



RAVENSTHORPE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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March Newsletter 03.03.2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second half of our Spring Term! We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the busy weeks ahead.

There are already signs of spring around school. The bulbs we planted are beginning to grow, and we can see the first green shoots coming through. The children have loved watching them change and grow. We can't wait to see them bloom over the next few weeks.

We recently held our own Winter Olympics in school. The children showed great teamwork and tried their very best. We were very proud of them all. It was also wonderful to see so many parents at our Parent Café. Thank you for coming along and spending time with us.

We have lots of exciting events coming up this half term. We are really looking forward to World Book Day and seeing the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. We are also excited for our Mother's Day Breakfast, which is always a very special morning.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We are looking forward to a happy and successful Spring Term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ward

Important Dates

Friday 6th March - World Book Day including special menu

Tuesday 10th March - Toddler & Pre-School Stay & Play Group 9:30am-10:30am

Friday 13th March - Mother's Day Breakfast 9am-10am

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

Monday 23rd March - Parent's Evening

Tuesday 24th March - Parent's Evening

******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******

Tuesday 14th April - Year 6 Parent Cafe

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 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.

Toddler & Pre-School Stay & Play

Free!



Tuesday 10th March
9.30-10.30am

Ravensthorpe Primary
Academy
Brigstock Court,
Ravensthorpe, PE3 7NB

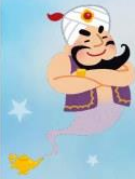
- Free drinks and biscuits
- Opportunity to play and chat
- Turn taking games for children
- Songs and rhymes
- Run by qualified early years teachers



Scan the QR code to
book a place



World Book Day A Fairy Tale Adventure Friday 6th March



*Come dressed as your favourite
fairy-tale character and enjoy a
magical day!*



*There will be lots of fairy-tale
activities to take part in, plus
a special themed menu.*



*World Book Day
A Fairy Tale Menu
Friday 6th March*

Blue: Peter Pan Chicken Strips

Yellow: Captain Hook Quorn Dippers

*Both served with Lost Boy Smilies
and Tinkerbell veg*

Dessert: Glitter Fairy Cakes

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

*Mother's Day Breakfast
Friday 13th March 9am-10am*

*Adults £3.50
Children £2.50*

Various refreshments will be available

*Mums, Auntie's or Nan's welcome.
Tickets are available on ParentPay from 5pm
Tuesday 3rd March until 5pm Tuesday 10th March.
Places are limited and are first come, first served.
See ParentPay for more details.*

Attendance



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Attendance NewsLetter

February 2026

School Gates Open

8:30am

Registration Time

All pupils should arrive by 8:40am

Arriving Late?

After 8:40am:

Pupils must go to the school office to sign in → This will be recorded as a late mark (L code)

After 9:10am: arrival is recorded as a U code → This counts as an unauthorised absence

Important Reminder

Frequent late arrivals may result in penalty notices being issued by the local authority

We're Here to Help

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time, please contact the school office.

We are here to support you and your child and work together to improve attendance.

Attendance Rewards at School

We have lots of fun and encouraging rewards in school to celebrate great attendance!

Weekly Class Rewards

Each week, the KS1 class and KS2 class with the best attendance will:
Collect an RPA Way letter to add to their class door
Look after our Attendance Mascot – Rocky or Rachel – for the week
Spin the wheel for a class treat

Half-Termly Rewards

Pupils who achieve 10 days of attendance in a half term will receive:
1 entry into our Amazon Voucher raffle for every 10 consecutive days of attendance
3 prizes are available each half term – £10 Amazon voucher
Winning children will visit the office to order their chosen prize from Amazon

Termly Class Reward

At the end of each term:
The KS1 class and KS2 class with the best overall attendance will enjoy a pizza party together

Annual Reward

For every 10 consecutive days of attendance throughout the school year, pupils earn 1 entry into a raffle to win a bike

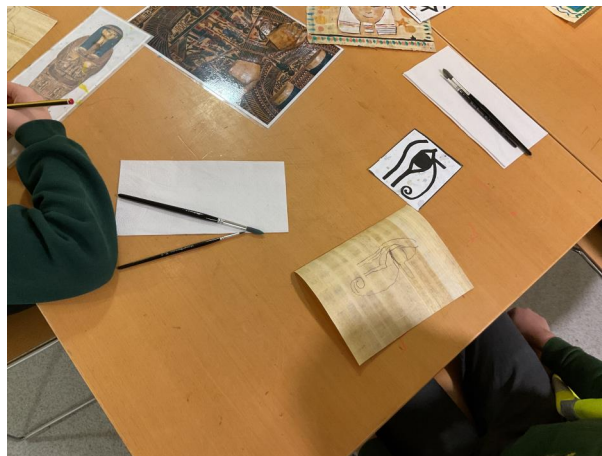
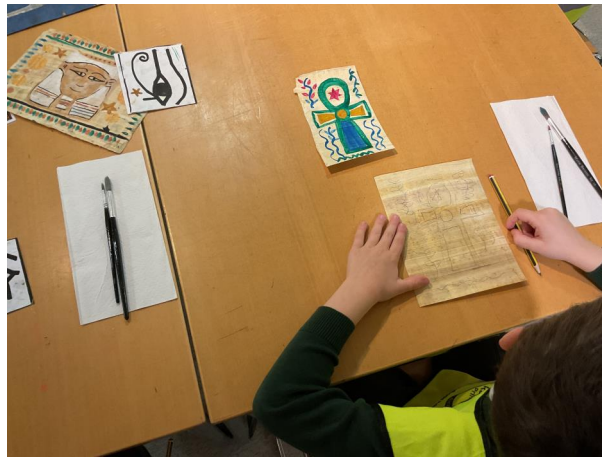
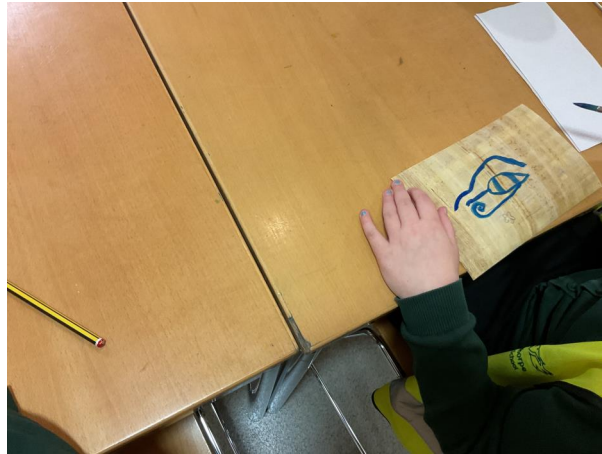


Year 3 trip to Fitzwilliam Museum

Year 3 recently enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum, where the children had a fantastic time exploring the Ancient Egyptian artefacts. They were fascinated by the mummies, hieroglyphics and beautifully preserved objects, and it was a pleasure to see their curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the visit.

We would also like to say a sincere thank you to all parents for allowing your children to take part in this last-minute opportunity. Your continued support makes experiences like this possible and greatly enriches the children's learning.

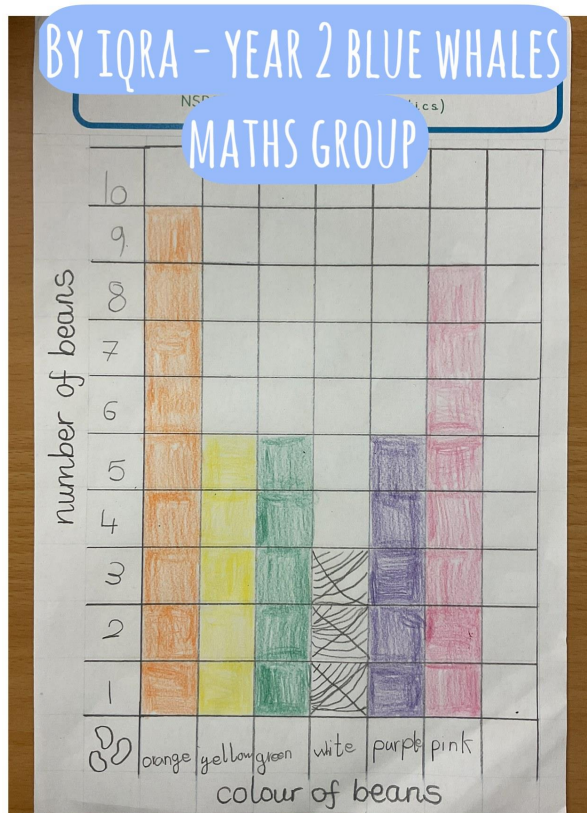


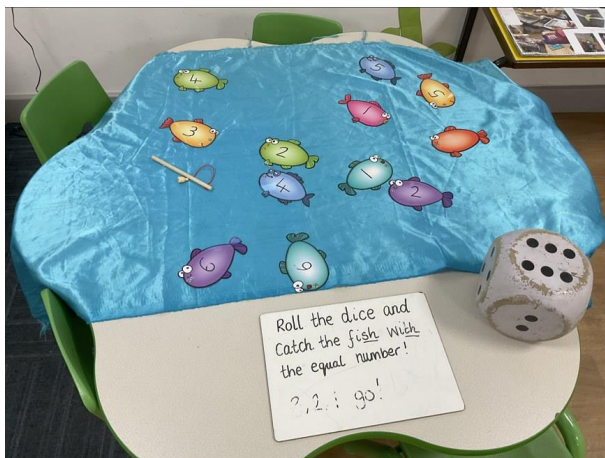


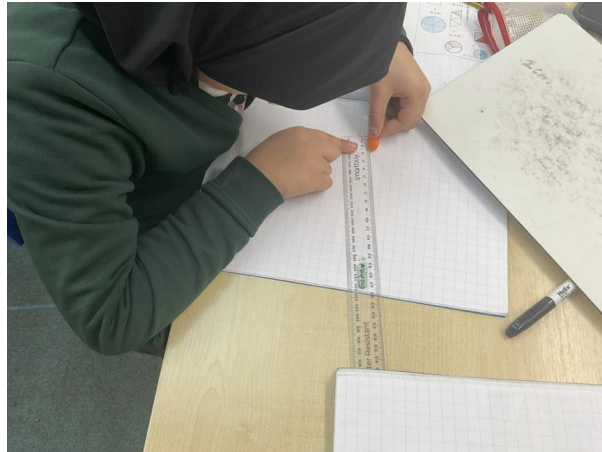
NSPCC Numbers Day

*On Friday 6th February, we had a fantastic time celebrating **NSPCC Numbers Day!** The children arrived to find a special bag of jellybeans waiting for them, and all of their learning throughout the day was centred around this colourful treat. Different year groups explored the jelly beans in a variety of mathematical ways. Many classes began by sorting them by*

colour, before representing their findings through tally charts, pictograms and bar charts, while some of our older pupils even created impressive pie charts to show their results. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for maths and so many creative approaches to handling data





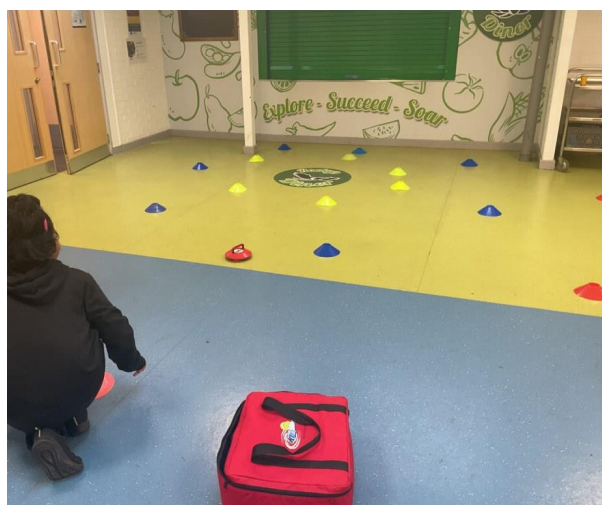


Winter Olympics

Earlier this term, Ravensthorpe hosted its very own Winter Olympics, with each year group competing for the coveted gold medal! Organised and officiated by Just Do Sports, the children took part in a range of exciting events including curling, an ice hockey shootout, biathlon, and many more.

The atmosphere was fantastic, with everyone showing determination, teamwork and true Olympic spirit throughout the competition. Most importantly, the children had lots of fun and fully embraced the experience.

A huge well done to all who took part!







OPAL

🌿 OPAL Play Is Starting! 🌿

Outdoor Play and Learning at Lunchtime

From **Monday 23rd February**, we will be starting **OPAL Play** at lunchtime.

OPAL stands for **Outdoor Play and Learning**. It gives children more time to **explore, build, imagine and have fun outside**.

🔗 We Play Outside in All Weather

We will be playing outdoors whatever the weather.

✔ Please Bring Every Day:



A waterproof coat



Spare clothes in case children get wet

(Spare clothes can be kept in a small plastic bag inside your child's school bag.)

Optional Items (If You Have Them)



- Waterproof splash suit
- Wellies



Please make sure all items are clearly named.

Children may get muddy or wet during OPAL play — this is part of healthy outdoor learning and fun!

Notices



Coats

Although we have recently reached double figures in temperature, the weather remains quite wet and changeable. Please ensure your child brings a suitable waterproof coat to school each day so they are comfortable and protected during outdoor activities and break times.
