



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

School Places still available for Foundation



We still have places available in our Foundation classes for September 2025. If you know of any families in the community who are still searching for a school place for their child, we encourage you to share this news with them.

For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office.

Holidays During School Term Time



We are currently receiving a lot of requests for holidays during term time. Please can I remind you that we adhere to the Department for Education (DfE) regulations regarding term-time holidays and therefore will not authorise any requests for absence during term time for holidays or day trips. Requests for withdrawal from learning must be submitted in writing with at least four weeks' notice.

If a child is withdrawn for an unauthorised holiday, a penalty notice may be issued. Unauthorised absences will be marked in the register, and attendance will be reviewed, potentially leading to a penalty notice. The school has discretion to authorise exceptional absences, considering factors such as the nature of the event, advance notice, and the child's current attendance levels.

We follow the Nottinghamshire Code of Conduct for issuing penalty notices, which may be applied after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period. Penalty notices are £160 per parent, per child, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. Persistent offenders may face prosecution.

For more information, please visit:

Government website - <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Our Absence and Attendance policy - https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/ravenshead-cofe-primary/UploadedDocument/feda2649-a841-4eef-8cad-626dee2606c1/ravenshead-c-of-e-attendance-policy_sept-2024.pdf

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Opal



What a fantastic week we've had — the sunshine has made a huge difference to our OPAL playtimes! The children have loved spending more time outdoors, enjoying their lunches on the comfy OPAL cushions and socialising in the ever-popular pallet house. It's been wonderful to see so many happy, engaged faces taking full advantage of the good weather.

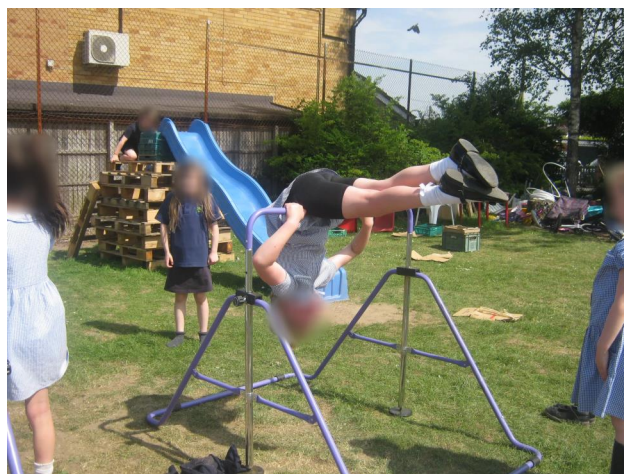
We also have some amazing news to share — the PTA has generously agreed to donate a further **£5,700** to support the continued development of OPAL! This means we'll be able to introduce lots of exciting new resources before the end of the school year. One of the most eagerly awaited additions — **the monkey bars** — will finally be arriving, and I can't wait to share this news the children!

A quick reminder to all families: for safety reasons, **bikes and scooters must not be ridden anywhere on school grounds before or after school**. With so many children, parents, and staff moving around during these busy times, it's essential that everyone can get around safely and that we avoid any risk of accidents.

Children have been reminded in a recent OPAL Play assembly that bikes and scooters should be **walked or pushed** while on the premises. They are only to be ridden during break and

lunchtime play sessions in designated areas. This simple rule helps to keep everyone in our school community safe.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in reinforcing this message with your child.



Update from the PTFA



This year our Summer Fair will be a Bounce Bonanza! We are filling the field with a variety of inflatables for the kids to enjoy. So, save the date! If you would like a stall at the fair then please reach out.



From Revd Kate and the team at St. Peter's Church

One of the joys of my job is to welcome new members into the church family. Baptism (or christening) is an occasion to do this and nine people have been baptised since the start of the year (seven infants and two adults). If you'd like to explore being baptised or bringing a child for baptism do get in touch. If you live in Ravenshead Parish you can be baptised at either St Peter's or the Abbey Chapel.

At a baptism service the candidate starts a new life with Christ, symbolised in a number of ways. First they are marked with the sign of the cross (with oil blessed at the cathedral church in Southwell), then washed three times in water to symbolise the cleansing and renewal given by God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and presented with a candle representing the light of Christ entering their lives. They are also gifted a Bible.

We can baptise children or adults, by full immersion or with 'sprinkling'. The church together prays that the younger candidates would grow up to take on this faith for themselves and that all would develop in their understanding and experience of God, taking their place as Christ's disciples today.

Please contact the office if you'd like to know more at email:
ravensheadstpeterschurch@gmail.com



1 - Photo: Matt Selby Photography

Online Safety Newsletter - May 2025



Here is the link for the online safety newsletter for May:

https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/ravenshead-cofe-primary/UploadedDocument/da5e476e-08fc-4151-8592-30c0232c78eb/online-safety-newsletter-primary-may-2025_pdf_ravenshead.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>

Lillian	Y6	Lillian played amazingly well in her netball tournament at the weekend. The team managed to come second place and each got a certificate. Keep it up Lillian. You're a superstar.
Maddie	Y4	Maddie travelled to Liverpool on Sunday to take part in a taekwondo competition. She achieved a gold and bronze medal in her team and individual categories. Well done Maddie.
Sophie	Y3	Sophie competed in the Mansfield Music and Drama Festival this weekend. She sang two solos. We are so proud of her having a go and singing with such confidence and having such good communication with her audience. She got a merit and a 2nd place certificate. Well done, Sophie!
Eva	Y6	Well done for winning the coaches award at Forest Soccer School having impressed him throughout the day.
Theo	Y2	Theo enjoyed soccer school over Easter and got one of the coach's special footballs for his hard work throughout. He also helped his team win last weekend by scoring a hatrick!
Kit	Y1	Kit has worked really hard at his gymnastics recently and earned his Level 8 Skill Award. He also has his first Gymnastics Competition coming up! We are so proud of you. Xxx
Rowan	Y2	Wow Rowan has learnt how to ride a bike, we are absolutely thrilled to share this milestone. Let the bike rides commence. Well Done!
Harry	Y5	Because of all his hard work and commitment, Harry has been selected to be an Everyone Active sporting champion for 2025/26. Well done Harry and keep up the fantastic work!
Isabelle	Y3	Isabelle took part in her swim club time trials last week and did amazingly! Well done Isabelle!
Maisie	Y1	Well done Maisie on achieving your apparatus & core skills 2 at gymnastics & moving up to ruby class!!

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 2025 – Diary Dates

Monday 5 th May	*Bank Holiday – School Closed*
Thursday 8 th May	Y4 Cresswell Craggs Trip
Monday 12 th May	*Y6 SATs week* Y3 Worship in the Woods – 11.30am
Tuesday 13 th May	2.45pm Foundation UTW parent workshop.
Friday 16 th May	PTA Colour Run
Wednesday 21 st May	Jo Whit coming to Y6 – PM Foundation Learning Together Day
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Wednesday 4 th June	Jo Whit coming to Y6 – PM
Monday 9 th June	*Y1 Phonics Screening Checks this week* Class photos
Thursday 19 th June	Y4 Worship in the Woods
Wednesday 25 th June	F2 trip to Butterfly House PTA Summer Disco Woodpeckers to Greens Mill
Thursday 26 th June	F1 trip to Library Otters to Greens Mill
Friday 27 th June	Rabbits to Greens Mill
Monday 30 th June	Y6 to Jo Whit for transition session 5pm - F1 and F2 New Starter Meeting
Tuesday 1 st July	Y6 to Jo Whit for transition session Whole school transition (move up) day
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 to Jo Whit for transition session
Thursday 3 rd July	Choir: Sing up at Jo Whit Y4 Partake Mayan Workshop
Friday 4 th July	PTA Break the Rules Day
Monday 7 th July	9:15am - KS1 Sports Day
Tuesday 8 th July	9:15am – Y3/ Y4 Sports Day
Thursday 10 th July	9:15am – Y5/ Y6 Sports Day 3.45-4.45pm New F1 stay and play
Friday 11 th July	2pm – FND Sports Day Reports out to parents
Monday 14 th July	Y5 DAaRT Graduation – 3pm (Parents in)
Tuesday 15 th July	2.15pm Teddy Bears Picnic FSU
Thursday 17 th July	Y4 Residential- Castleton
Friday 18 th July	Y4 Residential- Castleton
Saturday 19th July	PTA Summer Fair Event
Monday 21 st July	RESERVE Sports Day - PM
Wednesday 23 rd July	Peter Pan Performance 10:00am – FND/ KS1 2:00pm – KS2 6:00pm – Parents/ Carers
Friday 25 th July	2pm – Y6 Leavers Service at church Last day!

Christian Values in school



Well done to the children below who have shown our **Christian Values** this week:

	Hawks	Isabelle W
	Wolves	Emmie
	Robins	Isaac
	Golden Eagles	Chester
	Squirrels	Harald
	Foxes	Emily
	Deer	Poppy
	Hedgehogs	James
	Otters	Leo L
	Rabbits	William D-M
	Woodpeckers	Noah

Coming up next week.....



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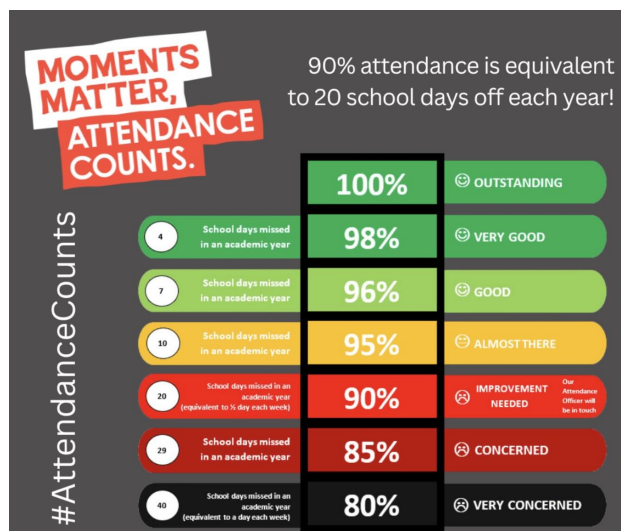
Next week's school dinners

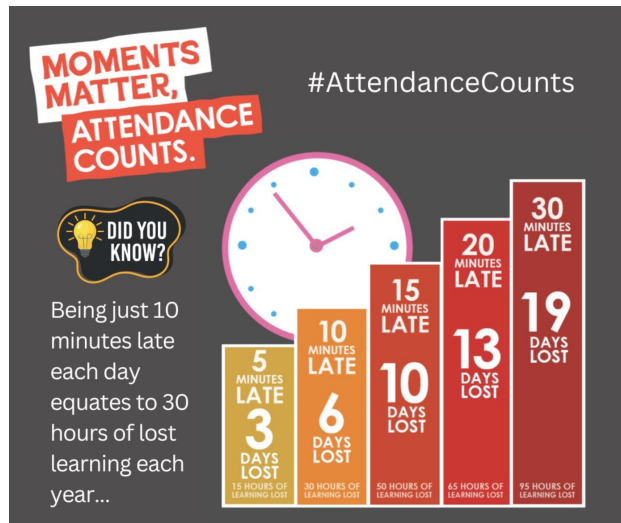


Don't forget you have until **9:30am each day** to sign your child up for a delicious school dinner. All dietary needs are catered for and the school dinners are free for children in F2, Y1 and Y2. For children in F1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 they cost **£3.16**. Please contact the school office, via Class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

My School Menu Spring/Summer 2025 Week 3 Week commencing 5 May, 26 May, 16 June, 7 July, 28 July, 15 Sept, 6 October Fakeaway 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:

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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).