



# Ravensthorpe Feel Good Friday Newsletter

28th April 2023



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# 01 Mrs Bowyer's Blog

Dear parents, carers and children,



Welcome to this week's Feel Good Friday Newsletter.

Over the past couple of weeks in school, we have been reflecting on changes that we have made in school this year and some changes that are yet to come. Our priorities for this year have been around improving progress and attainment in maths, developing subject leadership for foundation subjects and embedding the new RPS Way and our behaviour policy. More information on our progress so far can be found later in this newsletter.

One ongoing priority from last year was to continue to find ways, after the Pandemic to welcome parents back into school. Our next whole school event is our Coronation Picnic next Friday – tickets are available now! As well as the picnic and a free sports activities and facepainting, there will be tombolas, a book stall, uniform stall and a plant stall. We would love to see you there. To support the tombolas, we will be celebrating Star Wars Day on May 4th. Children can dress in star wars themed outfits, or their own clothes in return for a donation. Rather than money we are asking for items for our tombola: children in KS1 can donate a pack of sweets (share size pack of Haribo for example) and children in KS2 can donate a bottle of non-alcoholic drink (for example a 2 litre bottle of lemonade.) Your support with this is really appreciated and will help make our Coronation Picnic a success. Thank you in advance

Best wishes, Mrs Bowyer



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# 02 School Calendar



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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	24-Apr		24-Apr		26-Apr		27-Apr		28-Apr
	1 - May		2-May		3-May		4-May		5-May
May Bank Holiday – school closed		Strike Day – affected classes have been contacted by email				Star Wars Day!		Coronation Event – Save the Date!	
	8 - May		9-May		10-May		11-May		12 May
Coronation Holiday – school closed		KS2 SATs for Year 6 – GPS Papers		KS2 SATS for Year 6 – Reading Paper		KS2 SATS for Year 6 – Maths Paper 1 and 2		KS2 SATs for Year 6 Maths Paper 3	
	15 May		16 May		17 May		18 May		19 May
	21 May		22 May		23 May		24 May		25 May
								End of Half Term! School closes at 3.00pm	



Children are invited to come into school dressed up as their favourite Star Wars character or in their own clothes.

In return for non-uniform, we are asking if children can please bring in a contribution for the Coronation Picnic tombola.

Children in KS1 (Owls, Year 1, 2) **Please bring in some sweets for the sweet tombola**

Children in KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5, 6) **Please bring in a bottle for the bottle tombola, such as a bottle of soft drink, bubble bath etc. NO ALCOHOL.**

Thank you.




## Menu

Blue - Ewok's chicken nuggets  
Yellow - Chewbacca's Quorn nuggets  
Both served with Lightsaber chips

**\*\*No green option on this day\*\***  
All recorded dietary requirements will be catered for.



## Coronation Picnic



Come and celebrate  
the Coronation of  
King Charles III  
at our Coronation Picnic  
Friday May 5th  
3:15pm - 5pm

### Tickets

Adults £3

Children £2

Cost of ticket includes one  
burger/hot dog

Tickets on sale from today,  
see ParentPay for  
more details

Sweet tombola &  
Bottle tombola

50p a ticket or 3 tickets for £1

Activities included in the cost  
of your ticket:

Archery  
Face painting  
Penalty shoot-out

Bring your own snacks, drinks (NO  
ALCOHOL) and picnic blanket, and come  
along, join in the fun and help raise some  
much-needed funds for school!

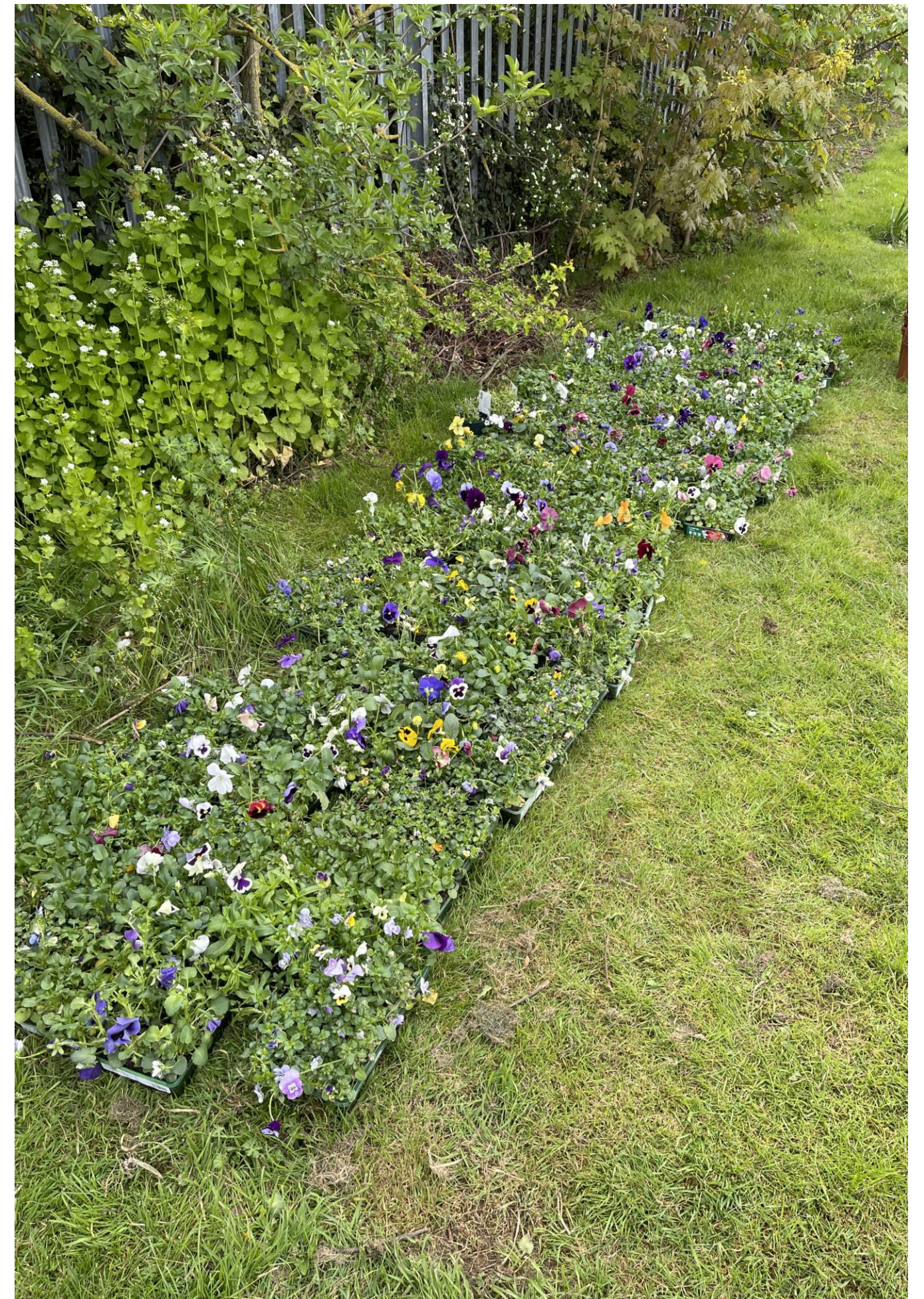
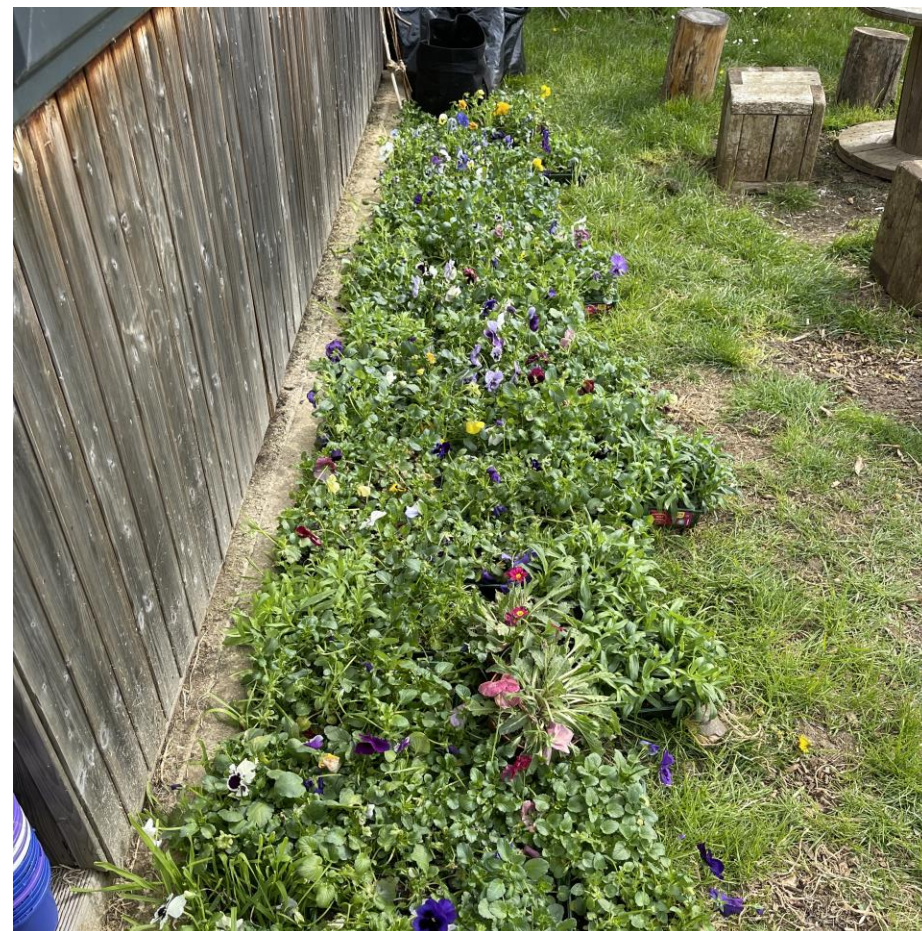
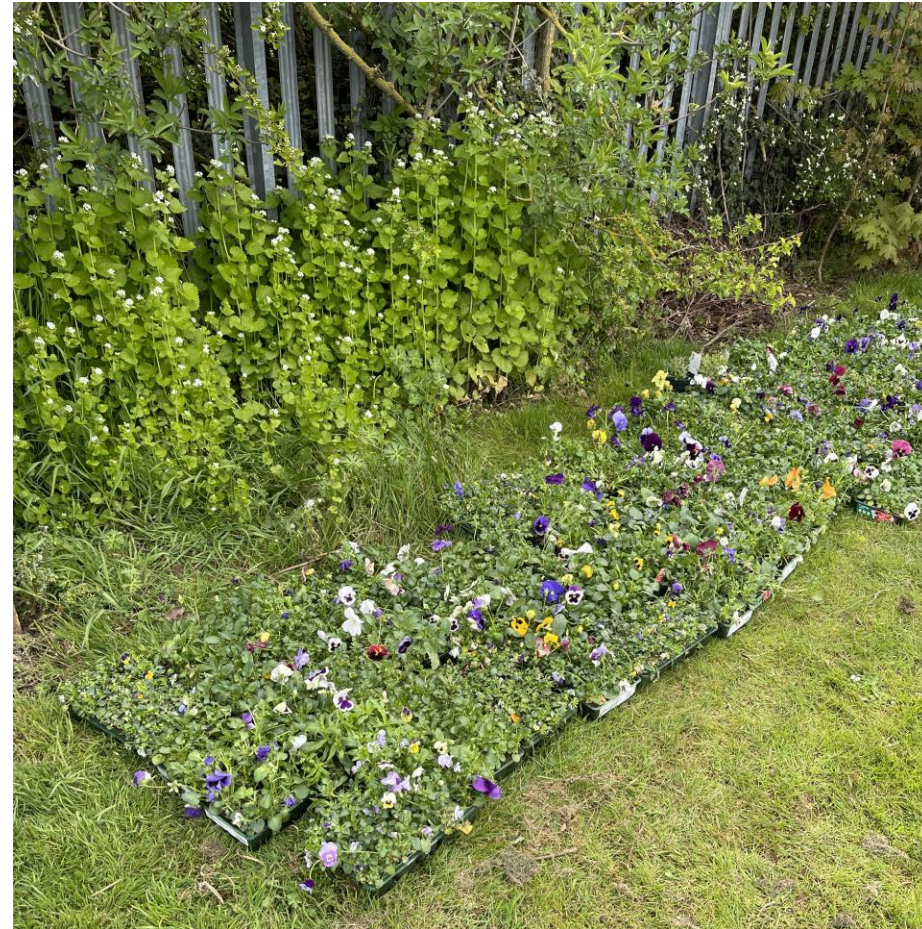
Ticket sales will close on Monday 1st May



# School Fundraising

**Get your garden ready for Summer!**

At the Coronation Picnic we will be having a stall selling bedding plants we were very kindly donated by B&Q. The money raised from this will go towards subsidising trips and other school related activities.





# 03 Our School Priorities



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## LEARNING

How can I help my child?

We know it can be hard, especially if you are not confident with maths, but it is important that we don't say 'I don't like/can't do maths'. BBC bitesize have lots of guides to maths that you can use with your child to understand different concepts. Talking to your child about money while out shopping and getting them to add together items, or work out change, asking them to tell you the time and providing time to practice their number bonds or times tables will all really help

Our Learning Priority this year is linked to maths. We want to ensure that all of our children leave Ravensthorpe as confident mathematicians. We all use maths every day: whether it is while out shopping, working out what time we need to be somewhere or working out how to get somewhere.

To achieve this priority, we have:

- Introduced the White Rose Maths across the school.
- Developed a revised calculation policy and linked times tables progression policy.
- Ensured that we have a 15-minute mental maths/fluency session each day.
- We are developing a new approach to teaching times tables, starting in Year 4.
- We have ensured that reasoning and problem-solving are included in every maths lesson.

Our next steps include assessing the impact of our times tables approach and developing a whole school approach to fluency in fraction. Over the summer term we will also be surveying the children to see how they feel about maths this year.



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## LEADERSHIP

How can I help my child?

Later this term we will be inviting you into school for our Celebrating Learning Cafes – instead of an assembly, we would love you to join us to take part in an foundation curriculum activity with your child. You might be creating a masterpiece in art, building map skills in geography or developing a working product in design and technology. We are really exciting to share the children's learning with you – look out for the dates which will be announced soon!

Our Leadership Priority this year is about developing leadership of our foundation subjects (art, design and technology, history, geography, modern foreign languages, PE, religious education and science.)

To achieve this priority, we have:

- Across PKAT, teachers now have access to the United Learning Curriculum, which has been designed by subject specialists and follows the National Curriculum.
- We have continued to develop our text-based approach, with high-quality books linked to each theme.
- We are developing action plans for each subject to support the ongoing development of the foundation curriculum.
- Staff have met with other staff across our Trust to share ideas and approaches.

Our next steps include assessing the impact of the United Learning Curriculum, going to see this curriculum in action at another primary school and reviewing each of our termly themes to ensure that they support all children to explore succeed and soar.

  
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## PERSONAL BEST

How can I help my child?

Ask your child about Class Dojo – our way of rewarding children for following the RPS Way. Our half termly Keeping Safe newsletter can be a great starting point for discussing online safety with your child



PERSONAL BEST

Our Personal Best priority is to embed the RPS Way and our revised behaviour policy across the school.

To achieve this priority we have:

- Used our training days to provide support for staff on the behaviour policy.
- Ensured the RPS Way is visible across the school and used in class, in corridors and in assemblies (and of course in this newsletter!)
- Celebrated those children who demonstrate the RPS Way, whether that is being respectful, prepared or safe.
- We have introduced the Keeping Safe curriculum to ensure children have a thorough understanding of online safety.

Our next steps include revising our policy to include behaviour that takes place outside of school (for example on the way to school in the morning.) We will be training more staff as Steps Trainers (Steps, is used across the Trust and Peterborough/Cambridgeshire) to support children to understand and improve their behaviour). We will then be revisiting Steps as part of our whole-school training in September.



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## COMMUNITY

How can I help my child?

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at our Celebration Cafes and we hope you will join us this term at our Celebrating Learning events (there will still be coffee and cake!)

For our parents in EYFS and Key Stage 1 – please ensure you can sign in to Seesaw as we use this to share updates on your children's learning. Ask the class teacher if you are not sure.

Attendance across the school is improving, so please continue to ensure you are on time and that children are in school every day.

Our ongoing community priority is to build in more opportunities to welcome parents into school after the pandemic.

To achieve this priority we have:

- Introduced our Celebration Cafes, with up to 50 parents attending each one.
- Reintroduced our Mother's Day breakfast, which was so popular we had to put on a second session!
- We have trialed offering both online and face-to-face parents evenings.
- We have changed our Feel Good Friday newsletter to this format, which we hope is easier to read on any device.
- We are offering whole-school events such as our upcoming Coronation Picnic.

Our next steps include our Celebrating Learning Cafes this term, supporting all parents across EYFS and Key Stage 1 to access Seesaw to share in their child's learning and see important updates from the class teacher. We will also be surveying parents later this term and would love to hear your ideas about what more we can do.



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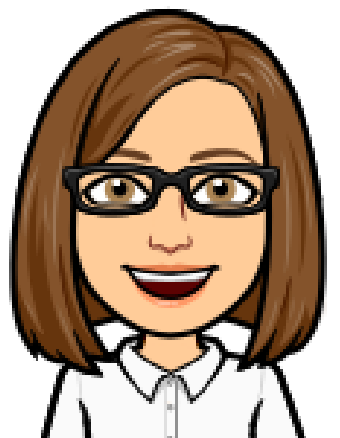
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Red Kites: Elliot  
Yellowbill Kites: Amelija  
Goshawks: Travis  
Sparrowhawks: Rada  
Spotted Kestrels: Ismira  
Golden Kestrels: Kajus  
Eastern Ospreys: Teyla  
Western Ospreys: Daisy- Mae  
Merlin Falcons: Adrians  
Peregrine Falcons: Lara  
Sea Eagles: Danielius  
Martial Eagles: Lenny

This week, we are back to celebrating those children who have demonstrated being respectful. After last week's focus on the environment, this week it is on those children who demonstrate excellent manners in and around school.








Classes of the Week!  
Not a class this week, but our stars are our School Council representatives who attended a meeting at PKAT HQ this week and did us proud by sharing the RPS Way with other children from across our Trust. Well done!







So... we are still 11th in the table... We really, really want to be in the top 10 next week and need your help! We are one place above Nova Primary School, but two places below Thorpe and Longthorpe are 4th overall!

21st April - 27th April 2023			
	Golden Kestrels	252	Spotted Kestrels 124
21st April - 27th April 2023			
	Red Kites	0	 Yellowbill Kites 0
21st April - 27th April 2023			
	Martial Eagles	234	Sea Eagles 195
21st April - 27th April 2023			
	Merlin Falcons	1462	Peregrine Falcons 944
21st April - 27th April 2023			
	Sparrowhawks	4	Goshawks 3
21st April - 27th April 2023			
	Western Ospreys	503	Eastern Ospreys 311

This week we have been really impressed by our Year 4 children, who have been working hard at increasing their scores on TTRS





# 05 In our community...



Well done to Emelia-Rose in Year 2 who attended her first ever county competition for gymnastics on Sunday and came 2nd.



PERSONAL BEST



# Birthdays



Nelija  
5

Tayte  
6

Dylan  
10

Noor  
5

Jayden  
10

Kayden  
10

Jake  
8

Mrs Barnes

Mrs  
Bowling

Happy Birthday from everyone at Ravensthorpe!



**Could you inspire the next  
generation of cyclist?**

**We are searching for Cycle  
Instructors to join our expanding  
Bikeability team.**



**We are looking for confident communicators to deliver  
fun and inspirational cycle training in schools.**

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**Cycle Training Programme:** Bikeability

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