinction!
Isaac	Y2	Isaac played in a charity football match raising money for the notts warriors football club. Isaac tried really hard and played really well. Great job Isaac
Anya	F1	Anya played in a charity football match raising money for the notts warriors football club. Anya supported her older brother and tried really hard and played really well.
Hadley	Y1	Went on his first two night residential to Walesby with Beavers and smashed it. Super proud of you Hads ★
Esmé	Y4	A huge well done to Esme who had her dance show this weekend. She danced confidently and beautifully in all of her six dances, for every performance. We are incredibly proud of her. Mum and Dad xx
Kit	Y2	You've moved up stages at Swimming Kit!! We are so proud of you as you've been working so hard to get to the next stage. Well done bud. Xx

Term Dates



The term dates for the academic year (including INSET days), can be found on the school website - <https://www.ravensheadcofeprimary.co.uk/term-dates/>

Summer Term 2026 – Diary Dates	
Wednesday 15 th July	PTA School Disco/ Film night
Thursday 16 th July	Y4 Castleton Residential
Friday 17 th July	Y4 Castleton Residential Foundation Sports Day – 2:30pm
Monday 20 th July	PTA 'Break the Rules' Day
Friday 24 th July	1:30pm – Y6 Leavers Service at the church Last day!

Christian Values in school



These children have been showing our Christian Values in school this week:

Hawks - Josh

Wolves - Isla S

Robins - Nellie

Golden Eagles - Sienna

Squirrels - Isabelle S

Foxes - Everyone!

Deer - Lenny

Owls - Isaac

Rabbits - Frankie

Woodpeckers - Jake

Coming up next week.....



Wednesday 15th July - PTA School Disco/ Film night

Thursday 16th July - Y4 Castleton Residential

Friday 17th July - Y4 Castleton Residential

Friday 17th July - Foundation Sports Day – 2:30pm

Next week's school dinners



Don't forget you have until **9:30am each day** to sign your child up for a delicious school dinner. All dietary needs are catered for and the school dinners are free for children in F2, Y1 and Y2. For children in F1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 they cost **£3.16**.

Please message the office to order a school meal, before 9.30am, on the day.

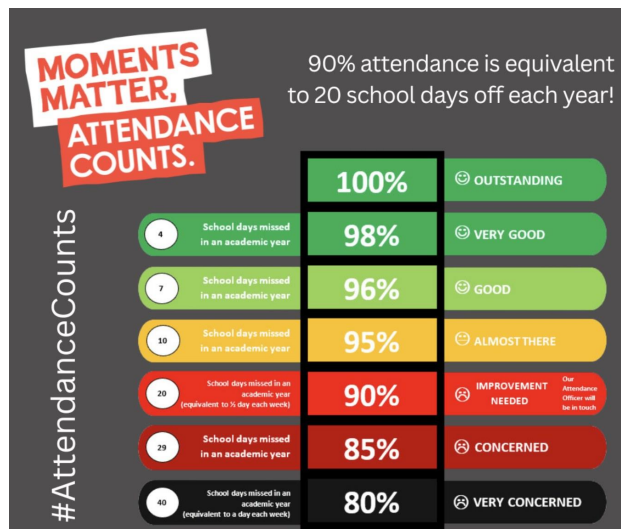
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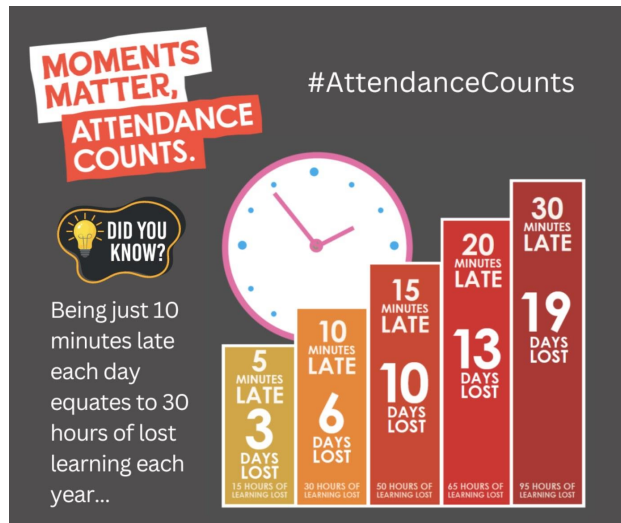
Week commencing
20th April, 11th May,
1st June, 22nd June,
13th July

SPRING SUMMER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red Option	Impossible™ 'Chicken' nuggets' Gluten Soya with potato balls, sweetcorn & tomato ketchup	Chicken bolognese OR Katerveg™ bolognese Soya with spaghetti, Gluten Free and Soya crusty bread Gluten Free and Soya & vegetable sticks	Nottinghamshire sausage Gluten Sulphur Dioxide OR Linda McCartney™ Sausage Gluten Soya Sulphur Dioxide with Yorkshire pudding Gluten Egg Milk mash, broccoli, peas & gravy	Bacon chop OR Southern fried Quorn fillet Gluten with oven chips, green beans & mayonnaise Egg	Fish finger wrap Gluten Fish OR Fishless finger wrap Gluten with jacket wedges, sweetcorn & baked beans
Blue Option	Your school's choice of: Jacket potato with either cheese Milk & beans or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg Sandwich Gluten Soya filled with either cheese Milk & tomato, ham & cheese Milk or cheese Milk All the above options are served with crunchy vegetable sticks or summery salad				
	Available daily: Sliced bread Gluten Soya & fresh fruit				
Pudding	Ice cream tub Milk	Cornflake tart Gluten & custard Milk	Chocolate cookie Gluten	Iced fairy cake Gluten Egg	Golden syrup flapjack Gluten

Attendance Matters





Safeguarding



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If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact one of the Safeguarding leads using the email addresses listed below:

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Mrs Keightley (sophiekeightley@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk)

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