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This week at

Ravenstone



02.10.26

DATES FOR DIARIES

Please also check the school calendar on our [website](https://www.ravenstoneschool.co.uk)

05.10.26 World Teacher Day

08.10.26 PATHS coffee morning

09.10.26 Wear something yellow

09.10.26 Reception family coffee morning

10.10.26 Reception and Nursery open morning from 10.30

13.10.26 Nursery family coffee morning

ATTENDANCE

Ensuring that your child is in school, on time (from 8:30 and by 8:45), every day is the most important commitment we ask of all families. As a school, we are aiming for at least 95% attendance and as of this week our total for this current year is 96.39% .

If you want to request a leave of absence please speak to a member of staff on the gate.

This week's year group attendance:

Yr R	95.67%
Yr 1	93.92%
Yr 2	98.07%
Yr 3	97.51%
Yr 4	96.76%
Yr 5	97.95%
Yr 6	96.45%

100%	Outstanding
99.9 - 95%	Good attendance
94.9 - 90%	Cause for concern
89.9 - 85%	Persistent absence
84.9 - 80%	Persistent absence
<79.9%	Persistent absence

Dear families,

Today we are celebrating Harvest, a moment when we encourage everyone to pause and give thanks for the food they eat. We are grateful to all the families who have been able to make a donation today as part of our Harvest celebration, supporting the food bank.

We are pleased to have welcomed Efe to the team this week. He is with us to provide additional premises management capacity, as Ravenstone is a large building that requires our full attention. We're also pressing on with plans for redecoration and maintenance tasks over the half term, so please do look out for ongoing improvements to the look and feel of the school.

Next Friday, we encourage everyone to wear something yellow along with their school uniform. This is part of the YoungMinds Hello Yellow campaign, which raises awareness of and funds for young people's mental health. We won't be asking for any donations this time around, but we will be discussing mental health in school and what we can do to help ourselves and each other.

Please click the link for more information:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

A big thank you to the group of parents who spent time clearing out the lost property box on the playground. There are a number of pieces of clothing on the table near the chickens that have names on them. Please do have a look and see if anything belongs to you.

Have your details changed?

If any of your details or your child's details have changed, please log on to Arbor and keep everything up to date. This includes changes of address, phone number, emergency contacts, etc.

Please note: the school requires **three contact numbers** for each family, just in case of an emergency.

Thank you all for another wonderful week at Ravenstone. We wish you an enjoyable weekend.

Mike Riches
Headteacher

Thought of
the week!

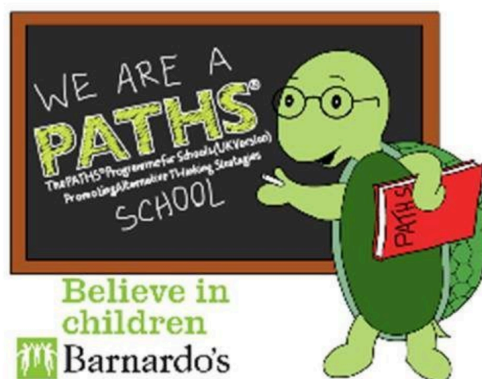
"WHEN WE ARE POLITE
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AROUND US"

UN Convention Focus Articles for October

[click here for more](#)



PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES (PATHS)



Come and discover how we help children develop the skills they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom!

Join us on **Wednesday 8th October from 9:00am to 9:40am** to meet Chris, our PATHS link, who will be giving an engaging **PATHS family coffee morning**. You'll find out how we use PATHS to support children's social and emotional literacy, helping them build confidence, manage emotions, solve problems and develop positive relationships.

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear more about our approach, learn more about the programme and even pick up practical ideas to support your child at home. We hope to see lots of families there - croissants will be provided!

Miss Turner

Pupil premium funding

We would encourage all families to check whether they are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals and to apply if they qualify. Registering for Free School Meals is important because it enables the school to receive additional Pupil Premium funding, which we use to support children's learning, wellbeing and access to enrichment opportunities. This can include helping to reduce the cost of school trips and other activities.

From September 2026, children in households receiving Universal Credit are entitled to Free School Meals, although only children who meet the criteria for **Targeted Free School Meals** attract Pupil Premium funding.

If you think your child may be eligible, please contact the school office or apply through Wandsworth Council. The application is confidential and, if eligible, registering your child ensures that the school receives the funding they are entitled to. You can find out more and check the eligibility criteria on the Wandsworth Council website.

<https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>

Coffee mornings

We have several informal coffee mornings coming up over the next few weeks. You may have seen the PATHS coffee morning mentioned above, but we also have coffee mornings specifically for families of children in our Reception and Nursery classes.

Both mornings will take place in the hall and are open to all families in those classes. Please do come along, say hello to the staff and meet other families from your child's class.

Reception – Friday 9 October, 8.45am

Nursery – Tuesday 13 October, 8.45am

Half-term Forest School



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Adventure Guides and Educators

EXPLORE NATURE, MAKE FRIENDS, AND LEARN TOGETHER!

£50 PER SESSION
MULTIPLE DAYS DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

NEW DATES!
27TH – 29TH OCTOBER 2026
SUITABLE FOR 4-10 YEAR OLDS
Subject to a minimum of 10 children per session

10AM – 3PM
CHESTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
WOODLANDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED

DISCOUNT OFFERED TO CHILDREN THAT ATTENDED THE SCHOOL WITHIN THE WANDLE TRUST

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Sign up to Wild Bears Forest School for some fun over half term! Children get the opportunity to be outside, cook their lunches on an open fire and explore the joys of nature.

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ASSEMBLIES

This week, we have covered some important events in our assemblies.

Firstly, we had our Rocksteady assembly on Friday morning, where we were introduced to the electric guitar, bass and drums. This was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to listen to live music and get a taste of what it might be like to sign up for sessions, which will start later in October. Please use the QR code below to find out more information and sign up for sessions.

We also celebrated Harvest. Thank you to all the families who donated something, it makes a huge difference to our local community. It is also an important opportunity for all of us to reflect on the importance of sharing with others.

Thank you to 6T, 3D and 2L for reminding us about the power of reading and the wonderful things we can discover when we get into a good book. We hope everyone finds some time to enjoy reading this weekend.



CLASS NEWS

6T

Year 6 showed off their creativity and individuality this week as part of their photography unit. 6T have been exploring the vibrant and creative work of photographer Derek O'Boateng. We were inspired by his colourful style and striking compositions, and made our own 'album covers', incorporating photographs of ourselves to make each piece unique and personal. We considered colour, layout and visual impact, producing eye-catching designs. We are incredibly proud of their fantastic work and the individuality shown in each piece.



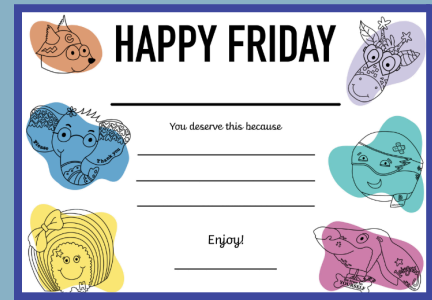
SW

Stephen Wiltshire Class had a very exciting start to the week, with the first of our Forest School Activity sessions on Monday afternoon. As a class we spent time in the Wild Place for Nature exploring, investigating and being at one with the natural surroundings. The children loved it! Our first activity was making leaf crowns and it was a popular one! The children chose their own leaves to decorate their crowns and used all of their senses to make and inform their individual choices. Texture, colour, shape and smell created a theme for each child's unique design. They were very proud of their finished crowns. We are very much looking forward to next week's adventures!



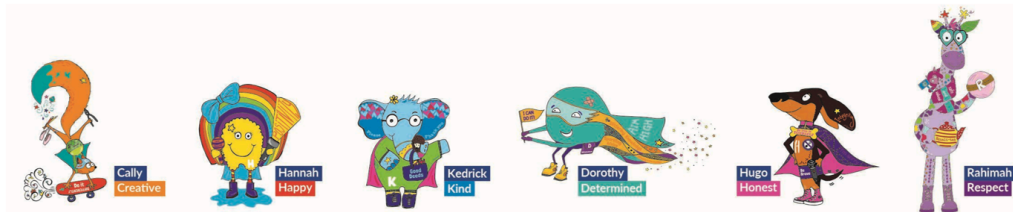


STARS OF THE WEEK!



Year 1 Darby
Year 2 Sofie, Finley and Noah
Year 3 Stella
Year 4 Avie
Year 5 Akylus
Year 6 Cade and Zaki
HC Afnan

Year 1 Oliver
Year 2 Marianna and Dennae
Year 3 Winnie
Year 4 Leticia
Year 5 Cami
Year 6 Jahziah and Harrison



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