



RAVENSTHORPE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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July Newsletter 18.07.2025

Message from Mrs. Ward

Dear Parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term at Ravensthorpe Primary Academy, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to celebrate some of our recent achievements.

Attendance Update

We are also pleased to share that our school attendance has continued to improve since last year. Although we have not yet reached our target, and our attendance remains below the national figure of 94.8%, we are proud of the progress we have made. Improving attendance is a whole-school effort, and we are grateful for your support in encouraging regular attendance. Every day counts towards your child's learning and development.

As we reach the final day of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an outstanding year at Ravensthorpe Primary Academy. I am absolutely delighted to share the brilliant improvements we've made – this is quite a turnaround over the last two years and is

a testament to the dedication and hard work of every pupil, staff member, and family. Thank you for your support!

Celebrating Improvements in Achievements

We are proud to say that this is the best year our school has had for a number of years (based on unvalidated data).

Our key results include:

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- ***EYFS: 61% GLD (an increase of 11% since 2023)***
 - ***Phonics: 75% (up 12% since 2023)***
 - ***MTC: 72% (up 20% since 2023)***
 - ***KS1 RWM combined: 52% (up 27% since 2024 and 9% since 2023)***
 - ***KS2 RWM combined: 58% (up 36% since 2023), with more children achieving greater depth in all three subjects***
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Not only are these improvements reflected in our outward-facing data, but we're also seeing significant progress across the school in reading and maths. More children are moving into the next year group working at age-related expectations, and a greater number are achieving higher standards. This whole-school improvement provides a strong foundation for even more success next year.

Farewell and Thank You

We also say a heartfelt farewell to Miss Nunn, Miss Fisher, Mrs Abbott, and Mr Body, who are leaving RPA at the end of this year. Their unwavering dedication, compassion, and hard work have truly made a difference to so many children. In particular, thank you to:

- ***Miss Nunn** for 7 years of outstanding support in reading and teaching so many of our children*
 - ***Miss Fisher** for 10 years teaching many children across school and leading in PE and sporting events*
 - ***Mr Body** for his compassionate support of our most vulnerable children this year*
 - ***Mrs Abbott** for her 22 years in Keys Trust (3+ at RPA) and her invaluable office support and humour*
 - *We wish them all the best on your next adventures – they will always be part of our school family.*
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Thank You

Thank you for your continued support throughout this year. Your involvement and encouragement play a vital role in helping us make our school a happy, successful place for all our children.

Key Dates and Next Steps

- ***School reopens: Wednesday 3rd September 2025***

- *Please ensure your child is ready to return, in full school uniform and with all necessary equipment.*
 - *If your child will be absent at the start of term, please inform the school office as soon as possible.*
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If you have any questions or require support regarding attendance or any other aspect of school life, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school office.

We wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another fantastic year at Ravensthorpe Primary Academy.

Best Wishes,

Mrs E Ward

Important Dates

Friday 18th July 2025 - School Closes at 1.15pm

Monday 1st September & Tuesday 2nd September - School closed for staff training

Wednesday 3rd September - School reopens for children

Thursday 4th September - Meet the teacher event 3.10pm - 3.30pm An opportunity to say hello to your child's new teacher and put a face to the name.

Friday 5th September - House Point Prize

Friday 19th September - Family Olympics Events (Timings to be confirmed)

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School Term Dates 2025 - 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025		
PROFESSIONAL DAYS 1, 2 & 3	Monday 1st September 2025	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
	Friday 24th October 2025	
PLANNING DAYS 1&2 (School closed)	Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025
Term 1	Wednesday 3rd Sept 2025	Thursday 23rd October 2025
Half term/ School closed	Monday 27th October 2025	Monday 3rd November 2025
Term 2	Tuesday 4th November 2025	Thursday 18th December 2025
SPRING TERM 2026		
PROFESSIONAL DAY 4 & PLANNING DAY 3	Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026
Term 3	Tuesday 6th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026
Half term/ School closed	Monday 16th February 2026	Friday 20th February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026
SUMMER TERM 2026		
Term 5	Monday 13th April 2026	Friday 21st May 2026
May Bank Hol/ school closed	Monday 4th May 2026	
Half term/ school closed	Monday 25th May 2026	Friday 29th May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1st June 2026	Friday 17th July 2026

PROFESSIONAL DAYS

- 1 disaggregated day (6 hours) spread across the year (3 x 2-hour CPD sessions until 6pm)

These dates could be subject to some changes. Any changes will be posted on the School Website.

- PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.15pm on the last day of each half term.
- Holidays will not be authorised during term time.
- Routine dental and optician appointments should be made outside of school hours or during school holidays.
- If your child needs to attend an emergency dental, optician appointment or hospital appointment during school hours, the school office must be notified and a record of this made on the attendance file.
- If your child is absent, you must notify the school office by 9.15am on each day of absence.

Notices

Parking

We've received concerns about unsafe parking outside school during pick-up times, including on yellow zig-zags, double yellow lines, and pavements. These areas are marked to protect children and families.

While we can't enforce parking rules outside school grounds, we are reminding all parents and carers to park legally and safely. We've also contacted the Local Authority to request increased monitoring during busy times.

Important information - Changes to Meal Payments – Effective September

*From **September**, we'll be introducing a **new meal payment system** to replace ParentPay.*

◆ ***ParentPay will no longer be used.** Any remaining balances will be **refunded**, so please ensure all accounts are **up to date** and that **no money is owing** before the end of term.*

◆ ***Meals must be paid for in advance.** From September, meals will **not be provided unless payment has been received.***

◆ *Due to rising costs, the **price of a meal will increase to £2.70.***

◆ ***More information about the new system will be sent in early September**, in time for children returning to school.*

Thank you for your understanding and support as we move to a more efficient and updated system.

What's Been Happening at Ravensthorpe

Red Carpet Event Success

This term, we were delighted to host our very first Red Carpet Events for EYFS/KS1 and KS2. Both events were truly special occasions, and it was wonderful to see so many pupils recognised for their hard work, progress, and achievements. I'm sure that the Red Carpet Event will become an annual highlight in our school calendar, giving us the chance to come together every year to celebrate the successes of our pupils.



Special Themed Lunches

Our kitchen team has been going above and beyond recently, treating everyone to two fantastic themed lunches! First came the Cowboy Lunch, complete with western-style décor and a hearty menu fit for the Wild West. Then we celebrated American Independence Day with festive red, white, and blue decorations, and a menu featuring classic American favourites.

The dining hall looked amazing thanks to the kitchen staff's creative decorating, and the themed menus were a big hit. A huge thank you to the whole team for bringing fun, flavour, and flair to lunchtime!

And the fun isn't over yet—we still have the Teddy Bear Lunch to look forward to tomorrow!









Summer Fair

Our summer fair was a fantastic success! It was lovely to see so many parents, families, and friends coming together to support the school. The atmosphere was full of fun and laughter, with plenty of excitement around the tombola, the ever-popular lucky dip, and our bustling bits and bobs stall. Thanks to everyone's generosity and enthusiasm, we managed to raise over £970! That money will go directly towards improving resources and experiences for our pupils. A big thank you to all who helped make the day so special! Well done to all our raffle winners! All prizes have now been collected and are ready for the children to enjoy over the summer holidays

Raffle Winners

Kim (Y3)
Jasmine (Y6)
Billie-Rayne (Y1), Eliza-Rae (Y3),
Marlie-Rose (Y4)
Amanda (EYFS)
Reggie (Y6)
Ashley (Y3)
Erika (Y4)
Cosmin (Y2)
Daniella (Y6)
Kendra (Y3)
Freya (EYFS)
Yasmin (Y3)
Arons (Y6)
Ana (Y1)
Arthur (EUFS)

VR Experience

Year 2 had an amazing VR experience exploring the world of minibeasts! A big thank you to Miss Kauser for organising such a fantastic and immersive learning opportunity. The children were buzzing with excitement as they discovered fascinating facts about these tiny creatures!



Year 5 Activity Day at Ravensthorpe Primary Academy

Year 5 pupils at Ravensthorpe Primary Academy recently took part in an exciting and action-packed Activity Day, full of adventure, creativity, and hands-on learning.

The day kicked off with outdoor activities tied to geography and science. Children mapped the Community Garden, tried out orienteering and compass skills, and used quadrant hoops to

survey local wildlife. They also got creative, making 3D model flowers and artwork from natural materials. One of the biggest highlights was den building — a great chance for teamwork and problem-solving in the fresh air!

The fun carried on into the evening with even more activities. Pupils made (and tasted!) delicious s'mores, had a blast on the inflatable obstacle course, and joined in with group games that brought everyone together.

A big thank you to all the staff for their hard work and energy, which helped make the day such a brilliant success. It was a fantastic celebration of learning, teamwork, and fun for all involved!

