



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

OPAL Success!



Despite a VERY rainy day, we were absolutely delighted to receive our *Platinum Accreditation* for OPAL play this week. Bobby, our OPAL mentor, was able to see first-hand the hard work,

creativity and commitment that has gone into ensuring our children enjoy a high-quality, engaging play experience every lunchtime.

A huge thank you goes to **Mrs Keightley** and **Mrs Broadhead**, who have been the driving force behind OPAL in our school. Their dedication and teamwork have been instrumental in reaching this fantastic achievement.

Well done to everyone involved!

Message from the PTFA



Penny Wars



Our penny wars battle is really on. Thank you for all that have contributed so far. The class winning so far is Squirrels. Well done Squirrels!

School Uniform sale

We will be holding our black Friday pre-loved school Uniform sale today after school in the main hall. Grab yourselves a bargain. Non branded £1, branded £2.

Christmas Disco 10th December



Tickets for our Christmas disco are now live.

The disco runs straight after school until 17:00.

KS1 will have the option of the disco with special guests, or a Christmas film. Ticket price includes a treat bag. (£5.50)

KS2 is our usual popular DJ and tuck shop. (£3.50)

Grab your tickets at: **Friends of Ravenshead CofE Primary School**

Coming up next week....

Christmas card orders will be distributed to each class.

OPAL



It has certainly been a very wet and rainy week for OPAL play, but the children have embraced every moment of it! On Thursday, there was great excitement when a frog decided to move into the huge puddle on the KS2 playground—clearly believing it had discovered a brand-new pond. The children were absolutely fascinated, gathering around with such enthusiasm that it felt as though a celebrity had arrived at school. Moments like these truly show the joy and curiosity that OPAL play inspires.

As many of you will have seen on Dojo, we are incredibly proud to announce that we have been awarded **Platinum OPAL status**, the highest level that can be achieved. Even more impressively, we scored **100%**, making us only the **fourth school** in the areas he works in (East Midlands and Lincolnshire) to reach this standard. We were delighted to celebrate this with the children, and our assessor, Bobby, commented that within just five minutes he could tell that we were a Platinum school because of our fabulous children and the amazing quality of their play.

Looking ahead, we will continue to develop our OPAL play offer by improving our grounds and play opportunities. This work may naturally slow a little over the winter months, as the weather makes outdoor projects more challenging, but our commitment to OPAL remains stronger than ever.

During our OPAL assembly this week, we focused on the importance of being prepared for wet weather. Children need to have **waterproofs and wellies in school every day**, along with a **change of clothes** (joggers, a top and especially spare socks). We do have some spare waterproofs available in school, and children are always encouraged to borrow these if needed.

With snow predicted next week, we hope the children will enjoy lots of exciting play opportunities outdoors. Please ensure they are fully equipped with all their outdoor gear so they can stay warm, dry and ready for fun!



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!

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Orla	Y4	We are so proud of Orla for shining at her first ever dance day with the English Youth Ballet. She was recognised for her beautiful smile whilst performing and was the only junior to be awarded with the 'winner of the stage' t-shirt by the director of the company.
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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/>

AUTUMN TERM 2025 - Diary Dates

Wednesday 19 th November	2.45pm- FSU Phonics Parent Workshop
Thursday 27 th November	FSU Phonics Learning Together Day
Monday 1 st December	5pm- F1 new starter meeting
Wednesday 3 rd December	KS1 Nativity to parents at school – 10am/ 2pm
Thursday 4 th December	PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church 3.45-4.45- New F1 stay and play
Friday 5 th December	AM - Foundation Church Trip PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church PTA Christmas jumper swap
Wednesday 10 th December	PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church FSU Nativity at school – 2.30pm PTA Christmas Disco
Thursday 11 th December	PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church FSU Nativity at school – 2.30pm
Friday 12 th December	Y4 Nativity to parents at the church – 10am/ 2pm Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 th December	Christingle Service – children only
Tuesday 16 th December	Nativity Service – children only
Wednesday 17 th December	'Carols around the tree' 6:00pm – Parents
Thursday 18 th December	Choir singing at King's Mill (9am – 9:30am) FSU Christmas Craft Day
Friday 19 th December	Last day! PTA Break the Rules day (The children can bring a non-expensive toy in to play with)

Christian Values in school



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

	Hawks	Leon
	Wolves	Henri T
	Robins	Sebastian
	Golden Eagles	-----
	Squirrels	Jessica
	Foxes	Flo
	Deer	Digby
	Owls	George
	Rabbits	Freddie B
	Woodpeckers	Evie C

Coming up next week.....



Wednesday 19th November - 2.45pm - FSU Phonics Parent Workshop

Next week's school dinners

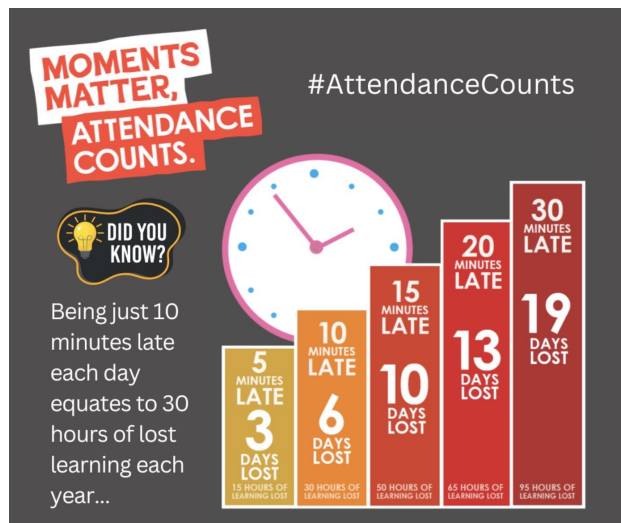
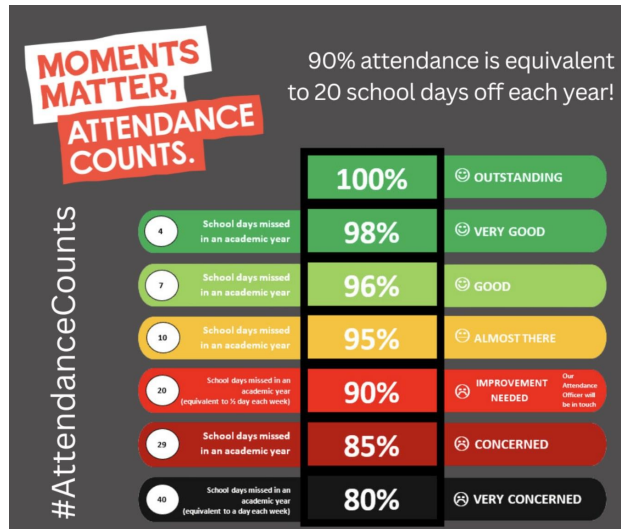


Don't forget you have until **9:30am each day** to sign your child up for a delicious school dinner. All dietary needs are catered for and the school dinners are free for children in F2, Y1 and Y2. For children in F1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 they cost **£3.16**.

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Quorn Mustard teriyaki Udon noodles Gluten Soya with a vegetable spring roll Gluten Egg Milk Soya Celery	Beef chilli With Rice & nachos	Roast meat of the day with Yorkshire pudding Milk Egg Gluten roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli & gravy	Honey chicken filled bao bun Gluten Soya Sesame with sticky rice & crunchy vegetable sticks	Chip shop style fish 'n' chips Gluten Fish with curry sauce Celery, Egg, Milk, Mustard, Soya, Gluten & peas
W	Jacket potato available daily, served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg				
Pudding	Zesty lemon & lime jelly with a cookie Gluten	Iced carrot cake Gluten Egg Sulphur Dioxide	Chocolate Cracknell Gluten Milk	Butterscotch shortcake Gluten Milk Soya	JimJam 'Nut Free' Chocolate brownie Egg Milk 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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Miss Sutcliffe (alexsutcliffe@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk)