



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

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Friday 11th October, 2024

Harvest Festival Celebrations



This year, we will be holding two special events to honour Harvest Festival:

Key Stage 1 will celebrate on **Wednesday 16th October** at our school.

Key Stage 2 will gather on **Thursday 17th October** at St. Peters church.

As part of our commitment to supporting our community, we will be collecting food donations for **The Beacon Project**.

We invite all children to bring in non-perishable food items and toiletries on the day of their Harvest Festival.

The Beacon Project has specified the following items that would be greatly appreciated:

- Beans
- UHT Milk
- Rice Pudding
- Tinned fruit
- Cans of pop
- Pot noodles
- Crisps
- Chocolate / biscuits

Your generous contributions will help those in need within our community, reflecting our Christian values of kindness and compassion. Thank you for your continued support!

New Attendance Policy



We are pleased to announce that our new Attendance Policy has been ratified by the Governors and will come into effect in **January 2025**. This policy is designed to maximise the educational potential of every child at our school and to ensure that all children feel a sense of belonging and engagement within our school community.

Below are the key points of the policy:

Aims of the Attendance Policy

- **Maximise Education Potential:** We aim to minimise absence during term time to enhance educational outcomes. Absences should only occur in exceptional circumstances.
- **Good Attendance Definition:** Attendance above 95% is considered good, while below 90% is classified as poor.
- **Addressing Attendance Concerns:** If a child's attendance falls below 90%, we will communicate with parents to discuss barriers and explore support options, including the Attend Framework and Early Help Team.
- **Intervention Measures:** In cases of persistent unauthorised absence, we may need to take statutory action to protect the child's right to education.
- **Safeguarding Protocols:** We will follow up on any unexplained absences in accordance with our safeguarding policies to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children.

Persistent Unauthorised Absences

We have adopted the Nottinghamshire Code of Conduct 2015, which ensures that Penalty Notices are applied consistently and fairly across the local authority area.

Penalty Notice Fines:

What is a Penalty Notice?: A penalty notice is an out-of-court settlement intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution.

Threshold for Penalty Notices: 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period may result in a Penalty Notice. This includes any term-time absences that are unauthorised, whether taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

Issuance of Penalty Notices: From August 2024, only two penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period. The second notice will incur a higher rate, and further offences may lead to criminal prosecution.

Fines Structure:

- **First Offence:** £160 per parent, per child (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days).
- **Second Offence:** £160 per parent, per child (no reduction).
- **Third Offence or Further Offences:** Referred to Nottinghamshire Local Authority for prosecution, which may lead to fines of up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

In cases of persistent absence, the Local Authority may consider what services or measures may be provided to prevent or reduce further unauthorised absence, including support and interventions through the Family Service or the Early Help Team.

We appreciate the support of our parents and carers in promoting good attendance, which is vital for the success and wellbeing of our children. Together, we can foster an environment where every child thrives.

For more details on our attendance policy, please refer to the full document available on our school website 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 continued support.

Consultation on Proposed Reduction of Pupil Admission Number (PAN)



As part of our commitment to keeping you informed about important developments at our school, we would like to share that we are currently in a period of consultation regarding a proposed change to our Pupil Admission Number (PAN).

What is PAN?

The Pupil Admission Number (PAN) is the number of children that a school can admit into each year group. Currently, our PAN stands at 60, but due to a noticeable decrease in the number of children coming through the school, we are considering reducing this number to 45.

Why Are We Proposing This Change?

The decision to propose a reduction in our PAN is not one we take lightly. Over the past few years, we have observed a decline in the number of children entering our school. This trend has prompted us to reassess our admissions strategy to ensure that we can provide the best possible education and support for our current and future children.

Consultation Process

You can give your views on the consultation between 3 October 2024 and 24 November 2024. Anyone can comment on the arrangements. If you wish to respond, you can do this up to 24 November 2024 by:

- Completing the online response form on the public website www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissionsconsultation

- Emailing admissionsconsultations@nottsgov.uk

Take a look here at the full documentation overview which is available on our school website - <https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/ravenshead-cofe-primary/UploadedDocument/5d795b01-73b5-402e-bfab-370465428541/summary-of-consultation-2026-2027-final-1.pdf>

OPAL Play



This week, we had another play assembly where the children were given Benefit Risk training which will allow us to start introducing large loose parts. The children are super excited that the tyres will be introduced at some stage next week.

The children thought of some of the benefits of playing with the tyres:

- cooperation.
- developing their strength.
- fun.
- improving their balance.
- learning to improve through trial and error.

We then discussed some of the risks such as:

- tripping over the tyres.
- they might be heavy when we pick them up.

- they might roll into other children.
- they might be slippery if it is wet outside.
- they might fall over if they are stacked too high.
- if we get into the tyres to be rolled, we might bump or hurt ourselves.

We then agreed how the children can manage these risks:

- looking around before rolling tyres to make sure that the way is clear.
- asking other people to help carry a tyre, making sure that we know the route before we pick it up.
- only stacking the tyres as high as our armpit level if we are going to get in them (we talked about this being different for younger and older children).
- the zone in which tyres can be used to make sure that we are not bumping into other children with them.
- a safe body position to be in when being rolled in a tyre and the rule of consent - the child in the tyre is in control and in charge of saying when to go and when to stop.

In addition, the play team that will be out supervising will be stepping in to make sure that the children are safe whilst the children begin to challenge themselves and understand what they are capable of.

If you happen to have any contacts with people garages/businesses that might be able to provide us with some more tyres, then please do get in touch.

Hopefully, I'll be able to share some amazing pictures next week of the children having great fun with the tyres!



PTFA Update



Christmas 2024

Raise
money for
your school
PTA

School Project

Fun
designs



Cool
Cards



Great
gift ideas



Christmas Card Designs

Everyone should now have received the Christmas artwork designs created by the children. Please remember that the online shop for orders will close on 9th November, so get your orders in now and these will then be delivered back to school in plenty of time for you to get those lovely personalised Christmas cards sent out to all of your family and friends – all whilst raising funds to feed back in to the school.

Don't forget! ASDA Rewards – 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative still live!

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you need to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, then shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode

3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to our PTA to then spend on the things that the school needs the most.

Easy money with Easyfundraising – there's still time to sign up!

For this month only, Easyfundraising will donate £2 to our PTA every time someone signs up to their app and selects to support Ravenshead C of E. Not only that, but if we get more than 10 people sign up, we'll also be entered into a prize draw to win £150 (which would be a great help towards this year's fundraising target!).



The graphic is a red rectangle with a subtle bokeh pattern. At the top center is the Easyfundraising logo, which consists of a yellow sun-like icon with rays and the word "easyfundraising" in white lowercase letters. Below the logo, the text "How you can support us for free" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, with two yellow star icons flanking the words "How you can". Below this text, there are three items, each with a small icon and a line of text in white. The first item has a yellow icon of a smartphone with a sun-like symbol on the screen, followed by the text "Download the easyfundraising app". The second item has a yellow icon of a hand pointing at a screen, followed by the text "Sign up as our supporter". The third item has a yellow icon of a piggy bank with a coin slot, followed by the text "Once registered, we'll get a £2 donation!". At the bottom of the graphic is a solid red horizontal bar.

 easyfundraising

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support us for free

 Download the easyfundraising app

 Sign up as our supporter

 Once registered, we'll get a £2 donation!

This is such a quick and easy way for us to raise funds for the school, so please also encourage family and friends to download the app and choose to support Ravenshead C of E.

The app is available in for both iPhone and Android.

Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who supported our scarecrow festival last Saturday. The weather was kind to us and it was so lovely to see so many people out and about on the day. We'll share the total amount raised from this event very soon.



We can also share that the winning scarecrow as voted for by the people who took part in the trail, was the wonderful Elsa and Olaf, very closely followed by The Stig.

Keep In Touch

Please make sure you follow our Social Media pages for the most up to date information on PTA events:

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

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

If you're interested in joining the PTA or just want get a little more information, then feel free to drop us an email:

Email - **ravensheadcofeschoolpta@yahoo.com**

Flu Vaccination



If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/3694d703>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 12th November 2024. The link will close on the 28th October 2024. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2024, please disregard this message.

If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

Kind Regards

Nottinghamshire School Immunisation Service

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

As Harvest celebrations approach in school and in church, here's a simple prayer activity you can use with your children, using these store cupboard ingredients:

Find a **packet of pasta** or rice – the bigger the better: These make enough for lots of meals They remind us of God's bounty and generosity. Thank you, Lord, for all the food we eat, for the bounty of the earth and your generosity to us all. Amen

Find a tin of **mushy peas** (or anything squashed-up such as peanut butter, jam, guacamole, or olive oil, made by crushing olives). They remind us that some people may be feeling a bit squashed by life. We pray, Lord, for anyone who is feeling pressed down by worries at harvest time, especially those who don't have enough to eat. Amen

Find something made for sharing – a pack of **iced buns**, or tear and share bread, or a big pizza: They remind us that it's good to share what we have and life is better when it's shared with other people. Help us Lord to share what we have with others and to be generous to those in need. Amen.



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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Bethany	Y1	At the end of September, Bethy was Star of the Week at Razzmatazz. She has been so well and enjoys her time there on a Saturday.
Grace	Y6	Grace had been accepted into Nova swimming squad. We are all so proud of her. She's worked really hard to get in.
Phoebe	Y2	Well Done Phoebe on getting your 200m and 400m swimming badges this week. Keep going little mermaid!
Jack	Y5	Jack has been attending the Junior parkrun at Hucknall on Sunday mornings
Liam	Y3	Liam has achieved the Octopus 2 badge at his swimming lesson. Well done Liam! :-) x
Kitty	Y6	Kitty was girl of the match for her Sunday football team, Ravenshead Reds, and was instrumental in ensuring her team won their first ever league match. Keep on smashing it Kitty x
Digger	Y2	After only 3 weeks of lessons in a new pool, this week Digger gained his 20m and 25m swimming badges and passed his level 4. Well done Digs, we are very proud of you!
Teddy	Y2	Teddy helped catch an old lady who had fainted, he helped look after her until the emergency services arrived. We are so proud of him!

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

Tuesday 15 th October	Y3 Vikings Day
Wednesday 16 th October	2pm – KS1 Harvest Festival at the school – children only
Thursday 17 th October	2pm – KS2 Harvest Festival at the church – children only FND PSED Learning together day
Half Term	
Friday 8 th November	Remembrance Day service
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
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 Learning together: Parent Opal play, 2 – 3pm (more details to follow)
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	Libby
	Wolves	Callie
	Robins	Edward
	Golden Eagles	Jackson
	Squirrels	Alexander
	Foxes	William
	Deer	Esmé
	Hedgehogs	Evelyn
	Otters	Theo
	Rabbits	Leo
	Woodpeckers	George

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 3
WEEK COMMENCING
29 April, 20 May, 10 June, 1 July, 22 July
12 Aug, 2 Sept, 23 Sept, 14 Oct

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.

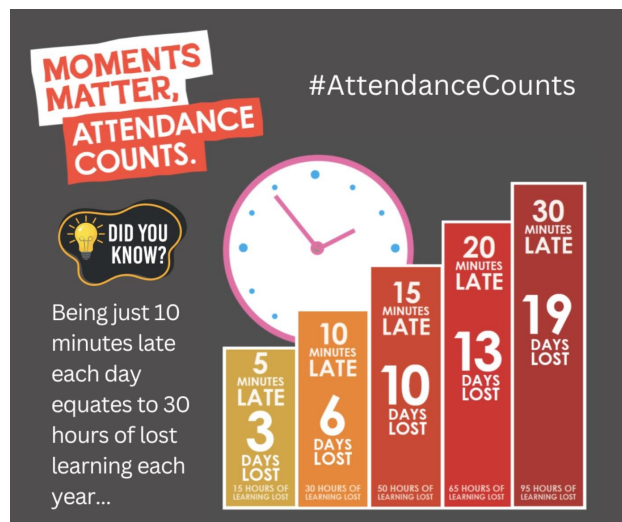
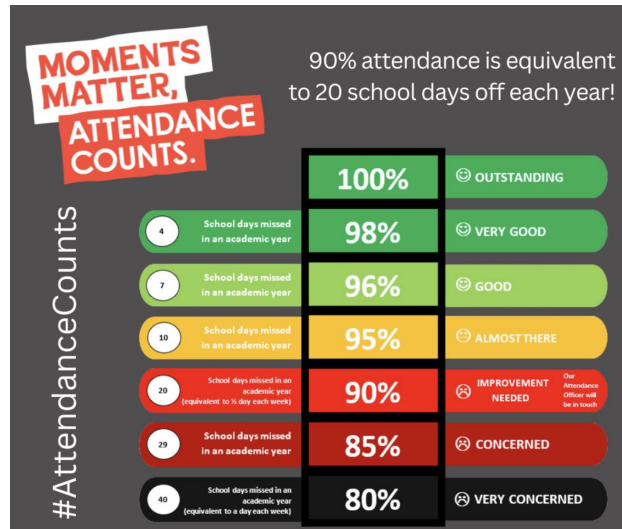
AVAILABLE DAILY: Best of both bread slices, Soup fresh fruit, Vegetarian meals available upon request

MY SCHOOL MENU
SPRING/SUMMER 2024

TASTE & NATURE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Quorn dippers wrap slices baby roast potatoes carrot sticks fresh coleslaw (veg)	Cheesy pasta Roasted Peas (Season 18/19) crusty bread (Season 18/19) sweetcorn	Nottinghamshire sausage hot dog Cheese & onion (Season 18/19) jacket wedges sweetcorn or baked beans	Roast chicken, stuffing (Season 18/19) & Gravy mashed potatoes Yorkshire pudding with egg (veg) fresh broccoli & carrots	MSC battered fish (Season 18/19) oven chips garden peas or baked beans
OPTION 2	Build your own lunch! Sandwich (Season 18/19) Fillings: cheese (veg) ham or tuna mayonnaise (veg) vegetable sticks crisps fruit or Fruite yogurt (veg) or pudding of the day	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese (veg) baked beans tuna mayonnaise (veg) & crunchy vegetables	Build your own lunch! Sandwich (Season 18/19) Fillings: cheese (veg) ham or tuna mayonnaise (veg) vegetable sticks crisps fruit or Fruite yogurt (veg) or pudding of the day	Jacket potato with the filling of the day, cheese (veg) baked beans tuna mayonnaise (veg) & crunchy vegetables	Build your own lunch! Sandwich (Season 18/19) Fillings: cheese (veg) ham or tuna mayonnaise (veg) vegetable sticks crisps fruit or Fruite yogurt (veg) or pudding of the day
PUDDING	Fruit yoghurt (veg)	Chocolate brownie (veg)	Crispy lemon tart (Season 18/19) & custard (veg)	Strawberry shortcake (veg)	Chocolate crispy (veg) with strawberry milkshake (veg)

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)

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