



RAVENSTHORPE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Respectful, Proud, Aspirational

January Newsletter 23.01.2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through another busy and positive term at Ravensthorpe, I wanted to share a few updates and highlights with you.

Parent Survey 2025 – Thank You

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent survey. We really value your feedback and use it to shape our plans.

I do want to be honest and say we were disappointed that responses fell from 78 last year to 34 this year. Your voice matters, and we would love more families to take part next time so we get a full and fair picture of what is working well and what we can improve.

Raising the Profile of Senior Leaders

Following your feedback about senior leaders being more visible, we are now positioning members of the SLT on the playground to welcome the children in the mornings, and we will also be around at the end of the day. We look forward to seeing you and getting the chance to say hello.

Report Cards

Report cards were shared via email last week. Many parents have already downloaded their child's report; however, there is a small number that have not yet been accessed. If you need any support accessing your child's report card, please contact the school office and we will do what we can to help.

Trust Involvement and Safeguarding

Two members of the Trust executive team recently facilitated our annual safeguarding audit. This was a positive and useful process, helping us celebrate what we do well and identify small improvements. Safeguarding remains our highest priority.

Parent Cafes

This term we hosted our Year 6 Parent Cafe, which was really well received.

These sessions are an important opportunity to talk together about learning, well-being and how we can best support your child.

Upcoming Parent Cafe dates:

- **Reception: Friday 6th February 2:30pm-3pm - Number Day**
- **Year 1/2: Thursday 19th March 2:15pm-3pm - Design Technology: Making Moving Vehicles**
- **Year 3: Date tbc**
- **Year 4: Friday 30th January 2:30pm-3pm - Observational drawing linking to Rainforest art**

- **Year 5: Date tbc**

We strongly encourage families to attend. Your involvement makes a real difference.

Attendance Update

We continue to focus on attendance and have launched a new 10-day raffle. For every 10 consecutive days a pupil is in school, they receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a £10 voucher. This is one of several ways we are encouraging good attendance and celebrating commitment to learning.

Pop-Up Pool – A Huge Success

The impact of having our own pop-up pool on site exceeded expectations.

64% of our Year 6 pupils achieved the goal of swimming 25 metres, and the impact on water safety has been phenomenal. We are delighted to confirm the pool will be returning in the autumn term.

NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe.

This term our pastoral team launched the NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. programme with a whole-school assembly. Workshops have since taken place with pupils in [insert year groups], helping children understand how to keep themselves safe and who they can talk to if they need help.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

As always, I am exceptionally proud of the children in our school and of our school as a whole.

Warm regards,

Mrs Ward

Headteacher

Important Dates

Friday 30th January - Year 4 Parent Cafe 2:30pm-3pm

Friday 6th February - NSPCC Numbers Day

- EYFS Parent Cafe 2:30pm-3pm

Week beginning Monday 9th February - Winter Olympics week

Thursday 12th February - Friendship Day

- Valentines Lunch

- Friendship Disco

Half term Monday 16th February-Friday 20th February - School Closed

Tuesday 24th February - Pancake Lunch

Thursday 26th February - Chinese New Year Lunch

Thursday 19th March - Year 1/2 Parent Cafe 2:15pm-3pm

Monday 23rd March - Parent's Evening

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******Friday 27th March - Last day of Spring Term******

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - school closed for Easter Holidays

******Monday 13th April - First Day of Summer Term******

Monday 4th May - May Day - School Closed

Friday 22nd May - Training Day - School Closed

Half term Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

RAVENSTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL		
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	
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 22nd 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)

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

- PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL CLOSURES 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.

Upcoming Events

We have some exciting events coming up at school:

Thursday 29th February - Senco Drop-in Cafe - no need to book

Friday 6th February - NSPCC Numbers Day

Thursday 12th February - Friendship Day

- Friendship Disco - tickets are now on sale on ParentPay.

- Valentines Lunch

Tuesday 24th February - Pancake Lunch

Thursday 26th February - Chinese New Year Lunch

**Thursday 29th January
8:45 – 9:30 AM**

Join us for a relaxed drop-in session.

A chance to meet other parents, chat with our SENDCos Mrs Deegan and Mrs McCallum, and enjoy some refreshments.

Each session we'll have a different focus, from parenting tips to local resources and more.

No need to book – just drop in!



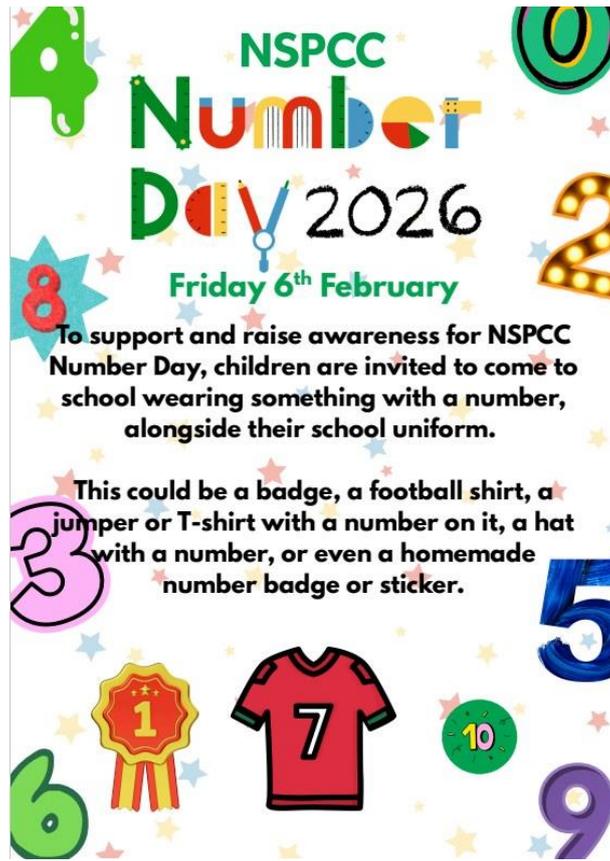
Parents Drop-In Cafe - everyone welcome

This session's focus: A guest speaker from Family Voice will talk about the range of support available to parents of children with additional needs.



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The poster features the NSPCC logo at the top, followed by 'Number Day 2026' in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below this is the date 'Friday 6th February'. The text explains that children are invited to school wearing something with a number, alongside their school uniform. It lists examples like a badge, football shirt, jumper, T-shirt, hat, or homemade badge. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a medal with the number 1, a red football jersey with the number 7, and a green circular badge with the number 10. The background is decorated with various numbers (0, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9) and stars.

NSPCC
Number Day 2026
Friday 6th February

To support and raise awareness for NSPCC Number Day, children are invited to come to school wearing something with a number, alongside their school uniform.

This could be a badge, a football shirt, a jumper or T-shirt with a number on it, a hat with a number, or even a homemade number badge or sticker.

The poster has a colorful, rainbow-themed background. It features the title 'Friendship Disco' and the date 'Thursday 12th February'. The event is divided into two sessions: one for EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3 from 3:15pm to 4:15pm, and another for Y4/Y5/Y6 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Tickets are priced at £3.50 and include a snack, drink, and a treat. The poster also mentions that tickets are available on ParentPay and that sales close at 5pm on Sunday 8th February. Decorative elements include fireworks, a disco ball, stars, and swirls.

Friendship Disco
Thursday 12th February

EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3
3:15pm-4:15pm

Y4/Y5/Y6
4:30pm-5:30pm

Tickets cost £3.50
This includes a snack, drink and a treat.

Tickets now available to buy on ParentPay
Tickets sales close at 5pm on Sunday 8th February

Thursday 12th February Friendship Day

Children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform and bright colours, in return, we are asking for chocolate donations for the Easter Raffle.



Valentines Lunch

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

**BLUE: HEART-SHAPED
PEPPERONI PIZZA**

**YELLOW:
HEART-SHAPED
CHEESE PIZZA**

**BOTH SERVED WITH
SALAD**

**DESSERT: VALENTINES
CUPCAKE**

THERE WILL BE NO GREEN OPTION ALL
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE
CATERED FOR

PANCAKE DAY

TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

PANCAKES FOR DESSERT

VARIOUS TOPPINGS AVAILABLE



CHINESE NEW YEAR LUNCH

THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Blue: Chicken Balls
Yellow: Vegetable Spring Rolls
Both served with rice
Veg: Peas and Sweetcorn.
Prawn crackers

Dessert: Chinese New Year Cupcake

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



Notices



Winter Olympics - week beginning Monday 9th February.

During the week beginning **9 February**, children will take part in our annual **Winter Games** during their normal PE lessons.

The school is working in partnership with **Just Do Sports** to deliver this event. Pupils will compete in small groups across **five fun, inclusive events**, aiming to achieve the best overall class score. **No extra equipment or preparation is needed**, and all activities will take place within normal school time.

Mr Boyer-Cassidy and Mr Blanchard are developing the plans to ensure that all pupils can take part, feel included and enjoy the experience. A **winning class will be announced the following week**.

This event is always a highlight of the year and a great way to promote healthy, active lifestyles.

Nut-Free School Reminder

Our school is a nut-free environment to protect students with allergies.

Please do not send foods containing peanuts or tree nuts — including Nutella/chocolate spread.

Thank you for helping keep everyone safe!

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NUT FREE**



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Drinks in School

Reminder: Children should bring **water only** to school as their drink. Thank you for supporting healthy habits.



Toddler & Pre-School Stay and Play Wednesday 28th January

On Wednesday 28th January we are holding a Stay & Play group for toddlers and pre-school children, if you are interested in attending, please scan the QR code on the poster below.

**TODDLER & PRE-SCHOOL
STAY AND PLAY GROUP**

FREE!
**COME AND JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY
9:30AM-10:30AM**

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Brigstock Court, Ravensthorpe, PE3 7NB

- Run by qualified early years teachers
- A fun and relaxed atmosphere
- The chance to get advice on local support groups, early help and school admissions
- Babies are also welcome

A welcoming space for your child to play and make friends, plus a place for parents to relax and chat.

WHAT TO EXPECT...

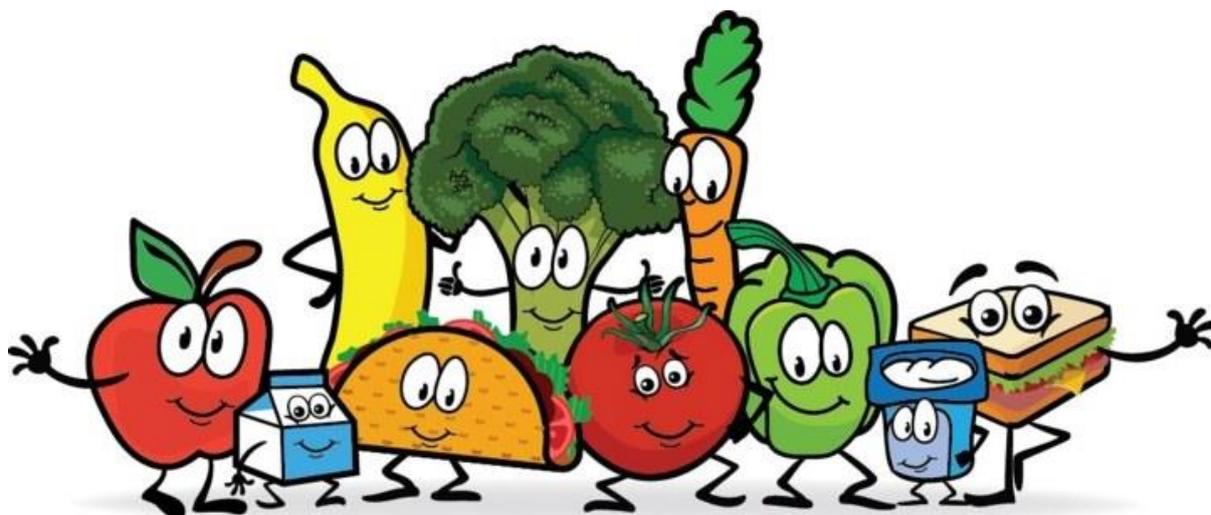
- Nursery Rhymes
- Craft activities
- Drink and a natter
- Expert advice
- Story time

Free tea, coffee, juice and biscuits.

SIGN UP
Please scan the QR code to sign up



Important Information regarding School Meals



If your child is in Key Stage Two and you are **NOT ENTITLED** to Free School Dinners please ensure there is money in your ParentPay dinner account before you book a school lunch. We cannot allow any debts to build up on accounts. If there is not enough money in the account at time of booking we will contact you to bring a packed lunch from home for your child. Debts can build up very quickly and therefore we only allow accounts that are in credit to book school lunches. Thank you