



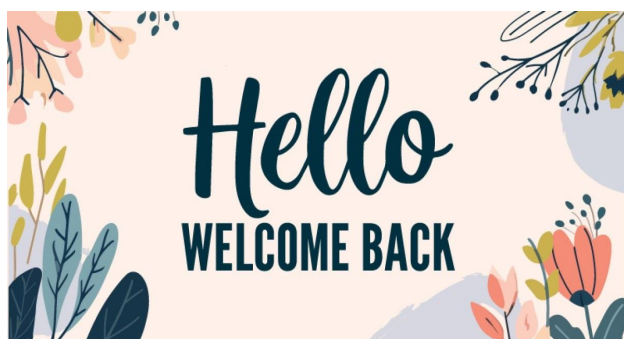
# Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

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*Friday 6th September, 2024*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this first newsletter finds you all well and refreshed after a lovely summer break. It's been wonderful to welcome our children back to school, their smiling faces and exciting holiday stories

brightening up our corridors once again. A special warm welcome goes out to all our new families joining us this year – we're thrilled to have you as part of our school community!

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, filled with promise and new beginnings. Our children have spent the last two days thinking about our school rules, vision, and Christian values. These conversations are crucial in helping our children understand how these principles relate to their daily lives at school and beyond.

To support these discussions, we had a special visit from the police today. The children enjoyed learning about the role of law enforcement, exploring police vehicles and looking at all of their equipment. But more than just a fun experience, this visit helped reinforce the importance of rules and how they keep us all safe. It was heartening to see our children so engaged and curious!

Our school rules are easy to remember: Be Ready, Respectful, Safe, and Kind. These rules go hand in hand with our Christian Values of Courage, Hope, Respect, and Kindness, which we regularly discuss during our Worship time. We encourage our children to embody these rules and values in everything they do.

At the heart of all we do is our school vision of 'love and kindness'. We remind our entire school community – both children and adults – to "Let love and kindness be the motivation behind all that you do". It's a powerful message that we hope resonates both in and out of school.

I encourage you to chat with your children about these rules, values, and our vision. It's always fascinating to hear their perspectives and see how they're incorporating these principles into their lives.

On a practical note, we've put together a list of 'diary dates' for the Autumn Term. You'll find these dates on every newsletter, with any changes clearly highlighted. Please take a moment to jot down these important dates, and don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher if you need any clarification.

Have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Emma Johnson

Head Teacher

## Important Changes to Attendance

### Attendance Ladder



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There have been some **significant changes in the law** which I would like to make you aware of regarding school absence and penalty notices (fines) across the country.

**We will always try and provide support to help you improve your child's attendance**, but if this isn't effective or the absence is for unauthorised term time holiday, parents/carers **may** face paying a fixed penalty notice (fine).

Under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed **10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons**. INSET/training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more days where there was intent to be absent for term time.

From August 2024, the penalty notice (fine) for school absences across the country is now **£80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days (per parent, per child)**. **In the case of repeated absence, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160 per parent, per child within 28 days.**

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. If you are prosecuted this means you have to go to court. You could get a fine, a community order or a jail sentence for up to 3 months. The court could also give you a parenting order.

Where we believe that a child has been on holiday rather than being ill, we may request that Notts County Council issue a fixed penalty notice. It will then be up to parent/carers to provide evidence to the contrary. It may also be necessary as part of our safeguarding obligations to follow up any absences with 'safe and well' visits to check in where there is an absence of more than a few days.

***Please note that schools do not receive any money from issuing fines. Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.***

Have a look at the links below for further information:

School attendance, absence and truancy:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-discipline-and-exclusions/attendance-absence-truancy>

Holidays during term time:

Thank you for your support in helping us to implement these national changes and please do make contact if you have any questions.

## PTFA Update



The PTA are kicking off another exciting year of fundraising with our annual **Scarecrow festival**. Be a part of our festival by building your own scarecrow and displaying it in the village. Tell us where you are going to put it to feature on the trail map and be in with a chance of winning the family of 4 ticket to Notts Maze.

Trail maps are now on sale at [www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcofeschoolpta](http://www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcofeschoolpta)





Presents The Ravenshead Village

# Scarecrow Festival

## 5<sup>th</sup> October



Trail, and Best Scarecrow competition

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Be a part of our festival by making your own scarecrow

Let us know where you will be displaying it by the end of September to be featured on the trail map by emailing us at

[ravensheadcofeschoolpta@yahoo.com](mailto:ravensheadcofeschoolpta@yahoo.com)

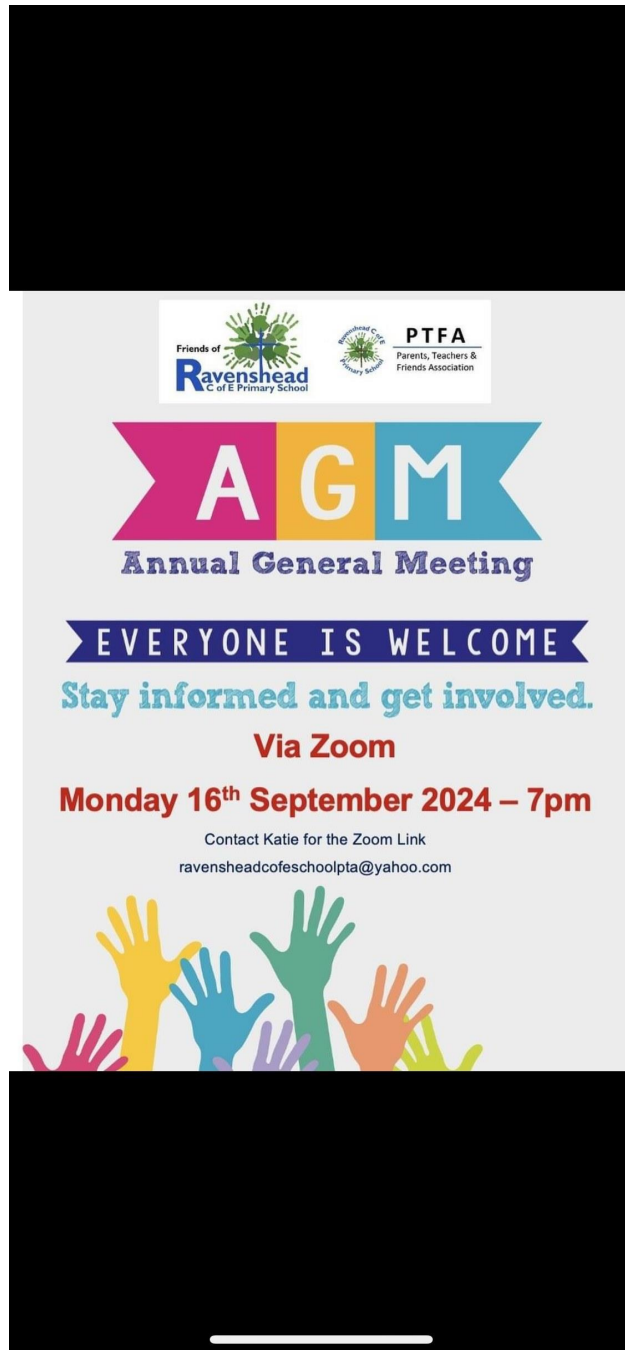
Trail maps available to buy from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept for £3 at

[www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcofeschoolpta](http://www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcofeschoolpta)



To all new parents to the school - Welcome! If you would like to be a part of our PTA in any small way, please come along to our AGM on Monday 16th September. We would love to have new input and fresh ideas.

email us at [ravensheadcofeschoolpta@yahoo.com](mailto:ravensheadcofeschoolpta@yahoo.com) - for the joining details.



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

Welcome Back!

I hope you've had a great summer. Our 10.30am Service on Sunday is a Special Celebration of Children, Young People and all who care for them - parents, grandparents, teachers, health care professionals and other carers. Come and help us celebrate in St Peter's Church with a short, fun, child-friendly act of worship for Education Sunday, followed by a Bring Your Own picnic in the Centre next door with games,

other activities and free ice creams for the young (and the young at heart). This celebration will launch our children's work for the new academic year. Ask us about Pebbles, Little Fishes, Sunday@Four and Holiday Rock.

We'd love to see you!

Revd Kate

Tel. 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!

## Online Safety Newsletter



Please click on the link to read this month's online safety newsletter:

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## Roll of Honour



**\*\*Roll of honour will start again next week\*\***

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-M8hOgSY59GIMuxxXhfzXmkdUQkNSSktETzhKVU1DSkJKTEICWjM3TDZINS4u>

## 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<br>Diary Dates        |                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September       | Y4 Swimming Starts<br>F2 Transition session: 8:55 – 1:30pm<br>Y6 Welcome Meeting to parents 3.45pm                                                                  |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September     | F2 Transition session: 8:55 – 2:00pm                                                                                                                                |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September   | F2 children in full time                                                                                                                                            |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September    | Worship in the Woods: Year 6<br>Y3 welcome meeting 3:45pm                                                                                                           |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September      | Y4 welcome meeting 3:45pm                                                                                                                                           |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September      | KS1 Pirate Partake Workshop                                                                                                                                         |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September     | Partake in for Year 5<br>Year 5 welcome meeting to parents 3:45pm                                                                                                   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September   | Year 1/ 2 welcome meeting/ phonics meeting to parents 3:45pm                                                                                                        |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September    | Worship in the Woods: Year 5                                                                                                                                        |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October      | Individual Photos<br>Parents Evening: Open Classroom – 3:45 – 7pm (more details to follow)                                                                          |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October       | Worship in the Woods: Year 4                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> | <b>PTFA Scarecrow Festival</b>                                                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October      | 2.45pm – FND PSED parent workshop in KS1 hall                                                                                                                       |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October      | Worship in the Woods: Year 3                                                                                                                                        |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October     | 2pm – KS1 Harvest Festival at the church – children only                                                                                                            |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October      | 2pm – KS2 Harvest Festival at the church – children only<br>FND PSED Learning together day                                                                          |
| <b>**Half Term**</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November      | Makaton choir at St. Peters Church – 1pm                                                                                                                            |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November        | Remembrance Day service                                                                                                                                             |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November       | Anti-Bullying Week                                                                                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November      | Odd socks day                                                                                                                                                       |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November     | Worship in the Woods: Year 1/ 2 Woodpeckers                                                                                                                         |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November       | Children in Need<br>Learning together: Parent Opal play, 2 – 3pm (more details to follow)                                                                           |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November     | Worship in the Woods: Year 1/ 2 - Rabbits                                                                                                                           |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November     | Worship in the Woods: Year 1/ 2 - Otters                                                                                                                            |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December        | AM – KS1 Rehearsal at the church<br>5pm- New F1 Starter Meeting                                                                                                     |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December       | PM – KS1 Rehearsal at the church                                                                                                                                    |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December     | <b>KS1 Nativity to parents at the church – 10am/ 2pm</b><br>FND - 2.45pm Phonics parents' workshop KS1 Hall                                                         |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December      | FND - Phonics Learning Together Day<br>3.45 - F1 New Starter Stay and Play                                                                                          |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December        | AM - Foundation Church Trip                                                                                                                                         |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December        | FND Nativity dress rehearsal - 2.30pm                                                                                                                               |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    | PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church<br><b>FND Nativity at school – 2:30pm</b>                                                                                           |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December     | PM – Y4 Rehearsal at the church<br><b>FND Nativity at school – 2:30pm</b>                                                                                           |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December       | FND - 9.30am- Makaton group coming<br><b>Y4 Nativity to parents at the church – 10am/ 2pm</b><br>Christmas Jumper Day (Officially 12/12/24)<br>Christmas Dinner Day |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December       | Christingle Service – 2pm – children only                                                                                                                           |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December      | Nativity Service – 2pm – children only<br>FND- Nativity/ Christmas Craft Learning Together Day                                                                      |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | 'Carols around the tree' – Carol concert<br>10:00 – FSU/ KS1<br>1:30 – KS2<br>6:00pm – Parents/ Carers                                                              |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December       | Last day!<br>(The children can bring a non-expensive toy in to play with)                                                                                           |

## Next week's school dinners

### 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!

## Safeguarding



### Safeguarding

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](mailto:head@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk))

Mrs Keightley ([sophiekeightley@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk](mailto:sophiekeightley@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk))

Mrs Soley ([sarahsoley@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk](mailto:sarahsoley@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk))

Mrs Sanders ([suzyburtonsanders@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk](mailto:suzyburtonsanders@ravenshead.notts.sch.uk)).