



Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

Attendance – A strong start to the year!



The start of a new school year is the perfect time to establish good habits and positive routines around attendance. Being in school every day gives children the best possible opportunity to learn, make progress and enjoy everything school has to offer – from seeing their friends and taking part in their favourite lessons to clubs, trips and other special experiences.

We know that getting back into school routines after the summer holidays can take a little time. Regular bedtimes, calm morning routines, preparing clothes and bags the night before and

limiting screens before bedtime can all help children arrive at school on time, rested and ready to learn.

Every school day really does matter. Missing just a few days here and there can quickly add up and affect a child's learning and progress. Please help us to make excellent attendance a priority from the very beginning of the year.

Thank you, as always, for working with us to give every child the best possible start.

Goodbye Miss Musson!



Sadly, today we say goodbye to **Miss Musson**, who has been part of the Ravenshead team for nearly **10 years**. During her time with us, she has been a valued Teaching Assistant, working particularly across EYFS and Key Stage 1. Her hard work, care and commitment to the children have been greatly appreciated, and we would like to thank her for everything she has contributed to our school.

We wish Miss Musson every happiness and success as she moves on to pastures new. She will be missed by children and staff alike.

On Monday, we are delighted to welcome **Miss Dag**, who will be joining our team as a Teaching Assistant in Foundation.

Parent Online Safety Presentation



Technology is an important part of our children's lives, bringing lots of opportunities for learning, creativity, communication and fun. However, as children become increasingly independent online, it is important that we work together to help them use technology safely, responsibly and positively.

We have attached a useful Online Safety Information Presentation for Parents, which looks at some of the current opportunities and risks children may encounter online, as well as practical ways parents can support them at home. This includes talking openly about their online lives, agreeing sensible boundaries, using parental controls and taking an interest in the games, apps and platforms they use.

We would encourage all families to take a few minutes to look through the presentation together. Keeping children safe online works best when school and home work in partnership.

<https://www.ravensheadcofeprimary.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=821>

PTFA



Welcome back to School! The PTA are rested and ready to fundraise again. At our AGM on Monday, we voted in our committee members for the year ahead. Gemma Thorley will continue as Chair, Samantha Warsop will continue as Vice Chair, Linda Wilkinson will continue as Treasurer and Rebekah Thompson will continue as Secretary

We are so grateful to have these passionate committee members supported by a great team to continue our fundraising efforts. We are kicking off this term with our **Ladies night Fashion Show**.

Fancy a night without the kids after the school holidays?

🍷 Looking for the perfect excuse to catch up with the ladies, enjoy a glass of Prosecco and support our school at the same time?

After the amazing success of our last fashion show, we're back in September! 🛍️🌟

📅 Thursday 24th September

🕒 7:30pm

📍 Ravenshead C of E School

The best part... it's open to the whole community! ❤️ So please bring all your friends, gather the girls and join us for a fabulous evening of fashion, fun, friendship and Prosecco - all while supporting our school 🍷

👛 £5 when pre-booked, £6 entry on the night

<https://www.pta-events.com/ravensheadcofeschoolptfa/>

We can't wait to see you there! 🌟

OPAL



This week we held our first OPAL Assembly of the year, and it was especially exciting because it was the first one attended by our new Foundation children. The rest of the school did a wonderful job of helping our youngest pupils understand what OPAL is all about. Children discussed why it is so important to have wellies and waterproofs in school every day, helping to ensure that everyone can enjoy outdoor play whatever the weather. They also shared how we risk assess our outdoor spaces, thinking carefully about how to make activities and play experiences "safe enough" while still allowing children to challenge themselves, develop resilience and have fun.

The children were also delighted to hear about the launch of our new **OPAL Club**, which starts next week. This year, the club will take place during the school day, making it much easier for more children to get involved. Members of the club will play an important role in maintaining and developing our grounds, helping to create even more exciting play opportunities for all.

HELP NEEDED!

To continue improving our outdoor play spaces, we are looking for some support from our school community. **Are you an arborist, or do you have contacts who work in arboriculture?** We are urgently seeking donations of **wood chippings** to help improve areas of the school grounds and reduce muddy patches. We are also looking for donations of approximately **40 tyres** to support future OPAL projects. If you are able to help with either of these requests, please get in touch with **Mrs Keightley**. Your support would make a huge difference to the play experiences we can provide for our children.

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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Orla	Y4	Last weekend Orla took to the stage in the English Youth Ballet production of Swan Lake at the Theatre Royal in Nottingham after successfully gaining a place at audition stage earlier in the year. Orla has totally immersed herself in intense training with the EYB over the past two months which ended with 3 fantastic performances to audiences of approx 1000 per show. We are so proud of Orla for chasing her dreams, working hard, shining like a star on stage and embracing every moment of the experience. You are amazing!
Robyn	Y3	Robyn had a fall from her pony a few weeks back and this massively knocked her confidence, this week she not only got back on without lead rein, she also walked and trotted with a huge smile on her face, We are so super proud of you Robyn. Love from mummy & daddy xx
Eadie	Y1	Eadie had been amazing this week a glowing report from her swimming instructor and she's moved up a level getting a badge and certificate in gymnastics as well as being a superstar at home so proud of you eadie keep up the good work!!
Jake	Y3	Jake has completed Stage 2 at his swimming lessons, he will be moving up in to the big pool for Stage 3. Well done Jake! :-) xx
Sienna	Y6	Sienna was selected to take part in the Notts Nippers Rider Cup event to compete against Shropshire and Herefordshire in a golf competition. She won both her singles and team Betterball matches.
Maariya	Y1	Moved up to stage 2 swimming
Frankie	Y2	Frankie worked so hard on mastering two new skills over the summer. She is now much more confident at telling the time and she's absolutely brilliant at under water handstands 🐡 Well done for sticking at it Frankie xx

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/>

AUTUMN TERM 2026 – TERM DATES

Monday 14th September	Y6 welcome meeting
Tuesday 15th September	Hawks Worship in the Woods
Wednesday 16th September	KS1 Pirate Workshop
Monday 21 st September	Y3/4 Welcome Meeting
Tuesday 22nd September	Wolves Worship in the Woods
Thursday 24th September	EYFS Parent Workshop Physical Development and Handwriting (2:45- 3:15pm) Deer Worship in the woods KS1 Phonics Meeting - 3:45pm
Monday 28th September	Y5 Roman day
Tuesday 29th September	Robins worship in the woods
Wednesday 30th September	Individual school photos
Thursday 1st October	Y3/4 Partake Vikings (Foxes and Deer) Squirrels Worship in the Woods
Friday 2nd October	Y3/4 Partake Vikings (Squirrels) EYFS Learning Together Day: Physical Development and Handwriting (1:45-3:15pm)
Wednesday 7th October	Parents Evening: Open Classroom – 3:45 – 7:30pm
Thursday 8th October	Foxes Worship in the woods
Wednesday 14th October	2pm – KS1 Harvest Festival at the church – children only
Thursday 15th October	2pm – KS2 Harvest Festival at the church – children only
Half Term (Monday 19 th October until Friday 30 th October)	
Monday 2 nd November	INSET day: School Closed
Thursday 12th November	EYFS Parent Workshop PSED and CAL (9:15 – 9:45am)
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Monday 16th November	Anti bullying week: Break the Silence Odd socks day
Tuesday 17th November	EYFS LTD PSED and CAL (9:15 – 10:45am)
Monday 30th November	F1 New Starter Parents Meeting (4:30 – 5:30pm)
Wednesday 2nd December	KS1 Nativity to parents at SCHOOL – 10am/ 2pm
Thursday 3rd December	PM – Y3/4 Rehearsal at the church F1 New Starters Stay and Play (3:45 – 4:45pm)
Friday 4th December	AM - Foundation Church Trip PM – Y3/4 Rehearsal at the church
Wednesday 9th December	PM – Y3/4 Rehearsal at the church EYFS Nativity at school – 2.30pm
Thursday 10th December	PM – Y3/4 Rehearsal at the church EYFS Nativity at school – 2.30pm
Friday 11th December	Y3/4 Nativity to parents at the CHURCH – 10am/ 2pm Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December	Christingle Service – 2pm – Children only (Make Christingles in the morning)
Tuesday 15th December	Nativity Service – 2pm – Children only (Make Nativity craft in the morning)
Wednesday 16th December	'Carols around the tree' – School choir 6:00pm – Performance to parents/ carers
Thursday 17th December	9am - Choir singing carols at Kings Mill Hospital
Friday 18th December	Last day! (The children can bring a non-expensive toy in to play with)

Christian Values in school



These children have been showing our Christian Values in school this week:

Hawks - Thomas

Wolves - Harald

Robins - Lola

Golden Eagles - Isabelle

Squirrels - Arthur

Foxes - Leona

Deer - Elspeth

Owls - Isla

Rabbits - Thea

Woodpeckers - Dougie

Coming up next week.....



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Next week's school dinners

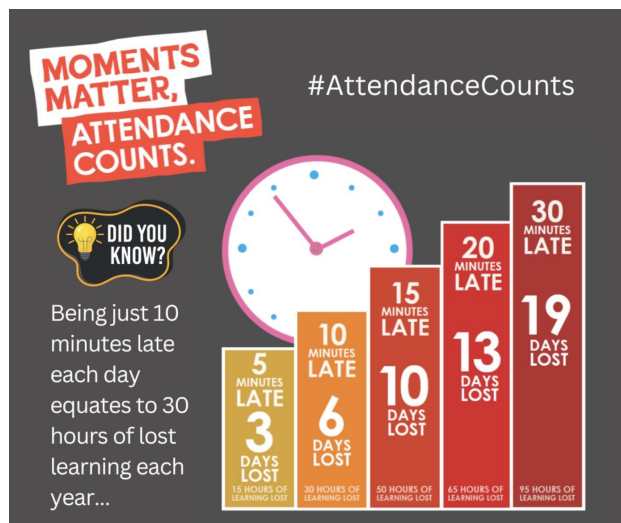
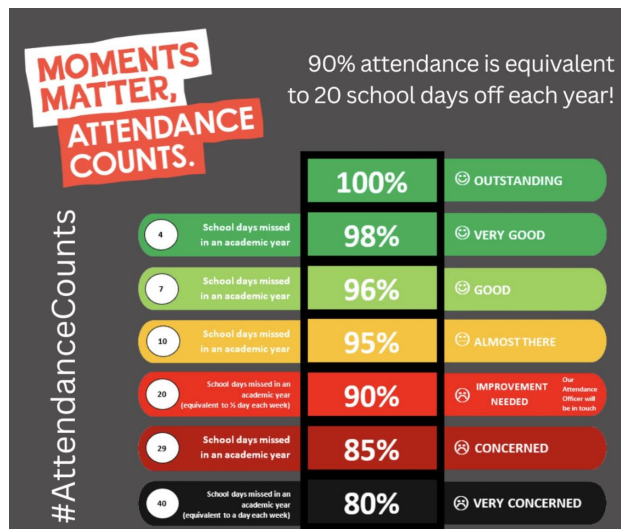


Don't forget you have until **9:30am each day** to sign your child up for a delicious school dinner. All dietary needs are catered for and the school dinners are free for children in F2, Y1 and Y2. For children in F1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 they cost **£3.16**.

Please message the office to order a school meal, before 9.30am, on the day.

WEEK COMMENCING		AUTUMN-WINTER MENU 2026/27				WEEK 3
14 th September						
5 th October						
16 th November						
7 th December						
18 th January						
8 th February						
	Red Option	Monday Impossibly golden nuggets (ve) Gluten Free with cheesy mash (v) Milk sweetcorn & tomato ketchup	Tuesday Big Beefy burger Gluten Saffron Onions Sesame OR Crispy American style burger (ve) Gluten Sesame with potato balls (ve) & vegetable sticks	Wednesday Gammon with all the trimmings: OR Planet friendly roast, (v) Milk Egg Yorkshire pudding (v) Gluten Egg Milk roast potatoes, (ve) parsnips, broccoli & gravy (ve)	Thursday Cosy chicken sausage casserole Gluten Celery Saffron Onions OR Hearty sausage casserole (ve) Gluten Celery Saffron Onions with mashed potatoes (ve) & green beans	Friday Ocean crunch fish bites Gluten Fish OR Ocean friendly fingers (ve) Gluten with oven chips, (ve) peas & curry sauce Celery Gluten Egg Milk Mustard Soy
	Blue Option	Your school's choice of: Jacket potato with cheese Milk and beans or tuna mayo Fish Egg & vegetable sticks Filled cob Gluten Sesame with ham, cheese Milk or tuna mayo, Fish Egg crisps & vegetable sticks Panini Gluten Sesame with either ham & cheese Milk or margherita, Milk mixed salad & vegetable sticks Filled sandwich Gluten Soy with ham, cheese Milk or tuna mayo, Fish Egg Crisps & vegetable sticks				
	Pudding	Little pot of Caramel (v) Milk	The Great British Bakewell (v) Gluten Egg Milk & custard (v) Milk	Very berry muffin (v) Gluten Egg Milk	Chocolate Krispie (ve)	Pancake (ve) Gluten Egg Milk with a raspberry splash (ve)

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)

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