



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

Welcome back!



We're so excited to have the school buzzing with laughter, chatter, and energy again as we start a brand-new year together. A special welcome to all our new children and families joining our community.

During the last two days, the children have been focusing on settling back to school, reconnecting with friends, and getting used to new routines. We can't wait to see all the wonderful learning, creativity, and adventures ahead. Here's to a fantastic year!

Towards the end of the Newsletter, you will find an overview of 'Diary Dates' for the Autumn Term. Please make a note of any key events which affect your child as it gets particularly busy towards Christmas!

OPAL



A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have sent their children into school with **wellies, waterproof coats and waterproof trousers**. These items are an essential part of our OPAL play approach, as the children will be outdoors every day, in all weathers, unless it is unsafe to do so.

As we move towards the winter months, it becomes even more important that every child has these items **in school at all times**. They enable children to make the most of our outdoor play opportunities and to stay dry and comfortable while enjoying the field, playground and all the exciting activities OPAL has to offer.

Yesterday's heavy downpour was a reminder of how quickly conditions can change — some children were unable to play on the field as they did not have their wellies in school. Please help

your child take part fully in OPAL play by ensuring they always have the correct clothing available.

Save the Date!

We are delighted to announce our very first **OPAL Parent Stay and Play** on **Wednesday 24th September in the afternoon**. This will be a fantastic opportunity to experience OPAL play alongside your child and see the joy, creativity and fun of playtimes firsthand. More information will be shared with you next week!

Exciting News – Sandpit Coming Soon!

We are thrilled to let you know that the sandpit will be dug **tomorrow!** On **Monday**, there will be a **large hole near the tyres on the KS2 field**, ready for the sandpit liner to be put in. We are incredibly grateful to **Tarmac**, who have kindly agreed to donate **50 tonnes of sand** to help create this amazing new play space for all our children.

For safety, please can we ask that children **do not climb in the hole or on the sides** before the sandpit is finished. Once complete, it will be a brilliant new addition for everyone to enjoy!

Thank you for your continued support in making playtimes adventurous, inclusive and fun for all our children!



PFTA Update



We are well rested and ready to fundraise again. Kicking off the school year with our Ravenshead Scarecrow festival 4th & 5th October. Be part of the festival and fill our village with scarecrows by building your own. Register your scarecrow by e mailing us. The best Scarecrow will win a family ticket to Notts Maze. Trail maps are now for sale on our sales page at. [Friends of Ravenshead CofE Primary School](https://www.friends-of-ravenshead-cofe-primary-school.co.uk/)

Our AGM is the 15th September. We would love to have new members join us. You can support us in anyway you can. Please e mail us for the joining details.

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Online safety monthly newsletter



Have a look at the online safety newsletter for September!

https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/ravenshead-cofe-primary/UploadedDocument/c49075a7-2e05-4ea8-ac42-4352a618c4a4/online-safety-newsletter-sept-2025_pdf_ravenshead-1.pdf

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>

Roll of Honour will start again next week!

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 8 th September	F2 children in full time Y4 Swimming Starts Y5 Welcome Meeting 3.45pm Robins classroom
Thursday 11 th September	Y3/4 Parent Meeting 3.45pm KS2 Hall
Monday 15 th September	Y6 Welcome Meeting 3.45pm Hawks Classroom
Thursday 18 th September	KS1 Welcome Meeting 3.45 in KS1 hall
Monday 22 nd September	Y5 Romans Partake day
Wednesday 24 th September	OPAL stay and play – more details to follow!
Monday 29 th September	KS1 Arctic workshop
Wednesday 1 st October	Individual photos Parents Evening: Open Classroom – 3:45 – 7:30pm
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
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
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! (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!

Coming up next week.....



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Next week's school dinners

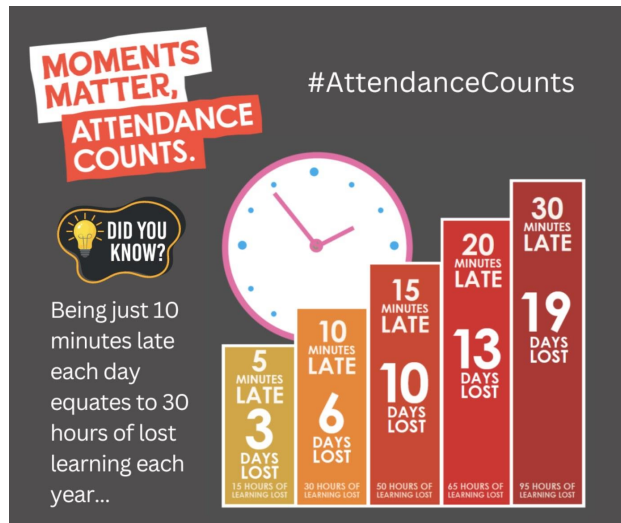


Don't forget you have until **9:30am each day** to sign your child up for a delicious school dinner. All dietary needs are catered for and the school dinners are free for children in F2, Y1 and Y2. For children in F1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 they cost **£3.16**. Please look on the **Meals tab** on **Arbor** 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 Featuring our Nottinghamshire sausage from local butchers Hawthorn's	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

MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.		90% attendance is equivalent to 20 school days off each year!	
#AttendanceCounts		100%	OUTSTANDING
4	School days missed in an academic year	98%	VERY GOOD
7	School days missed in an academic year	96%	GOOD
10	School days missed in an academic year	95%	ALMOST THERE
20	School days missed in an academic year (equivalent to 1/2 day each week)	90%	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED Our Attendance Officer will be in touch
29	School days missed in an academic year	85%	CONCERNED
40	School days missed in an academic year (equivalent to a day each week)	80%	VERY CONCERNED



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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