



# RAVENSTHORPE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Respectful, Proud, Aspirational

Welcome back Newsletter 08.09.2025

Message from Mrs. Ward

---

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*We hope you had a lovely summer break and are ready for the new school year. It's always exciting to see the children return, full of energy and ready to learn.*

### ***Start and Finish Times***

*The school day begins at 8.40am and finishes at 3.10pm. Gates will open at 8.30am to allow time for children to make their way into class calmly and promptly.*

*Being in school on time every day really matters. Good attendance and punctuality help your child to settle into routines, build confidence, and make the most of every learning opportunity.*

*Our whole-school attendance target is 96% this year – together we can achieve it.*

## **School Uniform**

*Please make sure your child comes to school in the correct uniform every day:*

---

---

- *Dark green sweatshirt*
  - *White polo shirt or shirt*
  - *Dark grey trousers or skirt*
  - *Black shoes (sensible, no trainers)*
- 
- 

*PE kit should be:*

---

---

- *Black shorts or jogging bottoms*
    - *White t-shirt*
    - *Black sweatshirt*
    - *Trainers*
  - **Jewellery:** *Only small stud earrings are permitted in school. For safety reasons, no other jewellery should be worn.*
  - **Hair:** *Hair must be of a **natural colour**. Bright or artificial colours will not be accepted.*
- 
- 

*We would like to remind families that secondary schools have **very strict uniform and appearance expectations**. By following these rules now, children will be well prepared for the standards they will meet in the future.*

*Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high expectations for all pupils.*

### ***Class Dojo***

*The office will be in touch shortly about registering for Class Dojo. This is a fantastic way to keep up to date, as messages go straight to your phone. We encourage all parents to sign up, so you don't miss out on important information and updates.*

### ***School Improvements***

*We are proud that our school continues to go from strength to strength. Year on year we are seeing improvements in outcomes across our school, including EYFS, Phonics, the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and Key Stage 2 SATs.*

*Attendance has also improved – although we are still a little below national averages, we are working hard together to close that gap.*

### ***Events – Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 10th September 3:10pm-3:40pm***

*Next week we are inviting parents and carers to “Say Hello to Your Child’s Teacher”. This is a short, informal opportunity to put a face to the name. If you would like a more detailed conversation about your child, please contact the school office and we can arrange a suitable time for a telephone call.*

*We are really looking forward to another positive and successful year at Ravensthorpe. Thank you, as always, for your support.*

*Warm regards,*

*Mrs Ward*

*Headteacher*

---

## New Online School System

---

*As part of our ongoing system changes, and in line with a trust directive, we will be returning to **ParentPay with immediate effect** while any problems with the new system, **Arbor**, are smoothed out. However, we are currently experiencing issues with ParentPay. As soon as this is resolved, we will update parents immediately.*

*Going forward, we will ensure you are informed of any upcoming changes in good time. In the meantime, please keep an eye out for emails from us, which may come via Arbor.*

*We apologise for any confusion or inconvenience caused and thank you for your continued support.*

---

## Important Dates

---

***Wednesday 10th September - Meet The Teacher 3:10pm-3:40pm***

***Monday 15th September - Clubs start for years 1-6***

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

***Thursday 2nd October - 'Inside Out' Menu***

***Monday 20th October - Parents Evening***

***Tuesday 21st October - Parents Evening***

***Thursday 23rd October - Spooky Menu***

***Friday 24th October - Staff training day - School Closed to children***

***Monday 27th October -Friday 31st October - Half term***

***Monday 3rd November - Staff training day - School closed to children***

*Wednesday 5th November - Bonfire Menu*

*- Festival of Lights Disco*

*Thursday 11th December - Festive Disco*

---

### Themed Menus

Every so often, the kitchen crew cook up a themed lunch extravaganza! With a special menu, a decorated dining hall, and the team all dressed up, it's a recipe for fun that everyone enjoys!

Some of the lunches we have coming up this term are:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Inside Out Menu**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Spooky Menu**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Bonfire Night Menu**

Some of our previous menus



## RAVENSTHORPE PRIMARY ACADEMY

### 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

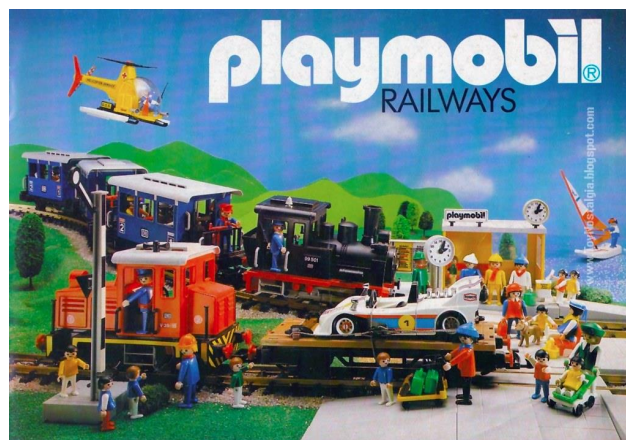
#### PROFESSIONAL DAYS

- 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 CLOSES 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.

CAN YOU HELP? ARE YOU HAVING A CLEAR OUT? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?





## **We want to set up some small world play activities for children at lunchtimes**

**Small world play** is a fantastic way for children to explore, imagine, and learn through miniature figures and settings. These resources help develop language, social skills, and creativity across all ages in our school.

### **What are we looking for?**

Examples include (but aren't limited to):

- **Vehicles:** Cars, trains, planes, boats, emergency vehicles, construction vehicles
- **Animals:** Farm animals, zoo animals, dinosaurs, sea creatures, insects
- **People:** Figurines of families, community helpers (doctors, firefighters), different professions
- **Buildings & Structures:** Toy houses, barns, castles, garages, bridges, fences
- **Natural Elements:** Trees, rocks, pretend grass, small play mats

If you have any spare items at home—or know someone who does—that are in good condition and safe for children, we'd be so grateful for your donations.

## 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.*

### ***Clubs Update***

*Clubs are due to begin on **Monday 15th September**. Unfortunately, due to ongoing issues with Arbor/ParentPay, we have not yet been able to open bookings.*

*As soon as bookings are available, we will notify parents straight away. Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

---