



December Newsletter 18.12.24

Message from Mrs. Ward



As we approach the end of this busy autumn term, we want to take a moment to thank everyone for their hard work and support throughout the term. The school has been buzzing with activity, and we've enjoyed lots of festive fun, including Christmas crafts, Nativity performances, and festive celebrations. It's been wonderful to see our students getting into the holiday spirit!

The Christmas holidays are just around the corner, and we hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break. School will close on **Thursday 19th December at 1:15pm** and will reopen on **Tuesday January 7th**.

We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Whether you're staying local or traveling, we hope you enjoy quality time with loved ones and return refreshed and ready for the new term.

We are excited to welcome our students back in the new year, ready for another term filled with learning and fun. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school and continuing our journey together.

Above all, we hope you stay safe over the holiday period. Enjoy your time off, stay well, and take care.

Have a wonderful holiday, and we can't wait to see you all in the New Year!

Christmas Dinner



A Magical Christmas Dinner at School

This year's Christmas dinner was a fantastic celebration! The dining hall was decked out with festive decorations, making it feel like a true winter wonderland. With Christmas songs playing in the background, the whole atmosphere was full of festive cheer.

The food was absolutely delicious, thanks to our amazing kitchen team. From the juicy roast turkey to the tasty sides and amazing desserts, everything was perfect.

Everyone came dressed in their festive outfits and Christmas jumpers, adding even more fun to the occasion. All staff, from teachers to support staff, came together around the tables with the children to enjoy the meal and laughter. Lots of fun was had pulling Christmas crackers, sharing jokes, and wearing silly party hats. It was the perfect way to spread some festive joy and laughter.







Communications with Teachers

Acceptable Use of SEESAW

At Ravensthorpe Primary School, we strive to utilise technology effectively to enhance communication between school and our families. SEESAW is a valuable platform that allows parents/carers to stay updated on their child's learning journey. However, we must ensure it is used appropriately to maintain a positive and productive environment.

Guidelines for Using SEESAW:

- **Timing of Messages:** Please be considerate of the timing when sending messages through SEESAW. Avoid sending messages during evenings and weekends, as it may lead to notifications that disrupt personal time.
- **Response Expectations:** SEESAW is not regularly monitored by senior leaders, so any concerns raised may not be seen promptly. Therefore, please direct any concerns to the school email parents@rps.pkat.co.uk.

- **Raising Concerns:** If you have any concerns or issues, please follow the correct process by emailing the school directly at parents@rps.pkat.co.uk. This ensures your concerns can be directed to appropriate member of staff and addressed.
- **Contact Information:** Should you need to contact any member of the school staff, please emailing the school directly at parents@rps.pkat.co.uk

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to make SEESAW a valuable tool for our school community. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out through the proper channels.

After School Clubs



New After-School Clubs for Year 1–6 Starting in January!

Our new after-school clubs for children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be starting in January! These clubs will run from the **week beginning 13th January** through to Easter.

Places are limited. Sign up today via [ParentPay](#) to secure your child's spot!

The clubs available in the Spring term will be as follows:

Monday

- **KS1 Gymnastics** - including sequences, balances, routines, and equipment-based activities.
- **Year 3 & 4 Football** - skill-based sessions to develop all abilities, engaging in games and tournaments.

Tuesday

- **KS1 Fun Games** - traditional playground games, team games and individual challenges.
- **Year 5 & 6 Football** - skill-based sessions to develop all abilities, engaging in games and tournaments.

Wednesday

- **KS2 Dance** - exploring art through dance, varieties of different themes of dance, working in groups, individual performances and more.

Thursday

- **KS2 Archery** - focusing on archery techniques in fun games such as Robin Hood, board maths and battleships!
- **KS2 Dodgeball** - using variations of classic dodgeball to teach children fundamental skills in a fun and engaging way.

Taster Sessions

To give parents and children a chance to explore the clubs, we are holding **two taster sessions** during the first week back after Christmas. Parents are invited to come in after school with their child(ren) where they will have the chance to try out the clubs and see what activities they can look forward to. The taster sessions will be as follows:

Tuesday 7th January - KS2 Archery; KS1 Fun Games; KS2 Dodgeball

Thursday 9th January - Y3 & Y4/ Y5 & Y6 Football; KS2 Dance; KS1 Gymnastics

If you are interested in attending the taster sessions, please complete the form below

[Taster Sessions Form](#)

Important Dates

Thursday 19th December - Last day of term 1:15pm finish

Friday 20th December - Training day - School closed to children

Monday 6th January - Training Day - School closed to children

Tuesday 7th January - School reopens for Spring Term

- 3:15-4:15 Taster sessions for clubs - parents invited

Thursday 9th January - First swimming session for Year 5

- 3:15pm-4:15pm Taster session for clubs - parents invited

Monday 13th January - After School Clubs start

Wednesday 29th January - Young Voices Choir trip to Birmingham

Notices

Parking

Please be considerate when parking at school. Disabled parking bays are reserved for those with a valid blue badge. Avoid parking in or blocking these bays, and ensure your parking does not restrict access to them. We would also like to remind you to be considerate towards local residents and not to block driveways etc. when parking. Thank you for your cooperation.