



RAVENSTHORPE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Respectful, Proud, Aspirational

Summer Newsletter 13.07.2026



Message from Mrs Ward

*As another school year comes to an end, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown!
It has certainly been a busy, exciting and memorable year, with so much to celebrate. From*

learning in the classroom to trips, sporting events, performances and special celebrations, our children have continued to make us proud every single day.

As always, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support. We truly value the positive relationships we have with our families, and everything you do to support your children and our school community. Working together makes such a difference, and we are incredibly grateful.

This week we say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 Class of 2026. It has been a privilege to watch them grow into confident, caring and ambitious young people. They leave Ravensthorpe with so many wonderful memories, friendships and achievements to be proud of. We wish each and every one of them the very best as they begin the next chapter of their educational journey. We know they will go on to achieve great things, and they will always be part of the Ravensthorpe family.

I hope the summer holidays provide an opportunity for everyone to relax, recharge and enjoy some well deserved family time together.

*We are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back when school reopens on **Thursday 3rd September**. We've got a brilliant start to the new school year planned, with some exciting surprises, including bouncy castles, fun activities and the relaunch of our OPAL play programme. It's going to be a fantastic way to kick off another year of learning, laughter and adventure together.*

From everyone at Ravensthorpe Primary Academy, thank you once again for being part of our wonderful school community.

Have a safe, happy and relaxing summer, and we'll see you all in September!

Important Dates

Thursday 16th July - Fiesta Day - Bouncy castle and themed menu

Friday 17th July - Teddy Bears Picnic Lunch

- Last day of term 1:15pm finish

Tuesday 1st September - Training Day - School closed for children

Wednesday 2nd September - Training Day - School closed for children

Thursday 3rd September - Term starts

Ravensthorpe Primary Academy

School Term Dates 2026 - 2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026		
PROFESSIONAL DAYS 1,2, 3 & 4 (School Closed)	Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
PLANNING DAY 1 (School closed)	Monday 2 nd November 2026	
Term 1	Thursday 3 rd Sept 2026	Thursday 22 nd October 2026
Half term/ School closed	Monday 26 th October 2026	Friday 30 th October 2026
Term 2	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	Thursday 17 th December 2026
SPRING TERM 2027		
PROFESSIONAL DAY 5 (School closed)	Monday 4 th January 2027	
PLANNING DAY 2 (School closed)	Monday 1 st March 2027	
Term 3	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Half term/ School closed	Monday 15 th February 2027	Friday 19 th February 2027
Term 4	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Friday 25 th March 2027
SUMMER TERM 2027		
PLANNING DAY 3 (School closed)	Friday 28 th May 2027	
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027	
Term 5	Monday 12 th April 2027	Thursday 27 th May 2027
Half term/ school closed	Monday 31 st May 2027	Friday 4 th June 2027
Term 6	Monday 7 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027

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 **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 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.

Academic calendar 2026/27 UK

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Swimming Returns in September!

We're delighted to let you know that our swimming pool will be returning to school in **September!**

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons during the school day, helping them to develop this important life skill while having lots of fun.

We're also pleased to be bringing back our **after-school swimming club**. More information will be shared shortly.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back to the pool!

Summer Fair Success – Thank You!

*A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£930!***

Thank you to all the families who donated items for our hampers and raffle, as well as everyone who came along to enjoy the afternoon and support the event. Your kindness and generosity made a real difference.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the local businesses that kindly donated raffle prizes. Your generosity helped make our raffle a fantastic success and is greatly appreciated.

The money raised will help provide additional resources and exciting opportunities for our children. Thank you for your continued support – we couldn't do it without you!



OPAL

OPAL continues to grow, and it has been a real highlight to witness. Seeing the children enjoy increasing opportunities to play, whatever the weather, is what childhood is all about.

We are excited to see this brilliant resource continue to expand, creating even more opportunities for children to explore, imagine, and learn through play. It has been wonderful

to watch the positive impact OPAL is already having, and we look forward to seeing what comes next.



Year 6 Residential

What an incredible time our Year 6 children had on their residential!

From morning until night, they embraced an action packed programme of exciting adventures. They conquered climbing walls, raced down the slip and slide, designed and built their own chariots before putting them to the test, learned how to light fires safely, tested their aim with archery and shooting, camped under the stars, and enjoyed so much more.

Throughout the trip, the children demonstrated outstanding teamwork, resilience, courage and enthusiasm. They challenged themselves, supported one another, and created memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Another unforgettable residential is in the books, and there is no doubt these are the experiences our children will be talking about for years to come.

A huge thank you to our staff and volunteers for helping make this such a special experience.



Summer Sunshine, Science and Smiles

The heatwave brought plenty of excitement! Our Blue Whale and Sea Turtles classes put their scientific thinking to the test by investigating whether it was hot enough to cook an egg outside. Through careful observation, prediction and discussion, the children discovered that the summer sunshine really had started to cook the egg!

The fun didn't stop there. Our new ways to help everyone stay cool were a huge hit, bringing lots of smiles and laughter. It was a wonderful week of curiosity, learning and making happy summer memories together.



Hunstanton

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children had a fantastic day at Hunstanton, enjoying time on the beach, sharing a picnic and, of course, treating themselves to a delicious ice cream! It was a wonderful day filled with fun, laughter and happy memories.

Another huge thank you to our staff and volunteers for helping make the trip such a special experience.



Year 5 Summer Fun Activity Evening

Our Year 5 Summer Fun Activity Evening was a huge success! It was wonderful to see the children enjoying every moment as they took part in the wide range of activities on offer, from archery and scavenger hunts to face painting, friendship bracelet making, a silent disco and, of course, fish and chips!

A huge thank you goes to our incredible staff, who worked so hard to organise such a fantastic evening. Their creativity, enthusiasm and dedication provided the children with so many exciting activities and created an event full of laughter, fun and unforgettable memories.

Evenings like these remind us that some of the best school memories are made when our whole community comes together.



Uniform Donations Welcome!

Having a summer clear out? If you have any school uniform that your child has outgrown and no longer needs, we'd be very grateful for any donations.

We are always looking to top up our supply of good-quality pre-loved uniform to support families in our school community.

Please ensure any donated items are clean and in good condition, then drop them off at the school office.

Thank you for your continued support – every donation makes a difference!

