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This week at

Ravenstone



25.09.26

DATES FOR DIARIES

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

28.09.26 Year 4 Library visit

02.09.26 Harvest donations

30.09.26 Prospective family open morning

05.09.26 Reception Coffee Morning 8:45 - 9:15

05.09.26 Year 3 Library visit

09.09.26 World Mental Health Day

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 **96.8%**.

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	95.9
Yr 1	92.89
Yr 2	97.73
Yr 3	97.86
Yr 4	97.28
Yr 5	98.16
Yr 6	95.93

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,

We are halfway through the term already, and both Mrs Martin and I have been so impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of the children across the school since we started. This week, we've spent more time in classrooms to learn more about the school, and it is clear to see that the children at Ravenstone are keen to learn. We are very proud of our fantastic team, who do such a great job every day.

Our Book Fair was a huge success. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell for organising this year's event. It was wonderful to see so many children taking such a keen interest in reading. Together, you purchased just under £1,000 worth of books.

Thank you also to our School Council, and Miss Greenaway, for organising Jeans for Genes Day. An incredible £300 was raised for this important charity. The School Council did a fantastic job putting their assembly together and encouraging the support of others.

Next week, we begin to look towards October, which is also Black History Month. Miss Ahmad has a range of activities and opportunities planned to help children learn about the contributions and achievements of Black people throughout history.

Thank you to all families for helping us to keep the playground safe at the beginning and end of the day by ensuring that dogs are kept off the playground and that bikes and scooters are pushed. We really appreciate your support with this.

Our first Nursery and Reception open day took place this week, and it was great to be able to show prospective families around our school. We have a range of dates available for families to book, so please direct any interested families to the school website. Our Head Pupils — Anna, Lucas, Reon and Bella — were incredibly welcoming and spoke brilliantly as they made a strong case for choosing Ravenstone. We will also hold a Nursery and Reception open morning for prospective families on **Saturday 10th October, 10am–11.30am**.

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
PEOPLE LIKE TO BE
AROUND US"

Treat others as you want to be treated.

UN Convention Focus Articles for September

[click here for more](#)



Harvest

Next week, we will come together as a school community to celebrate Harvest. As part of our celebrations, we will be collecting donations for our local Foodbank, and we would be very grateful for any contributions you are able to make.

Please bring donations to the Lower Hall at morning drop off on **Friday 2nd October**. Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the importance of sharing, kindness and helping others, and we look forward to seeing our Ravenstone community come together to support those who may need a little extra help.

Suggested donations include **tinned fruit, baked beans, tinned vegetarian meals, rice pudding or custard, pasta sauce, tea, coffee and toiletries**.

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://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/schools-and-admissions/schools/schools-financial-help/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Magic Show

Join us for a spectacular, high-energy **magic show** packed with non-stop laughter, jaw-dropping illusions, and interactive fun. Children and their families are welcome!

Date: Friday, 16 October after school

Tickets: More details will follow next week

Don't miss out on the most magical event of the term!

Help needed!

We're looking for volunteers to come into Ravenstone and spend some time reading with our children. If you're able to spare some time and would enjoy sharing your love of reading with our pupils, we'd love to hear from you!

Please send an email to the school office to find out more about how you can get involved and become a reading volunteer at Ravenstone.



Do you have any old pots and pans for our nursery mud kitchen? Mrs Williams would love to have anything you have spare which will help the children in nursery to develop their imagination and creativity.

Anything like this would work well but please don't buy anything new:



ASSEMBLIES

This week, we celebrated the International Day of Peace. During our assembly, we discussed what peace means to us, how we can experience it, and how we can help to create a more peaceful world.

As we shared our thoughts, a Year 5 pupil made a wonderful connection. He explained that when he thought about the word peace, he also thought about the word reflect. This linked beautifully to our #UNCRC Right, Article 12 – the right to respect each other's opinions and to have our voices heard.

If we can listen to and respect each other's opinions, even when they are different from our own, we can help create a more peaceful community. We finished our assembly with a challenge: Can you be a peacemaker at school or at home?

Keep the challenge going and share with us when you have been a peacemaker!

PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES (PATHS)



Support Your Child's Social & Emotional Development!

with the **PATHS Online Parent Workshop**

Join Our 6-Week Online PATHS Parent Workshop

Discover how to support your child's emotional wellbeing, relationships and success both at home and in school.

What will we cover?

- Self-Awareness**
Understand emotions and strengths
- Self-Management**
Build strategies, focus and resilience
- Social Awareness**
Show empathy and understand others
- Relationship Skills**
Build positive friendships and communication
- Responsible Decision-Making**
Solve problems and make good choices
- Gain practical ideas to reinforce PATHS learning at home.**

Why Join?

The PATHS Parent Workshop will help you understand the skills your child is learning in school and provide practical strategies to support their social and emotional development at home.

FREE!

For more information or to register, please contact your PATHS Lead.

PATHS™
The PATHS™ Programme for Schools (UK Version)
Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies

Starts: Friday 9th October
Time: 9:30am – 10:30am
Duration: 6 Weeks
Where: Online

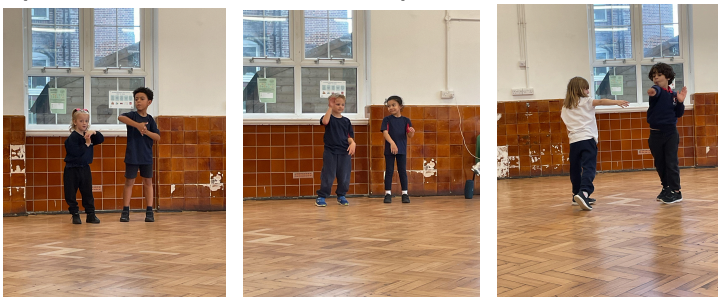
Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/399877285563955?p=DtcMhK3NYlg89zopyh>

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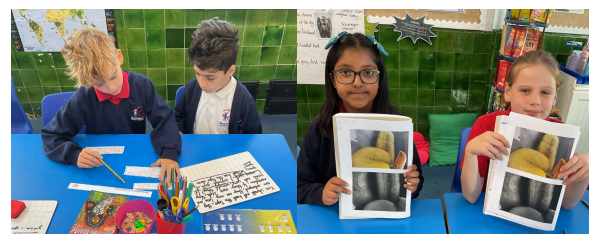
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In PE this half term, Year 2 are super lucky to have a dance specialist to teach us to perfect our dance moves. We have been exploring a poem all about the different weathers, creating dance moves for each weather and performing them to each other. From swirling snow to spreading sunshine, we have been thoroughly enjoying every weather we've explored and can't wait to explore more.



6B

Year 6 have had an amazing week full of creativity and exciting learning! In English, we have been preparing for our upcoming writing discussion text about endangered animals. We have been practising how to expand our sentences using subordinate clause openers and subjunctive forms to make our writing more sophisticated and persuasive. In Art, we have been exploring macro photography and taking inspiration from the work of Edward Weston to create our own abstract photographic art. It has been a fantastic week of learning, creativity and discovery!

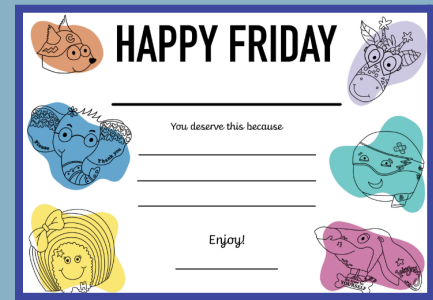




STARS OF THE WEEK!



Year 1 Niko
Year 2 Mabel and Dard
Year 3 Maiia
Year 4 Yunseol
Year 5 Zola
Year 6 Niyanna and Dominic



Year 1 Emese
Year 2 Leo S and Siana
Year 3 Yunus
Year 4 Maggie
Year 5 Oscar
Year 6 Maisie and Kodi



Children fulfilling their potential in the heart of the community

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