



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

OPAL



It was wonderful to see so many family members join us for our OPAL Stay and Play event this week. The children loved having the chance to show you what OPAL play is all about – the fun they have, the challenges they take on, and just how capable they are when given the freedom to explore. Staff also thoroughly enjoyed seeing the school site buzzing with children and adults interacting together and, most importantly, having fun! We are also delighted to share that our next Stay and Play event will take place in February, and moving forward there will be one each term.

Excitingly, the sand for our new sandpit is being delivered this Saturday. Our plan is for the children to begin using the sandpit next week. To finish off the area, we will be filling the tyres around the edge with soil – this will not only help keep the sand in place but will also give us space to plant flowers. The remaining soil will be compacted down, leaving banked edges around the sandpit which will be seeded with grass.

Our final OPAL audit will take place this Tuesday. This is an important milestone, but it is by no means the end of our OPAL journey – we will continue to develop the grounds to further enhance your child's play experiences at school. We would really value your feedback to help us on this journey, and ask if you could take a moment to complete our short questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/e/5PmJ0qcAjn>.





PFTA Update



Ravenshead Scarecrow Festival 4th and 5th October

We are fast approaching our annual Scarecrow festival. Here is a little sneak peek at one of our many scarecrows.



Our trail maps are ready for you to pre order from www.pta-events.co.uk/ravensheadcofeschoolptfa

This year as well as a prize for completing the trail, we will also be randomly selecting 5 lucky winners from the completed trail maps for the prize of a Julia Donaldson's Scarecrow wedding book. We will also have our usual cake stall outside school for you to grab some refreshments on route and have a go at our name the scarecrow competition.



Exciting news....this year Ravenshead C of E Primary School PTFA, in conjunction with Priory Wood Flowers, will be holding a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop at Ravenshead C of E School Hall on Saturday 29th November. Join us in making a luxury wreath arrangement to adorn your front door or festive table. We'll be working with a selection of natural and seasonal materials and trimmings to create a unique and beautiful creation just for you! There are two sessions to choose from: 11.30am-2pm or 3pm- 5.30pm and you'll also receive a complimentary glass of prosecco or sparkling elderflower and a home-made mince pie to fuel your creativity. The PTA will also be on hand with their inviting refreshments for you to purchase throughout the session. The workshop costs £55 and includes all materials, embellishments and a choice of beautiful ribbons. We'll provide plenty of snips and florist scissors, but you are welcome to bring your own, as well as an apron to protect clothing. *And of course, each ticket supports your fabulous PTA 😊

Numbers are strictly limited - so act now to secure your spot! Please contact ravensheadcofeschoolpta@yahoo.com or check out www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcofeschoolpta to book.



Following our AGM we have had some changes to our committee members. Sadly, Katie Curtis has now stepped down from the secretary position, we would like to thank her for all her work and enthusiasm in fundraising with us. Katie has now been replaced by Rebekah Thompson as secretary. For the first time in many years we also now have a vice chair, Sam Warsop. Both have children in KS1 and have already had a flavour of what PTA life is like.

I'm Sam Warsop, mum to Harvey in Year 1 and Phoebe in F1. I've been part of the PTA for just over a year now and I'm really happy to recently step into the role of Vice Chair. I love being involved in all the events like the school discos and colour run. For me, school isn't just about learning, it's creating memories that will last a lifetime for both children and families.

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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Imogen	F2	Imogen has only just started at the school and has already made lots of friends and settled in really well
Maddie	Y5	Maddie travelled to Basingstoke at the weekend to compete in her biggest competition yet. She achieved a bronze and two silver medals. Well done Maddie- we are so proud of you.
Samuel	Y2	Samuel was player of the match last Sunday with his football team after a fantastic effort in the games. Your family are all really proud of you, well done! Keep up the great work.
Esmé	Y4	Esmé has completed her final swim stage, Swim 8. Well done! We are so proud of you. Mummy and Daddy
Poppy	Y4	Well done Poppy at your gymnastics competition last week, We are so proud of you for placing on Beam, Floor & Vault & coming 3rd overall!
Sophie	Y5	Cub of the Year in Lightning Cubs (Larch Farm).
Grace	Y5	Cub of the Year for Thunder Cubs (Larch Farm).

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

Monday 29 th September	KS1 Arctic workshop
Wednesday 1 st October	Individual photos Parents Evening: Open Classroom – 3:45 – 7:30pm
Weekend 4 th / 5 th October	PTA Scarecrow festival
Wednesday 8 th October	2.45- FSU PSED Parent Workshop
Wednesday 15 th October	FSU PSED Learning Together Day 2pm – KS1 Harvest Festival at the church – children only
Thursday 16 th October	2pm – KS2 Harvest Festival at the church – 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



We will start celebrating these children in Collective worship next week!

	Hawks	Jude B
	Wolves	Eleanor C
	Robins	Nellie
	Golden Eagles	Grace H
	Squirrels	Teddy
	Foxes	Toby
	Deer	Harriet
	Owls	Imogen
	Rabbits	Junie
	Woodpeckers	Memphis

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 look on the **Meals tab** on **Arbor** to fill in your child's meal preferences, whether they would like a school meal or a packed lunch.

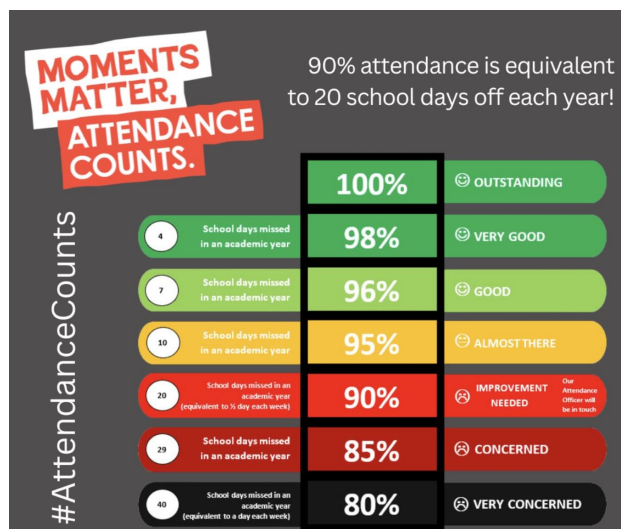
My School Menu
Spring/Summer 2025

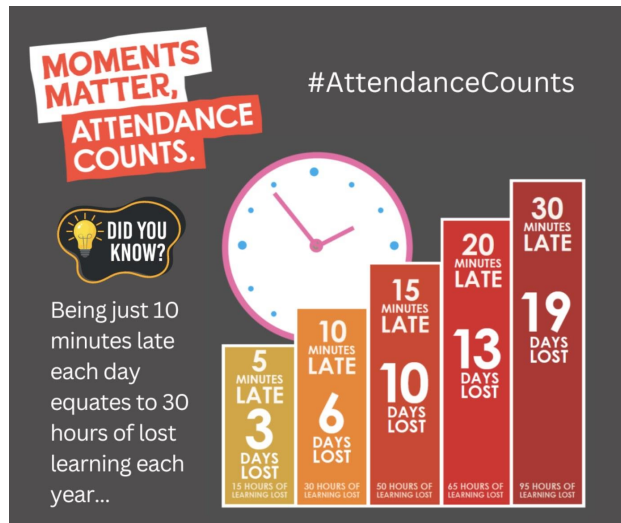
Week 2
Week commencing
28 April, 19 May,
9 June, 30 June,
21 July, 8 Sept,
29th Sept

Taco
Tuesdays

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pork meatballs Egg Gluten in a tomato sauce with pasta shape of the day, Gluten Soya Mustard Garlic bread Gluten Milk Soya & seasonal vegetables	BBQ Chicken taco Gluten with French fries & seasonal vegetables	Bangers & mash Gluten Sulphur Dioxide with seasonal vegetables & gravy 	Roasted gammon with roast or mashed potato, seasonal vegetables & Yorkshire pudding Gluten Egg Milk	Fish finger cob Fish Gluten Sesame with oven chips, baked beans & peas
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	Jelly	Frozen yoghurt Milk & wafers Gluten Soya	Butterscotch shortcake Milk Gluten	Cherry iced bun Gluten Egg Milk Soya	Ice cream tub Milk

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)

Mrs Sanders (suzyburtonsanders@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk).