



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

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Friday 13th September, 2024

Happy Friday! I can't believe the children have only been back just over a week. They are already used to their new routines and are working hard with their learning.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all next week! :)

PTFA Update



PTA AGM – Monday 16th September

Just a quick reminder that our AGM will take place at 7pm on Monday 16th September via Zoom. If you'd like to come along then please send us an email (address can be found under the 'Keep in Touch' section below) and we can send you an invite. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Annual Scarecrow Festival – 5th October



One of the most loved events of the year is back! Pre-order your trail map now for the early bird price of £3 and set off to follow the trail of fantastic Scarecrows around Ravenshead on Saturday 5th October.

Some of our PTA volunteers will also be set up outside the front entrance of school selling trail maps on the day, along with cakes to keep you energised on your journey!

All scarecrow entrants will also be in with a chance of winning the coveted title of 'Best Scarecrow 2024' and will win a family ticket for 4 to Notts Maze (visit www.maize-maze.co.uk).

So, make sure you visit the PTA events page to get your trail map now - [Friends of Ravenshead CofE Primary School \(pta-events.com\)](http://Friends of Ravenshead CofE Primary School (pta-events.com))



ASDA Rewards – ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative

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.

Other ways you can support us:

Easy Fundraising – Want a really quick and easy way to support our school? Then visit the link below to sign up to Easy Fundraising and download the App to ensure that a % donation will be made to the school from certain retailers each time you shop:

[PTA Ravenshead C of E Primary School - Ravenshead Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

We've already raised over £1000 from Easy Fundraising donations since we signed up!

Your School Lottery – You have to be in it to win it! Sign up to Your School Lottery today by visiting the link below:

[Support Ravenshead C of E Primary School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

- A ticket costs £1 per week
- All profits go straight to our school
- Local cash prize each week
- Chance to win National jackpot prizes

Stikins - Don't forget that you can order your Stikins name labels which are quick and easy to apply, and if you use our special code of **16534** when ordering then we will get a percentage of all sales.

This will help reduce lost property and raise funds for the school at the same time. Double win!

Visit www.stikins.co.uk and quote our fundraising number **16534** when ordering.

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

Opal



What a fantastic first week of OPAL play! The children have really embraced it, especially our Foundation children, who have been absolutely brilliant. It's like they've always been part of OPAL play — jumping right in and mixing with the older children without hesitation.

We've also introduced OPAL at break times for KS2, and the children have done a great job getting the equipment out and putting it away. It's been lovely to see them so enthusiastic and responsible.

From the beginning of October, once the Play Team has completed their risk training, we'll be introducing larger loose parts like tyres, wheeled items, and crates into the play areas. These will gradually become available, adding even more exciting options for the children to explore and enjoy.

With the weather being a bit unpredictable at the moment, we ask that all children bring wellies and a waterproof coat to school every day. This will allow them to go outside and enjoy OPAL play even if it's raining. Of course, if it's really pouring, we may decide to bring the children inside, but on most days, we'll continue outdoor play. Children without a coat will unfortunately have to stay inside and miss out on the fun!

We also plan to keep using the grassy areas throughout the year. However, to avoid bringing too much mud into the school, children will only be allowed on the grass if they're wearing their wellies.

Finally, save the date! We'll be holding our first OPAL Parent Come and Play session on **15th November, 2-3pm**. More details to follow, but we're excited to welcome you along to see the fun for yourselves!

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we're looking forward to another great week of OPAL play!

Parent/ Carer drop in sessions - 2nd October



Normally in the Autumn Term, parents/carers would be given the opportunity to sign up for a 5-minute slot to meet their child's new teacher and to briefly discuss how their child has settled into their new class.

This year, we are changing slightly how this will operate. There will still be the opportunity for you to speak with your child's teacher for 5 minutes, but instead of being given a designated 5 minute slot, you will instead ½ hour time period via Class Dojo and have an informal chat with your child's class teacher. Please bear in mind that we are offering the same ½ hour slot to 5 other parents/carers so you may find that the teacher is already speaking to another parent/carers. However this will provide you with the opportunity to look at your child's work (Years 1-6) until they are free.

From feedback, received, the drop in sessions will take place in the classroom due to it being a quieter environment than the hall and you are very welcome to bring your child/children along but we request that parents/carers supervise their children whilst in school.

We politely ask, due to the number of parents/carers that class teachers will need to see, that you contact the class teacher to make a separate appointment if you feel that you will need longer than 5 minutes to discuss your child. This can be done by contacting your child's teacher directly via Class Dojo.

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

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Our children's work has restarted for the autumn and your children, accompanied by an adult carer, would be most welcome at any of the following:

Pebbles Baby and Toddler Group

This is every Monday (in term time) in the Centre next door to St. Peter's 9.15-11.15am, just £1 per family for craft, drink, toys and songs.

Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Service

This coming Tuesday (17th September) in the church foyer and lounge. Flexible start around 10am – but do come earlier for a cuppa, or a bit later if that's helpful. Age-appropriate songs, stories, craft and play, all on a Bible theme. No charge.

Sunday@Four

Our children and family service for all ages worshipping together is every fourth Sunday of the month, which means the next one is on Sunday 22nd September. It's followed by a free sandwich supper and games. We can provide for various dietary requirements if you please let us know in advance.

The theme is Abraham stepping out in faith and this will be explored through fun games, craft, prayer activities, drama and music. Venue to be confirmed (either St. Peter's Church or Centre next door – both on Sheepwalk Lane).

There's no need to book for any of these activities or services. For more information contact Kate on 01623 452431



Summer Reading Challenge



Well done to all of the children who have completed your Summer Reading Challenge with the library. Don't forget to tell your class teacher so you can claim your 5 Dojos! We have heard from the library that although the challenge officially finished on the 1st September, they're keeping it open until Saturday 14th September, so if any children want to finish it, they can and they'll be entered into a Prize Draw! Happy Reading!

Parental/Carer Consents – Action Required by All Parents/Carers



Please could we ask that all parents/carers log onto the Arbor App and complete the electronic parental permissions for the use of your child's videos and photos as well as permission for local visits so that we comply with GDPR requirements. These consent requests will appear at the top of your screen as notifications and it is simply a case of clicking each one to give or decline consent.

You are able to view all consents in the app by clicking on your profile and then scrolling down. If you wish to change a consent, please contact that office (either by email to office@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk or via Class Dojo) as unfortunately, you are not able to change them within Arbor.

Many apologies to parents/carers in EYFS, Y1 and Y3 who already completed the form sent out last week but we would ask that you complete the permissions again on the Arbor App as we have only just

discovered this capability on our electronic system which is still relatively new to us (whereas previously they were added manually).

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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Jake	Y1	Jake has achieved the STANley 1 award at his swimming lessons. Well done Jake :-)
Abigail	Y5	Abigail has passed stage 5 swimming and achieved her 50 metre badge, Well done darling, so proud of you!
Charlotte	Y4	Well done for completing stage 6 swimming! We are so proud of you! Stage 7 next ☺
Annabelle	Y3	Annabelle has moved up swimming group to swim 7! Well done, mummy and daddy are very proud of you!
Edward	Y6	Edward caught 17 fish on his first time fishing. Well done Edward we are so proud of you!
Jake	Y1	Jake has achieved his 2m and 5m swimming badges, well done Jake :-)
Theo	Y2	Well done on moving up to the next level at swimming!
Ava	Y6	Player of the match in football and started her week off with 5 goals (a hatrick) and several assists. Brilliant effort Ava.
Alex	Y4	Alex had his first league match for his team. He was awarded player of the match for his calm decision making and precise passing. Brilliant start to the season Alex ☺☺
Abigail	Y5	Abigail passed stage 5 swimming during the Summer holidays and received her 50m badge, well done!
Elliott	Y1	Elliott has completed his Stage 2 in his swimming lessons. Well done Elliott!
Eleanor	Y5	Last week Eleanor did an amazing job when she ran the Junior Great North Run and has helped to raise almost £1000 for charity! I am so incredibly proud of her.
Sebastian	Y4	Sebastian won the 'Managers award' at his Cricket presentation evening. Well done Sebastian ☺
Maisie	Y1	Well done Maisie on learning to ride your bike without stabilisers over the summer holidays!
Evie	Y3	Evie moved up to Ruby in gymnastics this week. Well done Evie, we are very proud of you.
Rowan	Y2	Rowan has completed 3 junior park runs (2km) smiling and laughing all the way around with a personal best time of 12 minutes and 50 seconds. What an amazing achievement!
Isaac	Y5	After a successful 4-week ice hockey trial, Isaac E has now signed for the Nottingham Lions ☺ Congratulations!
Macy	Y4	Macy has had a great week with her sporting achievements, notably swimming and football, and she deserves a shout out for her hard work and commitment!

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 16 th September	KS1 Pirate Partake Workshop
Tuesday 17 th September	Partake in for Year 5 Year 5 welcome meeting to parents 3:45pm
Wednesday 18 th September	Year 1/ 2 welcome meeting/ phonics meeting to parents 3:45pm
Thursday 26 th September	Worship in the Woods: Year 5
Wednesday 2 nd October	Individual Photos Parents Evening: Open Classroom – 3:45 – 7pm (more details to follow)
Thursday 3 rd October	Worship in the Woods: Year 4
Saturday 5th October	PTFA Scarecrow Festival
Wednesday 9 th October	2.45pm – FND PSED parent workshop in KS1 hall
Thursday 10 th October	Worship in the Woods: Year 3
Wednesday 16 th October	2pm – KS1 Harvest Festival at the church – children only
Thursday 17 th October	2pm – KS2 Harvest Festival at the church – children only FND PSED Learning together day
Half Term	
Thursday 7 th November	Makaton choir at St. Peters Church – 1pm
Friday 8 th November	Remembrance Day service
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd socks day
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)
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	Ava B
	Wolves	Olly
	Robins	Harry
	Golden Eagles	Louie and George
	Squirrels	Maddie
	Foxes	Thomas
	Deer	Lola
	Hedgehogs	Sshanti
	Otters	Phoebe
	Rabbits	Harriet
	Woodpeckers	Connie

Coming up next week.....



Monday 16th September - KS1 Pirate Partake Workshop

Tuesday 17th September - Partake Workshop in for Year 5 - Roman Day!

Tuesday 17th September - Y5 welcome meeting to parents 3:45pm

Wednesday 18th September - Year 1/ 2 welcome meeting/ phonics meeting to parents, 3:45pm

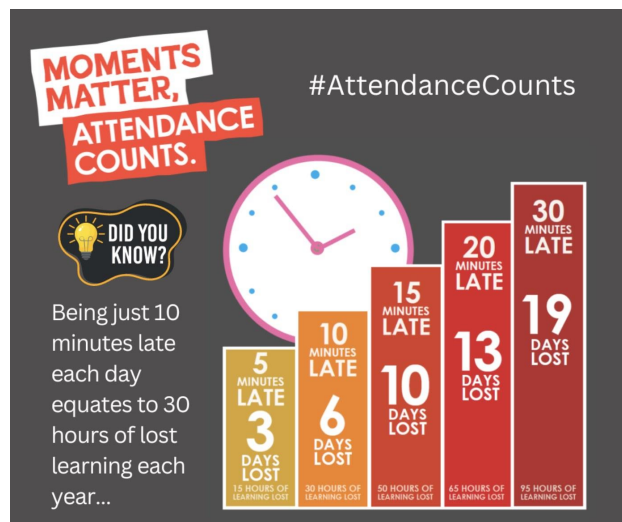
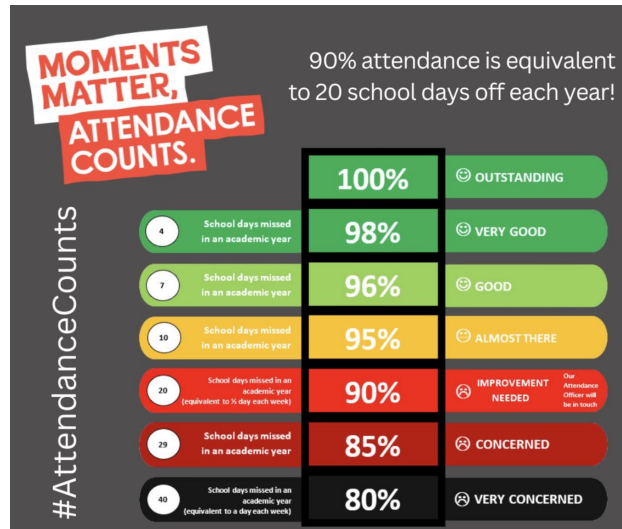
Next week's school dinners



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 22 April, 13 May, 3 June, 24 June, 15 July, 5 Aug, 26 Aug, 16 Sept, 7 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 (gluten), soup, fresh fruit. Vegetarian meals available upon request MY SCHOOL MENU SPRING/SUMMER 2024 TASTE NATURE					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
MAIN Margherita pizza (gluten free) herby diced potatoes sweetcorn coleslaw (veg)	Hunters Chicken (gluten free) potato balls broccoli & baton carrots	Vegan roll (gluten free) new potatoes crunchy vegetables	Nottinghamshire sausage (gluten free) mashed potatoes Yorkshire pudding (veg) (gluten free) fresh cabbage & carrots	MSC Young's fish fingers (gluten free) oven chips garden peas or baked beans	
OPTION 2 Build your own lunch! Sandwich (gluten free) Fillings: cheese (veg), ham or tuna mayonnaise (veg) (gluten free) vegetable sticks crisps fruit or Fruite yogurt (veg) or pudding of the day	Build your own lunch! Sandwich (gluten free) Fillings: cheese (veg), ham or tuna mayonnaise (veg) (gluten free) 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) (gluten free) & crunchy vegetables	Build your own lunch! Sandwich (gluten free) Fillings: cheese (veg), ham or tuna mayonnaise (veg) (gluten free) 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) (gluten free) & garden salad	
PUDDING Chocolate & orange muffin (gluten free)	Butterscotch tart (gluten free)	Honey cake (veg) (gluten free) & custard (veg)	Jelly & shortbread finger (gluten free)	Flapjack (gluten free)	

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).