



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

Harvest Donations



This year, we are celebrating our Harvest Festivals on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October. Celebrations will be taking part in school with the service being led by our wonderful Worship Leaders.



Our Harvest contributions will be supporting The Beacon Project, a local charity that provides care and practical help for homeless men and women in Mansfield. We are collecting tins and packets of food. Items with ring pulls and those that only require boiling water (such as noodle pots) are especially useful, along with snacks like crisps and chocolate bars.

The Beacon Project also urgently needs toiletries, including razors and feminine hygiene products.

If you are able to provide any donations, they will be gratefully received. **The children can start bringing donations in from Monday 13th October and we will take them to The Beacon Project on Thursday 16th October.**

OPAL



OPAL Play – All-Weather Fun!

As the weather becomes increasingly changeable, please make sure that your child has a **waterproof coat** and a pair of **wellies** in school each day. With OPAL play, we are committed to getting outside in all weathers (as long as it is safe to do so), so that the children can continue to enjoy the full fun and benefits of outdoor play. Being prepared means that rain won't get in the way of their creativity, exploration, and enjoyment!

Exciting New Additions to OPAL

Watch out for some **tents popping up next week** – the children are already very excited about them! These are 8-man tents, but instead of camping, they are designed to be used as fun social spaces for play and relaxation.

During our OPAL assembly this week, we spoke about the possible risks (such as tripping over guy ropes, the tent collapsing if someone tries to climb on it, or knocking into a pole). The children came up with some fantastic ideas to keep themselves safe, including:

- Not walking around the sides or back of the tent.
- Having a safe number of children using the tent at one time.
- Being mindful of the poles when entering.
- Sitting in the middle area to avoid leaning on the walls.

We're really proud of the way they thought about solutions to keep OPAL play fun and safe for everyone.

The Sandpit Opens!

Another exciting addition is that children will start using our brand-new **sandpit** this week, one year group at a time to begin with (so that everyone has a chance to explore it). To use the sandpit, children will need to wear their **wellies**, so please ensure these are in school. Eventually, the sandpit will be open to all year groups at break and lunchtime every day.

If you have any spare sand toys, buckets, or spades at home that you no longer use, we would be very grateful for donations – the children will be able to make brilliant use of them!





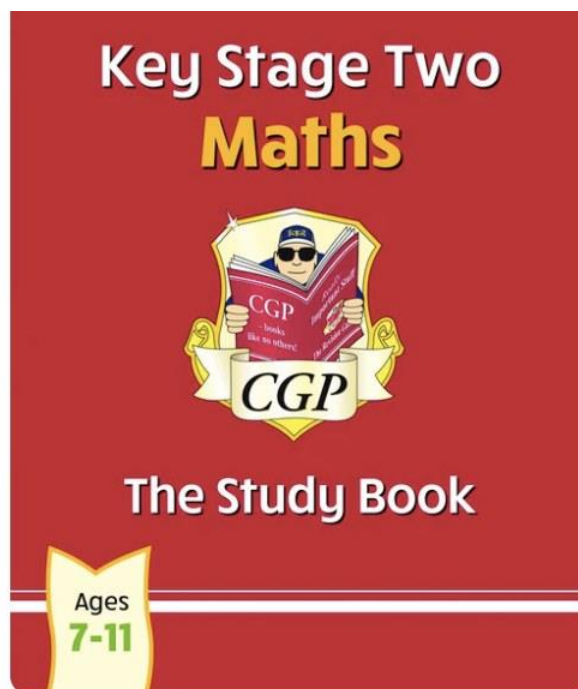
CGP Study Guides available to order

A range of **CGP study guides** for English, Maths, Times Tables, Phonics and Handwriting are now available to purchase through school at a **discounted price**.

Sample copies are on display in each Key Stage entrance hall, and an order form is attached to this newsletter. If you'd like to browse the full range online, you can visit: www.cgpbooks.co.uk.

Please return completed order forms to the **Main Office**, with all payments made via **Arbor**.

The closing date for orders is Wednesday 15th October.



PFTA Update



Tomorrow is the start of our annual Scarecrow Festival. If you haven't got your maps yet, you can grab one from our cake stall outside school between 11:00-14:00, both days.

We would be grateful for any cake donations to be dropped off at the stall.

At the stall we will also be running a name the scarecrow competition to win our Scarecrow goodies.

We hope you enjoy!

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS ANY TIME BETWEEN 11AM AND 1PM ON EITHER DAY,
PLEASE INCLUDE AN INGREDIENTS LIST (NO NUTS THANK YOU :O)
TO RAVENSHEAD C OF E SCHOOL



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Friends of
Ravenshead
C of E Primary School

Presents The Ravenshead Village
Scarecrow Festival
4th & 5th October



Be a part of our festival by making your own
scarecrow and displaying it

Let us know where you will be displaying it by the end of
September to be in with a chance of winning the best
scarecrow competition

email us at
ravensheadcoteschoolpta@yahoo.com

Grab your trail map for £3 from
www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcoteschoolpta



From Revd Kate and the team at St. Peters





It's beginning to feel a lot like autumn with the shorter days, low sun and windfall fruit in the gardens. At church we enjoyed a harvest sharing event last week with people bringing their excess produce and making their own apple and grape juice.

It's a season of abundance when we remember to thank God for all we that we have and the goodness of his creation. Our community Harvest Celebration in church is on 12th October at 10.30am and everyone is welcome to come.



We are collecting for two charities this year:

Locally, the Beacon Project which works with women and men who are homeless in Mansfield. They can use tins and packets, noodle pots, crisps, chocolate bars etc. Cans with ring pulls are easiest for those who may not have access to a kitchen. They also need toiletries including feminine hygiene products and razors.

Internationally, we are supporting Tearfund which works with some of the poorest communities in the world, including disaster relief. All our cash donations will go to them.

Thank you so much in advance. Anything that is given will be gratefully received. For more details of events and services at St. Peter's church contact CJ in the office:
ravensheadstpeterschurch@gmail.com

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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Pryce	F2	Pryce started Kixx last week. He had an amazing time and even scored 2 goals! Well done Pryce :)
Izayah	Y3	Izayah won Player of the Match at both his football games this weekend! Wow! What an amazing achievement! We are so proud of you!
Charlie	Y6	We are so proud of Charlie winning 'Bowler of the year' for his under 11s cricket team, taking 15 wickets across the season and helping his team finish joint top of the league!
Jessie	Y2	Jessie ran the Robin Hood Mini Marathon on Sunday, running the whole distance and encouraging her cousins to keep running too. We are so proud of you.
Jenson	Y3	Jenson got his 50m swimming badge
Eden	Y2	She is beaver of the week this week. She got her 10m swim badge at the weekend and we received a blue Peter badge for her artwork recently
Sebastian	Y5	A big well done to Sebastian for getting another birdie at Golf!
Elspeth	Y2	Elspeth has been awarded her stage 4 learn to swim certificate and badge this week at swimming. A huge well done!
George	Y5	George got his 1500m swimming badge

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

Weekend 4 th / 5 th October	PTA Scarecrow festival
Wednesday 8 th October	2.45 - FSU PSED Parent Workshop
Tuesday 14 th October	KS2 Harvest Festival at the school – children only
Wednesday 15 th October	FSU PSED Learning Together Day KS1 Harvest Festival at the school – children only
Half Term	
Monday 10 th November	Anti bullying week: Power for Good Odd socks day
Wednesday 19 th November	2.45pm- FSU Phonics Parent Workshop
Friday 21 st November	Children in Need
Thursday 27 th November	FSU Phonics Learning Together Day
Saturday 29 th November	PTA Christmas wreath making
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
Wednesday 10 th December	PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church FSU Nativity at school – 2.30pm PTA Christmas Disco and Christmas jumper swap
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	Isabella
	Wolves	Rory
	Robins	Nellie Alex
	Golden Eagles	-----
	Squirrels	Sadie
	Foxes	Imogen
	Deer	Bella
	Owls	Samuel
	Rabbits	Freddie B
	Woodpeckers	Reeva

Coming up next week.....



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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.

My School Menu

Spring/Summer 2025

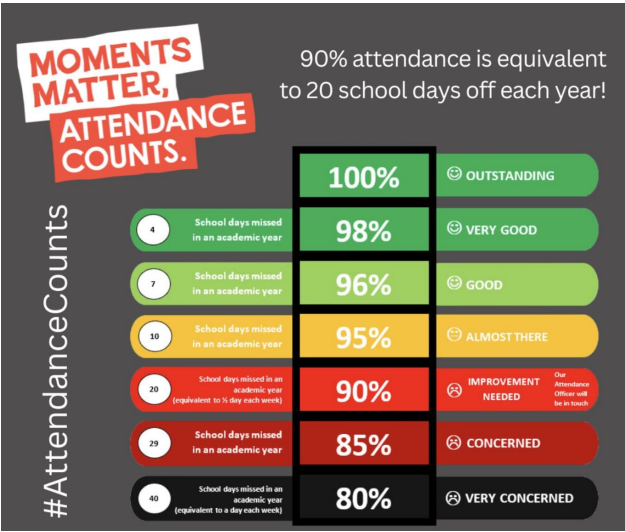
Week 3
 Week commencing
 5 May, 26 May,
 16 June, 7 July,
 28 July, 15 Sept,
 6 October

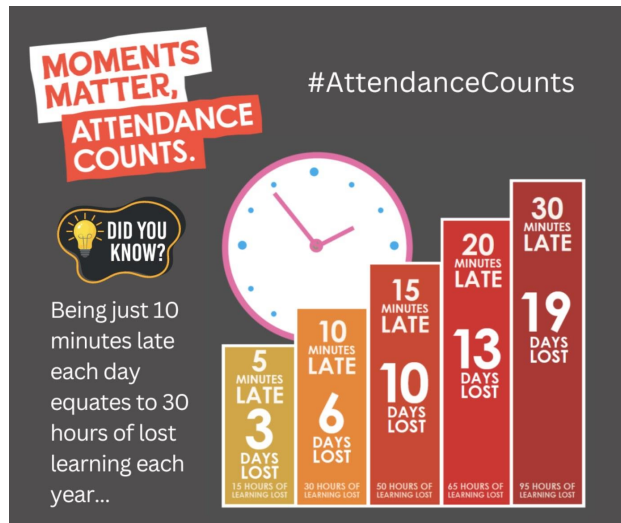
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Fridays

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheesy BBQ pizza Soya Gluten Milk with potato balls & sweetcorn	Quorn dippers Gluten with jacket wedges, sweetcorn & peas	Chicken enchiladas Milk Gluten with French fries, vegetable sticks & tomato salsa Sesame	Roast meat of the day filled cob Gluten Sesame (pork or gammon) with roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables	Hot Dog Gluten Sesame Sulphur dioxide with tomato ketchup, seasonal vegetables & French fries
Option 2	Jacket potato served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg	Jacket potato served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg	Jacket potato served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg	Jacket potato served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg	Jacket potato served with your choice of: baked beans & cheese Milk or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg
Available Daily	Sandwich Gluten Soya Fillings: cheese Milk , ham or tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg , mixed salad, crisps fruit or frube yogurt Milk , or pudding of the day				
Pudding	Golden syrup flapjack Gluten	Fruit ice lolly	Eton mess Milk with crushed meringues Egg Milk & raspberry sauce	Yoghurts Milk or Cheese Milk & biscuits Gluten	Donuts Soya Milk Gluten Egg Sesame

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:

Mrs Johnson (head@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk)

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

Mrs Soley (sarahsoley@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk)

Miss Sutcliffe (alexsutcliffe@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk)