

Weekly news from Ravenshead C of E

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some time together as a family. The weather has certainly turned much colder, and it feels as though winter is well on its way!

We are now heading into one of the busiest and most exciting half terms of the school year, with lots of lovely events and activities to look forward to. Please do keep a close eye on the key dates below so you don't miss anything. We're looking forward to a wonderful few weeks ahead!

OPAL

As the days become shorter and the weather turns colder, our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) sessions continue to offer children exciting opportunities to learn, explore and develop through play.

You may have noticed children coming home muddier than usual. This is actually a sign that they are fully engaging in creative, active and imaginative play! Research shows that outdoor play helps children develop resilience, problem-solving skills, independence, teamwork and confidence.

Seasonal Play Opportunities

The changing seasons provide wonderful new play experiences. Children have the opportunity to:

- Build dens and shelters
- Create imaginative worlds using natural materials
- Explore leaves, sticks and autumn treasures
- Work collaboratively on construction projects
- Enjoy active games that keep them moving and warm

As we move further into winter, we will continue to encourage children to enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly, whatever the weather.

Dressing for the Weather

To help children make the most of their playtime, please ensure they come to school with:

- A warm coat
- Suitable footwear
- Hats, gloves and scarves when needed
- Waterproof clothing and wellies
- A spare pair of socks (and if you know your child loves water or mud, a spare set of clothes to keep in school)

We firmly believe there is no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing!

Donations Welcome

We are always grateful for donations of loose parts and play resources that can inspire children's creativity. Particularly useful items at this time of year include:

- Plastic crates
- Pots, pans and kitchen utensils
- Small tarpaulins
- Brooms and brushes
- Pipes and tubing

Please contact the school office before bringing larger items into school.

PTFA

PTA Christmas run up.....

Welcome back to our favourite term, with lots of fun activities and treats for the kids. Here's a run down of what we have planned.....

9th November- Christmas card online shop closes.

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to order your Children's Christmas card designs. The online shop has some great gift ideas as well as cards. You can buy the grandparents your child's design on a mug or a tea towel so they can treasure their artwork.

10th November- Clothing collection

Now the seasons have changed, and you have discovered your children have outgrown all of last year's winter clothes and shoes, you can bag them up and drop them to the office. We will recycle them and turn them into money for our school.

Your donations have to be at the office the morning of the 10th November. No late donations please.

13th November - Christmas clothes sale.

Be ready for Christmas jumper day and all the Christmas parties, whilst getting rid of all your outgrown Christmas clothes.

If you have any preloved or outgrown Christmas clothes, please hand into the office or class teachers on the 13th November. We will then host a sale after school in the school hall for you to grab a bargain ahead of all the Christmas mayhem.

25th November- Christmas Disco 3:30- 5:00

Once again we will be hosting our Christmas disco.

- KS1 will have the option of the disco or Christmas film and treat bag for £5.50
- KS2 will have our resident DJ and tuck shop

Book your child's place at www.pta-events.co.uk/ravensheadcofeschoolptfa/ (Please make sure you book the right one)

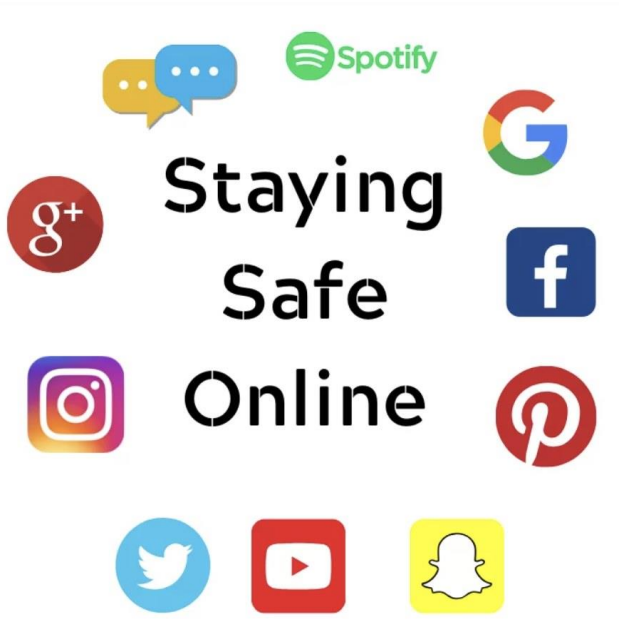
Week commencing 7th December Santa's Grotto

The KS2 quad is being transformed into a Santa's Grotto for the week. Santa will be taking up residence after school every day for you to bring your children to visit, do some Christmas crafts with the elves and take home a present.

Spaces are limited so please make sure you book at www.pta-events.co.uk/ravensheadcofeschoolptfa/


Dates Reminders
Don't miss out on our Christmas events!
9th NOV
Online Christmas Card Orders Close
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DONATE
13th NOV
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Online Safety Newsletter - November 2026



Please find a link below to the **November Online Safety Newsletter**, which contains some important information and practical advice to help keep children safe online.

This month's edition covers a range of topics, including online grooming, the risks associated with harmful online communities, and parental controls available on Spotify and WhatsApp. It also explores 'rage bait' and how online content can be designed to provoke strong reactions.

We encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to read the newsletter. The online world is constantly changing, and keeping informed, checking privacy settings and having regular, open conversations with our children are some of the most effective ways we can help them stay safe.

https://www.ravensheadcofeprimary.co.uk/attachments/documents.asp?id=1138

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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Dash	Y1	Dash swam 60 meters backstroke in his swimming class with no teacher help! We are Very proud, well done Dash!
Evelyn	Y2	Over half term Evelyn moved up to Swim 7, well done Evelyn, fantastic swimming x
Arthur	Y4	Arthur has done his 2nd athletics event competition, he came 1st in the Javelin and also did the relay, 1 lap race and long jump! Well done Arthur!
Lillia	Y2	Lillia performed beautifully in her ballet show at the start of the holidays. We are so proud of her. Well done, Lillia.
Maddie	Y6	Maddie attended the British National taekwondo championships on Saturday, achieving gold and therefore becoming the new under 11s British National champion in teams. She also achieved bronze in her pairs event. Well done Maddie!
Annabel and Maddie	Y6	For giving up a day in their half term to tidy up the garden so it's ready for planting in the spring. Thank you for all your hard work girls.
Harriet	Y1	Well done Harriet getting your first set of swimming badges!!
Frankie	Y2	Well done Frankie for earning your 4th gymnastics award. We're really proud of the progress you've made xx
Theo	Y5	Theo completed his 400 metres swimming badge at the weekend and took part in his second Rubix cube Competition over half term. Well done Theo we are so proud of you. X
Kit	Y3	Kit completed his Skills Award 4 over the half term. He's been putting in so much effort and we are so proud of you. Well done x

Can You Help Us Spread Some Christmas Cheer?



We are hoping to have two **real Christmas trees** in school again this year – one to brighten up our KS2 hall and another to welcome everyone at the front of school.

We wondered whether any of our parents/carers, or perhaps a local business you know, might be willing to kindly donate a tree (or two!) to help us make our school feel extra festive.

If you are able to help, or know of a company that might be interested, please contact the school office.

Thank you so much for your support!

Children in Need – Friday 13th November



We are looking forward to supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday 13th November! Children are invited to come to school dressed in their own clothes, something spotty, or something bright and colourful to help us celebrate this fantastic cause.

We would be very grateful if children could bring a small donation (suggested £1) to support Children in Need and the wonderful work it does to help children and young people across the UK.

There is absolutely no pressure to donate – everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

This year's theme is 'Challenge Yourself 2026', reminding us that even small actions can make a big difference. By joining in and showing kindness, we can help ensure that children and young people across the UK receive the support they need.

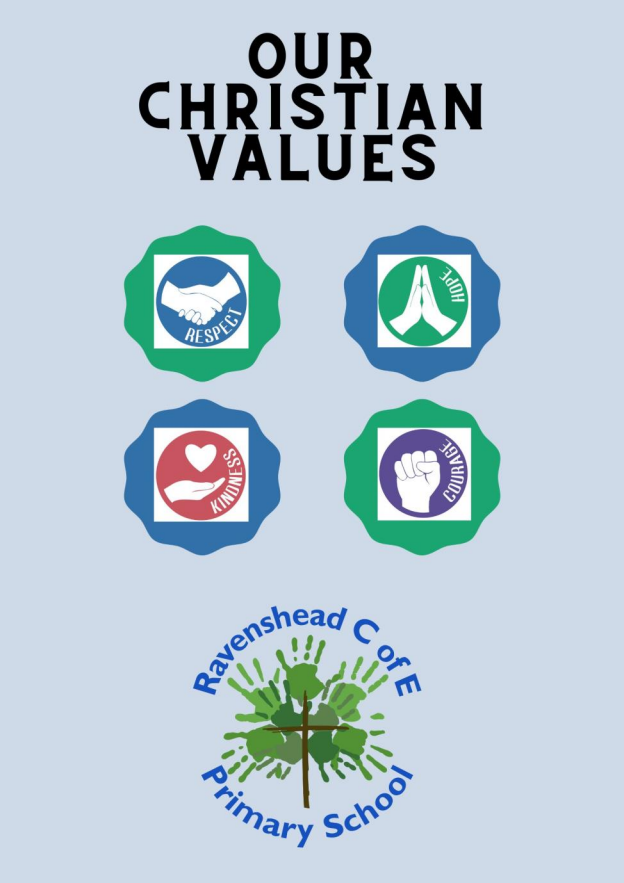
Term Dates



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 9th November	PTA Christmas Card online shop closes
Tuesday 10th November	PTA Clothing collection
Friday 13th November	Children in Need PTA Christmas Clothes Sale
Monday 16th November	Anti bullying week: Break the Silence Odd socks day
Tuesday 17th November	EYFS LTD PSED and CAL (9:15 – 10:45am)
Wednesday 25th November	PTA School Disco
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
Monday 7th December	PTA's Santa's Grotto all week!
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 - Lucy

Wolves - Harry

Robins - Felicity

Golden Eagles - Esme

Squirrels - Florence

Foxes - Alton

Deer - Ella

Owls - Jack

Rabbits - Yousef

Woodpeckers - Freddie

Coming up next week.....



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Next week's school dinners

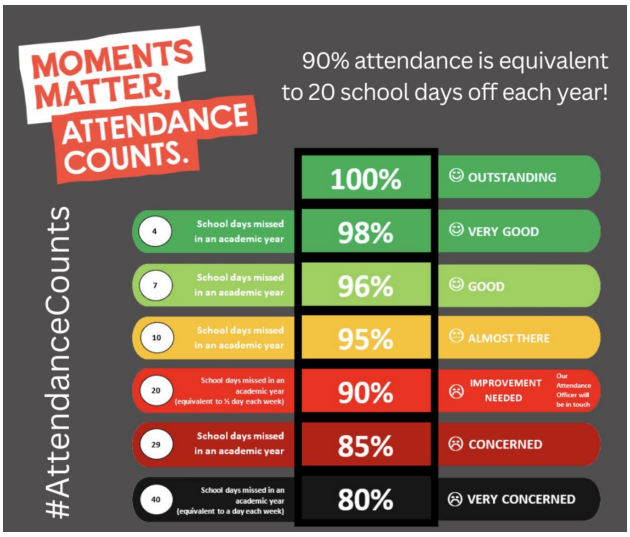


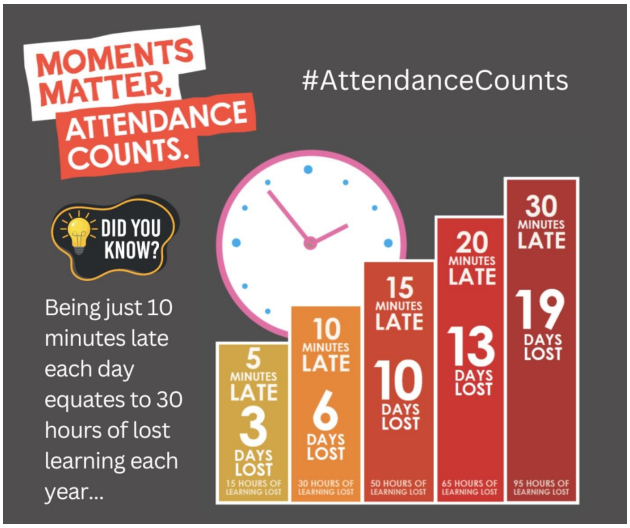
Don't forget you have until **9:30am each day** to sign your child up for a delicious school dinner. All dietary needs are catered for and the school dinners are free for children in F2, Y1 and Y2. For children in F1, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 they cost **£3.16**.

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



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)