



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

Goodbye Carly!



Sadly, today is Carly's last day! Carly has worked at the school for 6 years and is an invaluable member of the team. When we said 'Goodbye' to her in Collective Worship today, all of the children commented on her kindness and the way she looks after everyone. We are really going to miss you Carly! :(

Opal Play



The children have had a busy week finding lots of different ways to use the crates and tyres. This week, they've discovered that it's great fun to push them down the sloped path close to the tyres and there have been huge smiles on the children's faces as they've slid down. We've also seen some much more complex tyre forts being built with the children realising that if they stack them like a brick wall, they are much sturdier but also provide spy holes to peep through!

In our OPAL play assembly this week, we started to explore the benefits of playing with planks. The children are getting really great at using items in imaginative ways and they suggested that they could create assault courses, use them for balancing and also put them on the field to make a path to slide the crates along. Next week, we will be thinking about the risks and how we can ensure that we are being safe when we start to play with the planks. If you have any

planks that you are able to donate (old wooden floor planks, scaffolding planks, wood that is large enough to walk on) then please let Mrs Keightley know.

Next week, our OPAL mentor, Bobby, will be visiting the school and working with the play team to start to formulate a plan for the developing of the school grounds.



Carols around the Tree - 18th December



On **Wednesday 18th December at 6pm**, we will be hosting our second 'Carols around the Tree' concert. We would love as many families as possible to come and sing with us and spread some Christmas cheer. Our wonderful 'Ravenshead Rocks' school choir will be taking centre stage with some solo performances, group numbers and readings.

All of the children in school will get the opportunity to watch and join in with the performance during the day. We hope it will be a really magical event!

Please click on the link below to reserve your tickets for the evening performance

<https://forms.office.com/e/B9chUdYuhB>

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



Next weekend (Friday 6th-Sunday 8th December), we have our first ever tree festival. Various groups and organisations (including school) will be contributing a tree and the church will be very beautiful!

But why Christmas Trees? They are not mentioned in the Bible and were most likely a pagan tradition inspired by bleak North European Winters. Well, the evergreen branches are an effective symbol of hope in the cold of winter, bringing thoughts of longer and sunnier days ahead. Modern Christmas Trees are thought to have originated in 16th Century Germany and then were adopted by the Protestant Christian Church. First candles were added, then electric lighting, so they came to represent the light of Christ coming into a dark world. The idea spread rapidly and became fashionable in the 1840's in Victorian times. Now they are to be found right across the world and are featured in most homes and churches today

We will be having our tree-themed Second Sunday Special service in the middle of the tree festival weekend (Sunday 8th December at 10.30am). You and your family would be most welcome to join us as we prepare together for Christmas – or to pop in anytime during the festival opening times.

PTFA Update



The PTA have been really busy this week.

We ran our first ever Christmas Jumper bring and buy sale on Wednesday. Thank you to our fabulous year 6 school council team who set the event up and ran the sale. Thank you also to everyone that donated jumpers and came along to buy. We sold 69 jumpers in 25 minutes. Amazing!! We are sure you will all look fabulous on Christmas jumper day.

Saturday marks the end of our Asda cash pot fundraiser. We have beaten our target of £300 so thank you to everyone who has supported this.

Our Penny Wars fundraiser is going really well. If you find any coins in the car or down the back of the sofa be sure to bring them in for a chance for your class to win the grand prize for first to fill the pot. Rumour has it the Golden Eagles are winning in KS2.

Coming up next is our Christmas disco. The children have spotted the tuck shop arriving in school ready. This year we are running a disco in both Key stages simultaneously as well as showing the animated film The Grinch in KS1 and foundation.

We will also have a special guest joining the disco's.

Tickets are now on sale at

www.pta-events.co.uk/ravensheadcofeschoolptfa



DISCO

Wednesday 11th December

KS2 Years 3 - 6 – 3.35pm-5.05pm

Tuck shop available with crisps, pre bagged
sweets and drinks

PRICE £3 PER CHILD

Purchase tickets at

www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcofeschoolpta



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Penny Wars

Each class will be given a jar to fill with loose change.

The class that's the highest per year group each week will win 5 marbles

The first class to fill the jar in each Key stage will receive a prize

Competition ends at Christmas

"Small change, Big fundraising"





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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Laura	Y6	For passing your dance exam with highest mark of honours! Well done Laura, so proud!
Maddie	Y4	Maddie attended her taekwondo grading on Sunday, achieving her black belt. She was one of the youngest students in attendance. We are so proud of her.
Bethany	Y1	Bethany did so well at Razzmatazz and was awarded 'Star of the Week' for excellent singing :)
Lincoln	Y6	Lincoln was praised by another parent who came into the office to say how lovely and helpful he had been last week when she had got stuck in the snow with a pram.
William	Y2	William has been amazing this week helping his Mummy with jobs at home, being kind and understanding after her operation. Thank you William for helping Mummy feel better everyday!

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/>

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term can be found on the document below. Please check regularly for any amendments which will be made in red.

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
Diary Dates	
Monday 2 nd December	5pm- New F1 Starter Meeting
Wednesday 4 th December	KS1 Nativity to parents in the KS2 Hall – 10am/ 2pm FND - 2.45pm Phonics parents' workshop KS1 Hall
Thursday 5 th December	FND - Phonics Learning Together Day 3.45 - F1 New Starter Stay and Play
Friday 6 th December	AM - Foundation Church Trip
Monday 9 th December	FND Nativity dress rehearsal - 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December	PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church FND Nativity at school – 2:30pm
Thursday 12 th December	PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church FND Nativity at school – 2:30pm
Friday 13 th December	FND - 9.30am- Makaton group coming Y4 Nativity to parents at the church – 10am/ 2pm Christmas Jumper Day (Officially 12/12/24) Christmas Dinner Day
Monday 16 th December	Christingle Service – 2pm – children only
Tuesday 17 th December	Nativity Service – 2pm – children only FND- Nativity/ Christmas Craft Learning Together Day
Wednesday 18 th December	'Carols around the tree' – Carol concert 10:00 – FSU/ KS1 1:30 – KS2 6:00pm – Parents/ Carers
Friday 20 th December	Last day! (The children can bring a non-expensive toy in to play with)

Christian Values in school



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

	Hawks	Kitty
	Wolves	Abygail
	Robins	Freya R
	Golden Eagles	William
	Squirrels	Amelie
	Foxes	Oby
	Deer	Everyone!
	Hedgehogs	Everyone!
	Otters	Conor
	Rabbits	Isaac
	Woodpeckers	Harrison

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 **£2.95**. Please contact the school office, via Class Dojo, to sign your child up!

WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING

11 Nov, 2 Dec, 23 Dec, 13 Jan,
3 Feb, 24 Feb, 17 March

MY SCHOOL MENU

AUTUMN/WINTER 2024-25

TASTE

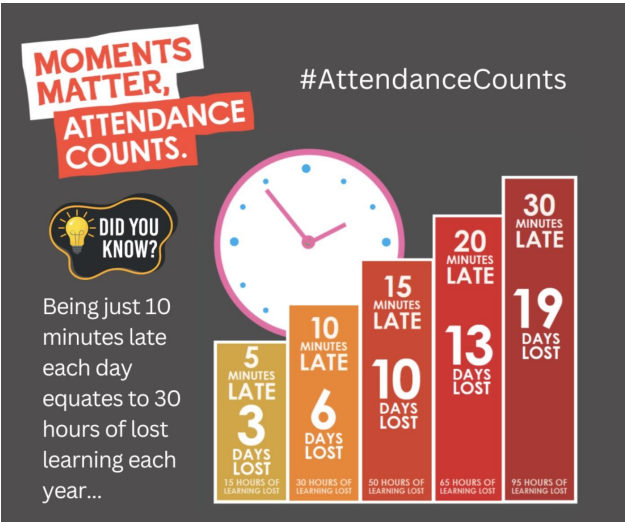
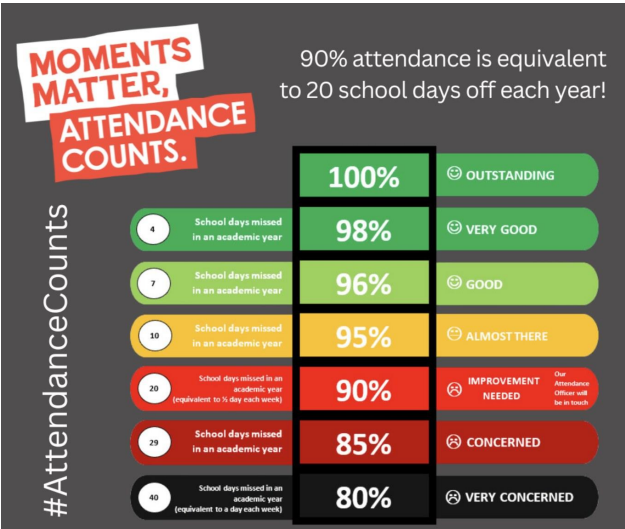
NATURE

All of our meals are prepared using freshly sourced products from the East Midlands. If you need to know more about the ingredients used, please ask.

AVAILABLE DAILY: Best of both bread *Gluten*, *Soya* fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Vegetarian roll, Gluten Soya Milk roast potatoes broccoli, carrots & gravy	Corned beef hash <i>Wash</i> , mashed potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, Milk Egg <i>Gluten</i> sweetcorn & green beans	Chinese chicken & vegetables Soya <i>Gluten</i> mixed rice	Wiltshire sausage <i>Gluten</i> <i>Sulphur dioxide</i> OR Plant-based sausage Soya <i>Gluten</i> mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage & gravy	MSC cod dog, Fish <i>Gluten</i> <i>Soya</i> with tomato ketchup, oven chips, baked beans, or minted garden peas
OPTION 2	Jacket potato, cheese <i>Milk</i> , baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese <i>Milk</i> , baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese <i>Milk</i> , baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese <i>Milk</i> , baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese <i>Milk</i> , baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad
PUDING	Chocolate & orange muffin <i>Gluten</i> Egg	Vanilla cookie <i>Gluten</i>	Cornflake tart <i>Gluten</i> <i>Sulphur dioxide</i> & custard <i>Milk</i>	Lemon drizzle muffin Egg <i>Gluten</i> <i>Sulphur dioxide</i>	Pancake <i>Gluten</i> frozen yoghurt <i>Milk</i> & raspberry coulis

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).