



# RAVENSTHORPE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## December Newsletter 12.12.25

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As we come to the end of our autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support over the past few months. It has been a wonderfully busy and rewarding term here at **Ravensthorpe Primary Academy**, and your encouragement, involvement, and partnership have made all the difference.

We have enjoyed a whole host of exciting activities and events this term—each one contributing to the rich experiences we aim to provide for our children. A particular highlight has been the **Pop-Up Pool**, which has been a tremendous success. The children have gained valuable water confidence and skills, and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm grow with each session.

Alongside this, the children have thrown themselves into their learning with curiosity and determination, and our staff have worked tirelessly to create engaging, nurturing and inspiring environments in which they can thrive. From themed days and class projects, to performances, trips, and special visitors, it has truly been a term to remember.

As we now look forward to the festive season, I hope you all enjoy a peaceful, joyful Christmas filled with rest, family time, and celebration. We also send our very best wishes for a **happy and healthy New Year**.

When we return in January, we are excited to begin another vibrant and purposeful term. We look forward to continuing our close work with you to ensure every child at Ravensthorpe Primary Academy feels supported, challenged, and empowered to achieve their very best.

Thank you once again for everything you do.

**Warmest wishes,**

**Mrs E Ward - Headteacher**

## **Pop-Up Pool Success**

This half term, our pop-up pool proved to be a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their swimming skills. Throughout the sessions, pupils showed remarkable progress and growing confidence in the water. It was wonderful to see just how much they enjoyed the experience.

We were also delighted to be featured on the local news, highlighting the impact of the programme and celebrating the children's achievements. A big thank-you to everyone involved in making this initiative such a success!

Link below – to the full BBC coverage

<https://fb.watch/DTN9dG1VvM/>



## Sugar Gliders at Nene Park

The children enjoyed a wonderful trail around the nursery garden, taking time to touch, smell and explore everything that was growing. They especially loved getting hands-on to make their own seed bombs by mixing clay with a variety of seeds—messy, sensory, and great fun! Together, the children also created beautiful collaborative artwork by pressing natural materials into damp cloth, producing unique patterns. A highlight of the day was helping to build new willow arches. With the good weather on our side, it was the perfect opportunity to learn, create, and enjoy nature.



## Christmas at Ravensthorpe



Still on a high from last week's amazing Festive Fair! ✨

The hall was filled with such an exciting buzz — not even the rain could dampen our spirits.



A huge, huge thank you to all the families and friends who joined us and helped make this year's Festive Fair one to remember. ❤️

Your support, smiles, and festive cheer made the day truly special.

And the fun hasn't stopped there...

We've also enjoyed our festive disco, Christmas dinner, and a wonderful day of wearing something festive — and we're not done yet! 🎄 ✨

We're looking forward to rounding it all off with Carols in the Courtyard later today. ★

Bring on the Christmas magic! ✨

## Important Dates

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*Thursday 18th December - End of term lunch*

***\*\*\*Thursday 18th December - Last day of term 1:15pm finish\*\*\****

*Friday 19th December - Training day - school closed*

*Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January - School closed for Christmas*

*Monday 5th January - Training day - school closed*

**\*\*\*Tuesday 6th January - First day of Spring term\*\*\***

**Monday 12th January - Young Voices Concert**

**Thursday 15th January - Disco Lunch**

**Thursday 12th February - Valentines Lunch**

**- Friendship Disco**

**Half term Monday 16th-Friday 20th February - school closed**

**Tuesday 24th February - Pancake Lunch**

**Thursday 26th February - Chinese New Year Lunch**



**Christmas Holiday  
Lunch  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Blue: Chicken Nuggets  
Yellow: Quorn Dippers  
Both served with chips  
Veg: Peas & Sweetcorn  
Selection of Desserts**

**There will be no green option on this day  
All dietary requirements will be catered for**

The poster features a festive background with candy canes, a Santa hat, a Christmas tree, a gingerbread man, a snowman, and wrapped gifts.

## RAVENSTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Term Dates 2025 - 2026

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

**PROFESSIONAL DAYS**

- 1 disaggregated day (6 hours) spread across the year (3 x 2-hour CPD sessions)
- These dates could be subject to some changes. Any changes will be posted on the School Website.
- PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL CLOSES AT normal time on the last day of each half term and 1:15pm at the end of 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

### Contacting school during the day

Just a quick reminder—if you need to get a message to your child's teacher during the day, please email or call the office. Messages on Seesaw might not be seen until the end of the day, and Dojo messages aren't checked on a regular basis. Thank you.