



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

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Friday 8th November, 2024



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term! We're only 5 days in, but already we have had trips out to the woods, Jospeh Whitaker visiting Year 6 and some Christmas Nativity rehearsals (yes, really!)

Our new School Council Year 6 Communication Team have hit the ground running with their inaugural project - a commendable effort in tidying our KS2 Quad. They have done a brilliant job removing the weeds and clearing the leaves - thank you!

Looking ahead to next week, we have a particularly busy few days. We'll be participating in Anti-Bullying Week, with Tuesday being our 'Odd Socks Day' - a fun reminder of the importance of embracing our differences. Friday will see us participating in Children in Need, a cause close to our hearts. Have a look below for more detailed information about these events.





A very sad farewell!

It is with much sadness that I have to announce that Carly is leaving the Ravenshead team. Carly is a valued member of our office team and I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for her dedication and hard work. Carly is an integral part of our school community, always bringing kindness and professionalism to her role. While we will certainly miss her warm presence and unwavering support, we are excited for her as she returns to her previous career in finance. Carly's last day will be Friday 29th November so please do pop in and say goodbye before then. Thank you, Carly, for everything—you will always be a part of our Ravenshead family!

Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is **Anti-bullying Week!**

'Odd Socks Day' takes place on Tuesday this year – children, staff and parents are invited to wear odd socks on to help celebrate our differences.

The theme this year is '**Choose Respect**'. Children will be taking part in sessions linked to this and our KS2 Anti-bullying Ambassadors will be delivering a Collective Worship on Wednesday.

We regularly talk about bullying in school and what to do if you see bullying behaviour or feel you are being bullied; Anti-bullying week is the perfect opportunity to reinforce these messages.

If you are at all concerned about bullying please speak to your child's class teacher. A wealth of support and advice can also be found on our website or the Anti-bullying Alliance website <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers#:~:text=This%20is%20an%20opportunity%20to,the%20puzzle%20in%20tackling%20bullying.>



Children in Need - Friday 15th November

Next Friday, we are excited to participate in Children in Need. The children are invited to dress in spotty clothes or their favourite non-school uniform to show their support for this important charity. In exchange for their creative outfits, we kindly ask for a donation to help raise funds for children in need across the UK. Let's come together as a school community to make a difference and spread kindness. Thank you for your support!



Online Safety Newsletter for November



Have a look below at the online safety newsletter for November:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/ravenshead-cofe-primary/UploadedDocument/a214c182-5ff3-4009-b1f6-30db266ba325/november-2024.pdf>

Opal Play



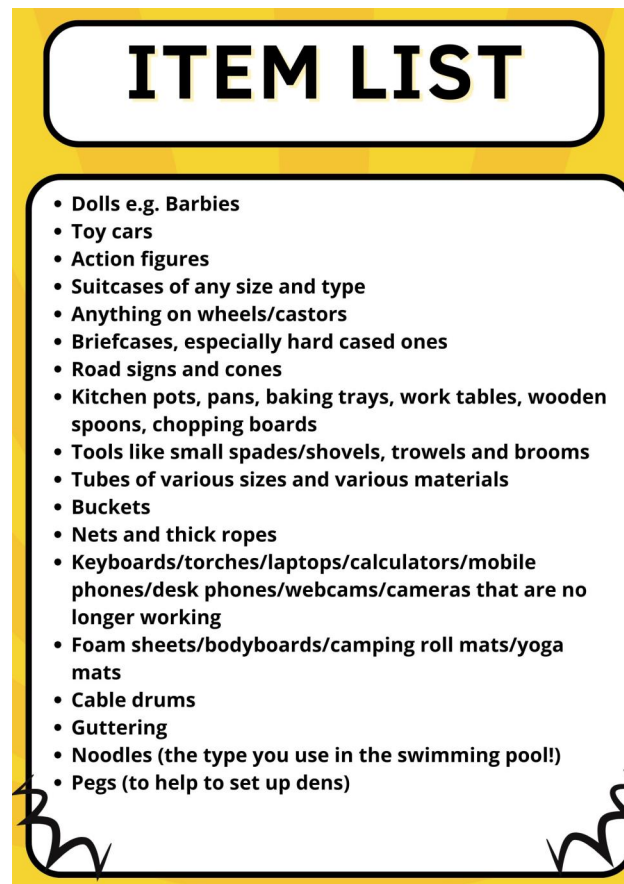
The children have been enjoying playing with some of the fallen leaves that have appeared over half term and it was great to see the wonderment on their faces as they threw them up in the air and watched them flutter down around them.

Next week, we will be introducing plastic crates for the children to play with. We discussed the benefits of playing with crates and different ways that they could be used during this week's OPAL assembly and

the children came up with some great ideas such as: making stepping stones, sitting in them and pushing them around, making cars out of them, building towers or dens with them. We have another OPAL assembly next week and the children will be identifying some of the risks before we agree on what we can do to mitigate these risks e.g. only stack crates to a certain height. As the crates will be on the field, children will only be able to play with them if they are wearing their wellies. This is to encourage the children to get used to changing into their wellies at each break time which will help during the much muddier winter months.

We have decided to postpone the planned parent /carer OPAL play event which was planned for next week (15th November) in order to give us more time to introduce more loose parts and get the use of these fully embedded so that parents and carers can have a much better experience of what OPAL play is like. A date will be sent out for after Christmas.

Finally, if you are having a pre-Christmas clear out of toys or items that would be useful for OPAL play, then please consider donating them to school. We have enough teddies at present thank you but would welcome any other items. These can be dropped off at the Main Reception. Attached is a list of non-toy items that we are also happy to have donated. Many thanks for your support.



PTFA Update



Starting Monday – Penny Wars



From Monday, our brand-new challenge 'Penny Wars' will commence! Each class will be supplied with their own empty jar and will be challenged to fill it with loose change as quickly as possible, with each jar being measured on a weekly basis and prizes available along the way.

So, get gathering up those loose pennies that are stuck down the side of the sofa, hiding in a coat pocket, gathering dust on a shelf or have been forgotten about at the bottom of a bag, and give them a brand-new home in the class jar.

Easy money with Easyfundraising – we won!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us recently by downloading the Easyfundraising app and signing up to support our school.

Throughout October, Easyfundraising were giving £2 to our pot for every new person that downloaded their app and selected to support our school. Thanks to everyone who signed up, we gained an extra £40.

BUT that wasn't all Easyfundraising were offering, they were also running a prize draw giving away 10 x £150 to causes that achieved 10+ new sign ups during the promotion period.... AND WE WON!

So, thanks to your support, we have an additional **£190** in total added to our fundraising pot, meaning we smashed our £50 target from this initiative. You're all amazing!

If you haven't signed up to Easyfundraising yet, you can still join in! Then every time you shop via Easyfundraising, we will be given a % of your total spend with no extra cost to you.

Asda Cashpot for Schools

We still have until 30th November to raise money through the Cashpot for Schools scheme through Asda. We have had amazing support so far, with our current pot being sat at **£244.93**! With still a few weeks to go, it would be great if we could reach our £300 target. So, if you're starting to stock up on those Christmas essentials and sweet treats, why not take two minutes to download the Asda Rewards app and raise some money for the school at the same time.

Christmas artwork orders – closes tomorrow!

Finally, just a reminder that the online shop for those personalised Christmas cards will close on Saturday 9th November, so get your orders in before it's too late. To order, just visit www.sforders.co.uk and enter your personalised PIN number. If you don't have the paperwork with your design and PIN number to make your order, please email us on the PTA email address below ASAP, providing us with your child's name and class and we will be able to locate this for you.

We will update you via our social media pages when the orders are ready and being returned to school for distribution to the children for them to bring home. So, make sure you're following our social media pages to stay up to date (Facebook and Instagram page details are below).

Keep In Touch

Email - ravensheadcofeschoolpta@yahoo.com

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/RavensheadCofEPTA/>

Instagram – https://instagram.com/ravensheadcofe_pta?igshid=N3FuOXZveHFnZDJv

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



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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Danny	Y2	Danny was a flag bearer alongside his team mates from Notts DSSG Warriors United for Mansfield Town FC. Danny was really brave going on the pitch in front of hundreds of people.
Maddie	Y4	Maddie won a silver medal at the Taekwondo National Championships in Kettering at the weekend. It was a tough competition and we are so proud of her!
Jack	Y6	Jack has passed his recent kickboxing grading with a silver, and is now a brown belt with the first tag. Well done Jack!
Bradley	Y3	Well done on your 25 meters this week!
Ella	Y1	Ella worked so hard on holiday to improve her swimming and has now passed her swimming stage 1, duckling 1 and duckling 2 certificates and moved up to the next class! Well done Ella!
Alex	Y4	Alex has been working hard with swimming and has moved to stage 4! Brilliant effort 🏆
Eleen	Y4	Well done , Eleen accomplished stage 7 in swimming lessons .
Evelyn	Y3	Evelyn has tried really hard with her swimming and has successfully gained her level 4 Swim badge. Well done Evelyn.
Evie	Y4	1st week back at swimming lessons after being away for 10 nights & Evie's moved up to stage 6. Well done Evie you've worked so hard.
Elspeth	Y1	Congratulations to Elspeth on achieving her Stage 3 learning to swim certificate!

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 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week Remembrance Day Service
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd socks day Flu Vaccination
Thursday 14 th November	Worship in the Woods: Year 1/ 2 Woodpeckers
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th November	Dawn House choir coming to school
Thursday 21 st November	Worship in the Woods: Year 1/ 2 - Rabbits
Thursday 28 th November	Worship in the Woods: Year 1/ 2 - Otters
Monday 2 nd December	AM – KS1 Rehearsal at the church 5pm- New F1 Starter Meeting
Tuesday 3 rd December	PM – KS1 Rehearsal at the church
Wednesday 4 th December	KS1 Nativity to parents at the church – 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	Josh
	Wolves	Eva
	Robins	Elsie
	Golden Eagles	Jessica
	Squirrels	Everyone!
	Foxes	Jackson
	Deer	Finley
	Hedgehogs	Ivania
	Otters	Martha
	Rabbits	Jack
	Woodpeckers	Faith

Coming up next week.....



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Tuesday 12th November - Odd socks day

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Friday 15th November - Children in Need

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

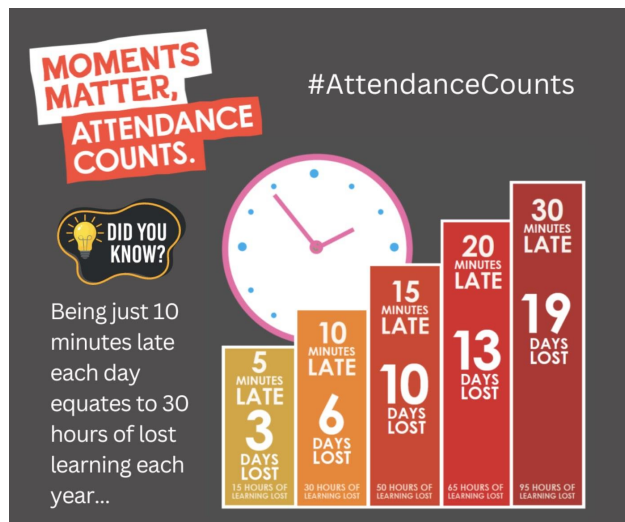
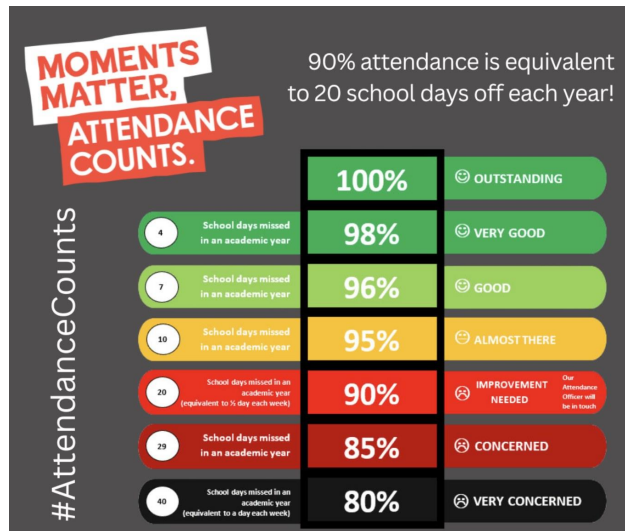
All of our meals are prepared using freshly sourced products from the East Midlands. If you need to know more about the ingredients used, please ask.

AVAILABLE DAILY: Best of both bread (Gluten), Soy fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Vegetarian roll, Gluten Soy Milk roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Corned beef hash (veg), mashed potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, Milk Egg Chicken sweetcorn & green beans	Chinese chicken Soy Gluten mixed rice	Wiltshire sausage Gluten Sulphur dioxide OR Plant-based sausage Soy Sulphur dioxide mashed potatoes, carrots, cabbage & gravy	MSC cod dog, Fish Gluten Soybeans with tomato ketchup, oven chips, baked beans, or minted garden peas
OPTION 2	Jacket potato, cheese milk, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese milk, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese milk, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese milk, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad	Jacket potato, cheese milk, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise Fish Egg & mixed salad
PUDDING	Chocolate & orange muffin Gluten Egg	Vanilla cookie chicken	Cornflake tart Gluten Sulphur dioxide & custard milk	Lemon drizzle muffin Egg Chicken Sulphur Dioxide	Pancake chicken Gluten frozen yoghurt milk & 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)

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