

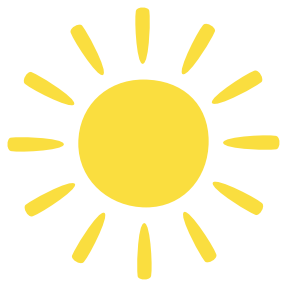


Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back!

We hope you had a wonderful summer break and are ready for an exciting new school year at Ravensthorpe Primary School. We have a lot of important information to share with you to ensure a smooth start for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or need further information about any aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Best regards,

Mrs Ward



ParentPay

Just a reminder that school meals should be paid for in advance on ParentPay, any problems, please contact the school office

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www.ravensthorpeprimary.org.uk
parents@rps.pkat.co.uk

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Important Notices

New School Times

Please note that starting from September, the school day will run from 8.40am until 3.10pm. The school gates will open at 8.30am to allow students to arrive and settle in before the first lesson begins.

Seesaw

We are extending our use of SeeSaw to the whole school. It will enable two-way communication, announcements, sharing student progress reports, and more– all within the same platform. Please contact the office with any questions.

Curriculum Information

We will be sending out a curriculum letter via email on Monday. This letter will provide details about what your child will be learning this half term. Please keep an eye on your inbox for this important information.

New Email Address

The email address for the school office is now
parents@rps.pkat.co.uk

Houses

We have new houses
REPSECT
PROUD
SPIRIT

Children will be awarded house points to recognise when they demonstrate THE RPS WAY

Staff Update

We are very pleased to introduce you to the new members of staff who have joined the Ravensthorpe team.

Mrs Davidson is teaching Butterflies class (Rec/Year 1)

Mr Medhurst is teaching Wombats class (Year 4)

Miss Sarro supporting in Reception

Miss Jacklin, Mrs Addagatla and Mrs Khaliq have joined the TA team

Miss McCallum will be working alongside Mrs Deegan as SENCO

We are sure you will join us in making them all feel welcome.

Important Dates

Week beginning Monday 16th September - After School Sports Clubs start Y1-Y6

Monday 16th - Friday 20th September - Family Olympics Events* We will share more information about this next week.

Monday 23rd September - Grandparents Lunch*

Friday 27th September - Macmillan Cake Sale

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October - Parents Evening

*More information to follow

Changes to Attendance Laws and Holidays

Importance of Regular Attendance

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and overall development. We are committed to ensuring that every child attends school regularly and punctually.

New Attendance Guidelines

1. **Absence Reporting:** Parents are required to inform the school of any absences by 9:00am on the first day of absence. This can be done by calling the school office or sending an email.
2. **Medical Appointments:** Please schedule medical and dental appointments outside of school hours. If an appointment during school time is unavoidable, please inform the school in advance and provide evidence of the appointment.
3. **Illness:** If your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return. For extended illnesses or contagious conditions, a doctor's note may be required.

Holidays During Term Time

The Department for Education (DfE) has strict guidelines regarding holidays during term time:

1. **No Automatic Right:** Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw their children from school for holidays during term time.
2. **Unauthorised Absences:** If a holiday is taken without authorisation, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. This could lead to a penalty notice or legal action.
3. **Penalty Notices:** Parents may be issued a penalty notice of £80 per parent per child if their child has unauthorised absences. This fine increases to £160 if not paid within 21 days. Failure to pay can result in prosecution.

Encouraging Good Attendance

1. **Reward Systems:** We will be implementing reward systems to encourage good attendance, such as certificates and special rewards for classes with the highest attendance rates.
2. **Parent Workshops:** We will hold workshops to provide parents information about guidelines for attendance and share strategies and tips to ensure their children attend school regularly.
3. **Support:** If you are experiencing difficulties that impact your child's attendance, please contact us. We have support services available to assist you.

We believe these measures will help improve attendance and ensure that every child at RPS has the opportunity to succeed. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Just a reminder....

Term dates 2024-25

Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th September 2024 - Term Starts

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November - Half term – School Closed

Thursday 19th December - Term Ends

Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Term Starts

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February - Half Term – school closed

Friday 4th April - Term Ends

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April - Term Starts

Monday 5th May - May day – school closed

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May - Half Term – school closed

Friday 18th July - Term Ends

Teacher Training Days – School Closed

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Friday 25th October

Monday 4th November

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Friday 23rd May



PE Days

EYFS/Y1 - Monday and Thursday

Y2 - Wednesday and Friday

Y3 - Tuesday and Friday

Y4 - Wednesday and Thursday (children will need their swimming kit on Thursday too)

Y5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Y6 - Tuesday and Friday

Swimming will be starting up again in September for Year 4; Year 5 and Year 6 will be going later in the year.