



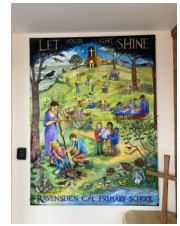
Ravensden Church of England Primary Academy

"Let your light shine"

Newsletter

Issue 7

Tuesday 30th September 2025



A message from the head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new academic year!

It has been such a positive start and all the children have been showing all our values as always, as we get back into routines and the other demands of school life after a long break. They have started some very exciting new projects and are already working very hard.

We extend a warm, welcome to our new Ravensden Families, everyone has been amazing so far. It has been particularly impressive watching our new Robins start- they have been amazing, and settled into school life so quickly, we are so proud of them.

A warm welcome also goes to Mrs Flack (covering Miss Chirico's maternity leave), Mrs Colbert (who is covering Mrs Heeley's maternity leave) and Mrs Minney who joins Miss Gloyn in the Office.

Anna Spyropoulos
Headteacher

Harvest Festival

We are collecting donations for the Church and the Bishops Appeal this year - any donations would be greatly received, please drop them off at reception.

Mental Health Week - 6th - 10th October 2025

Mental health week is taking place from 6th –10th October 2025. On Friday 10th October we are asking the students to come in to school wearing something yellow .

Diary Dates



- **Monday 6th October**– Harvest festival service in church 2.15-3pm - Whole school and parents
- **Friday 10th October** - Mental health day - Students to wear yellow
- **W/C Monday 20th October**– Parents evening week
- **Wednesday 22nd October**– Higgins Museum trip - Reception & KS1
- **Monday 27th to Friday 31st October**– Half term
- **Monday 3rd November** - Teacher Training day School closed to pupils.
- **Tuesday 4th November** - Pupils return to school
- **Thursday 6th November** - Reading Café - 8.30 -9am - further details to follow
- **Tuesday 11th November** - Remembrance service at church for KS2.
- **Wednesday 12th November**– Individual & sibling photos
- **Friday 14th November** - Children in Need Day
- **Thursday 18th December** - last day of term - all pupils finish at 1:15pm - No After School Club
- **Monday 5th January 2026** - Teacher Training Day - School closed to pupils
- **Tuesday 6th January** - All pupils return to school

Communication with Parents

Please ensure we have your most up-to-date email address, as we will be communicating with you via email now. Texts will only be sent if we have to send an urgent message.

SEND Queries

If you have any concerns around SEN, or need to make contact with our SENDCo's, please email sendco@ravensdenprimary.org. Mrs Spyropoulos is responsible for EHCP children. Mrs Heeley is responsible for any children on a SEN support plan and those who we identify as having a need.

Attendance - We take attendance very seriously here at Ravensden Primary. Every day at school counts in your child's educational journey. Please see table below which highlights the importance of your child being in school.

The school gate closes at 9am - after this time your child is marked as late and needs to be signed in through the School Office.

Select - Aspens Online Ordering System

Please remember you have until **9am** each day to place your order (if you haven't already done so). **After this time you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child.**

Cancelling an order

If your child is unwell and not in school on a day you have ordered a lunch for them, you must now log into Select and cancel your order for that day. Like with ordering meals, you have until 9am each day to cancel your child's order if they are not in. If you have paid for the meal, the money will be credited back to your account.

Costs

The cost of school meals is now as follows:

- £2.25 - Wrens
- £2.75 - Kingfishers and Kestrels

If you have any questions about Select, please contact the School Office.

100 – 97%	96-95.9%	94.9-93%	92.9-90%	89.9-0%
365 days in a year				
190 days in a school year to support children to maintain and even exceed expected attainment levels				
175 days for other activities like holidays, appointments, etc.				
90% equals having a day off every other week. (Would you be happy to lose a day's wages or benefits every other week?)				
Excellent	Good	Fairly Good	Poor	Extremely Poor
In a better position to understand what is being taught	More effort needed to catch up on lost sessions	Starting to struggle to stay in line with peers	Feeling a bit lost in lessons. Support needed	Totally lost. Struggling and feeling despondent
Can be supported at the right level	Light support required to bring back to expected level	Starts falling behind peers	With extra support may still struggle to keep on target	Even with intense support may miss targets

Out of School Club - Wrap Around Care

Please be reminded that Out of School Club is now to be booked and paid for directly through ParentMail. The booking system currently closes 2 weeks prior to the session you require. Any emergency adhoc bookings must be made within 48 hours via asc@ravensdenprimary.org - all adhoc bookings will incur an additional fee of £3 per session, per child. Please refer to our Wrap Around Care policy for further information. Please email asc@ravensdenprimary.org with any queries relating to our Out of School Club. **Please note, there is no After School Club on a Friday.**

Reporting your child absent from school

If your child is unwell or has an appointment to go to, **please ensure you phone or email the School Office no later than 9.15am on each day they are absent**, giving their name, class and reason for absence - admin@ravensdenprimary.org. This applies to Wrens families too. **Please DO NOT contact the Class Teacher via Class Do-jo.** Thank you.



Late Arrival to School

The school gate will be closed at 9am. After this time children will need to be signed in through the School Office. Please ensure you escort your child to the School Office, so you can sign them in and advise of the reason for being late - **do not send them in on their own.** Thank you.

Appointments taken during the School Day

Please ensure you have telephoned / emailed the school office if you need to take your child to an appointment during the school day, even if you have also notified the class teacher. Evidence of the appointment will need to be shown to Miss Gloyn in the office (an email with a screen shot of the letter/text will be fine).

Medical Forms

Any medicine brought into school **MUST** come through the School Office, as you will need to complete and sign a medical form. Please do not send it in with your child. We cannot administer any medication to your child, unless you have signed the form. This includes daily medication, such as asthma inhalers or ADHD medication. Thank you for your co-operation.



Medicines

Please keep School informed if you have given your child any medication in the morning, for example Calpol. This particularly applies in Pre-School.

Ravensden Primary Academy Website - www.ravensdenprimary.org

Please remember to visit our Parent tab on the website, as there is lots of useful information on there for parents/carers, such as helping your child read at home, Safeguarding and keeping your child safe online.

Nut and Sesame Seed Allergies

We have pupils in school with both nut and sesame seed allergies. Just to clarify, these are two different types of allergies. Sesame seeds are present in hummus. Please **DO NOT** send your child into school with any kind of nut product, including peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella chocolate spread sandwiches and cereal bars containing nuts, or any other product containing sesame seeds, such as hummus. Thank you.

Our Family Support Worker - Neelam Sondhi

We are excited to introduce you to our new Family Support Worker from the charity FACES. Neelam has extensive knowledge to support and signpost families who have difficulties with relationships, finances, educational engagement and behaviour.

Neelam also works in partnership with the Fun4YoungPeople charity in Bedford.

Please see a personal greeting from Neelam below.



Hi! I'm Neelam Sondhi and I am a Family Support Worker with FACES.

*I have the pleasure of working here at Ravensden CE Primary Academy on **Tuesdays** (term-time only).*

My role is to offer support to both children and their families who might be experiencing difficulties to achieve the best outcomes for everyone.

By being based in school, I am on hand for anyone who may need Early Help or Support. I have knowledge of many local organisations that can also offer support.

Please feel free to come and have a chat or to make an appointment to meet with me at school, or alternatively, I can visit you at home.

My availability hours are 8am-4pm.

You can:

Call/message me directly on 07766799473

Email me at neelam@facesbedford.org

Second Hand Uniform

We have some second hand uniform at the office - if you need some more uniform please do come to the office and speak to the office staff who can help you with this. We have Cardigans, Jumpers, School polo's, PE tops, school dresses, summer dresses and trousers.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they will need to be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last episode. Please remember to contact the Office if your child is still unwell after 48 hours, or has had another episode during this period.

Change of Contact Details

If you have any changes to your contact details, such as a new telephone number, new email address or if you move house, please let Miss Gloyn in the Office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Safeguarding Information for Parents

DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Our DSL is Mrs Larkworthy, and our Deputy DSL's are Mrs Mistry and Mrs Spyropoulos. As always, if you ever have any safeguarding concerns, please report it to one of the named people above, using the School email address - admin@ravensdenprimary.org.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass aims to reduce the long-term impacts of domestic abuse by providing early intervention and support.



When the police attend incidents of domestic violence or abuse where children are directly or indirectly involved, they notify the designated safeguarding lead at the child's school before the start of the next school day. The safeguarding lead then makes sure the child gets the immediate support that they need.

The DSL, Mrs Heeley, has completed the Operation Encompass training and is able to support any parent or carer who is concerned about a child affected by domestic abuse.

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Education
TRAINING THROUGH THEATRE

APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+				16+	
	Facebook		Snapchat		WhatsApp
	Instagram		Twitter		
	TikTok		Kik		
	YouNow		Yubo		
	House Party		Monkey		
					Sarahah
					YOLO
					MeetMe
					LiveMe