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Autumn Newsletter 13.11.2026



We have a busy and exciting half term ahead, with lots happening in school over the coming weeks. Following our Remembrance Day and Children in Need activities, we have plenty more to look forward to, including assessment week and opportunities for you to join us in school!

As the weather gets colder, please remember to send your child in with a coat, spare clothes and wellies so they can continue to enjoy playing and learning outdoors every day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to sharing all the lovely things happening in school with you!

Mrs Ward

Dates to remember



A few dates for your diary

Monday 16th November - *Disco tickets on sale @ 5pm*

Thursday 3rd December *- Winter Fair*

Thursday 10th December *- Wear Something Festive Day*

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Disco

Thursday 17th December *- Christmas Prize lunch*

******Last day of term - 1:15pm finish******

******Friday 18th December - Staff Training day - School Closed to children******

******Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January - Christmas Holidays******

******Monday 4th January - Staff training day - School closed to children******

Tuesday 5th January *- Spring term starts*

Thursday 21st January *- Cowboy Lunch*

Friday 5th February *- Chinese New Year lunch*

Friday 12th February *- Valentines Lunch*

******Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February - Half term******


Upcoming Special Menus
Thursday 10th December
Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17th December
Prize Lunch
Tuesday 5th January
Welcome Back Lunch
Thursday 21st January
Cowboy Lunch
Friday 5th February
Chinese New Year
Friday 12th February
Valentine's Day

Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11th November



We marked Remembrance Day in school with a range of activities to help the children understand the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed.

We held a special assembly to talk about the meaning of Remembrance Day and why it is important that we remember.

Each class also created a special piece of artwork, which has been displayed in our classroom windows for everyone to see and enjoy.

Poppies were on sale in school, giving children the opportunity to make a donation, and the whole school came together to take part in a minute's silence.

It was lovely to see the care and thought the children put into their artwork and the respect they showed throughout our remembrance activities.






WE WILL REMEMBER
Sir Walter Tull
1888-1918
Sir Walter Tull was posthumously awarded the Military Cross for his bravery in battle.
Bengal Tigers have created a medal to commemorate and celebrate his life.



No such thing as bad weather – only the wrong clothes!



As an OPAL school, outdoor play and learning are a big part of our everyday life. The children go outside to play and explore in all weathers, and we don't want a bit of rain or mud to stop the fun!

As the weather gets colder and wetter, it's really important that children come to school prepared for outdoor play. Please make sure your child has:

- *A warm, waterproof coat*
- *A pair of wellies*
- *Spare clothes, including socks, in case they get wet or muddy*

*From now until the end of the Spring term, **all children are expected to come to school wearing a coat every day**, regardless of the weather. Please also make sure wellies and spare clothes are in school so that children can make the most of their time outdoors without worrying about getting wet or muddy.*

Thank you for your support in helping us make sure every child can enjoy outdoor play and learning throughout the year. After all, there's no such thing as bad weather – only the wrong clothes!

Year 5 Roman Day

Year 5 had a fantastic time stepping back into Roman times!

The day started with a traditional Roman breakfast, including goats' cheese, soft cheese with olive oil and herbs, bread, olives and fruit with honey.

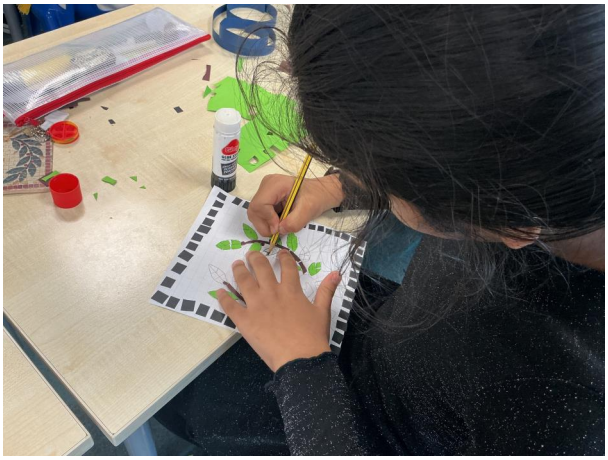
The children then got creative making their own mosaics and bullas. These were traditional keepsakes worn by Roman children, containing a special gem and an affirmation.

In the afternoon, the children put their engineering skills to the test by building their own Roman bridges and testing how strong they were.

A brilliant day of learning, creating and exploring life in Roman times!







Children in Need – Friday 13th November

On Friday we supported Children in Need and raised lots of money for a fantastic cause!

For a £1 donation, children could take part in our colouring competition and have a go at guessing how many sweets were in the jar

We also had a special Children in Need lunch menu for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your support in helping us raise money for such a brilliant cause!

After-School Clubs Update

A reminder that the final week of our current clubs will be the week beginning ***Monday 7th December****. Keep an eye out for further information about next term's activities and how to book your child's place.*

Bookings for next term's after-school clubs will open on ***Arbor from Monday 7th December****. We have some exciting clubs planned for next term and look forward to sharing more details with you soon!*

Attendance

This week we have emailed you your child's attendance report card.

Coming to school every day helps children to learn and to reach their full potential.

If you have any questions, please speak to the school office.

Ice Cream Party

🍦 **WEEK 7 OF OUR ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE!** 🍦

🎉🍨 **WE HAVE OUR FIRST ICE CREAM PARTY TO PLAN!** 🍨🎉

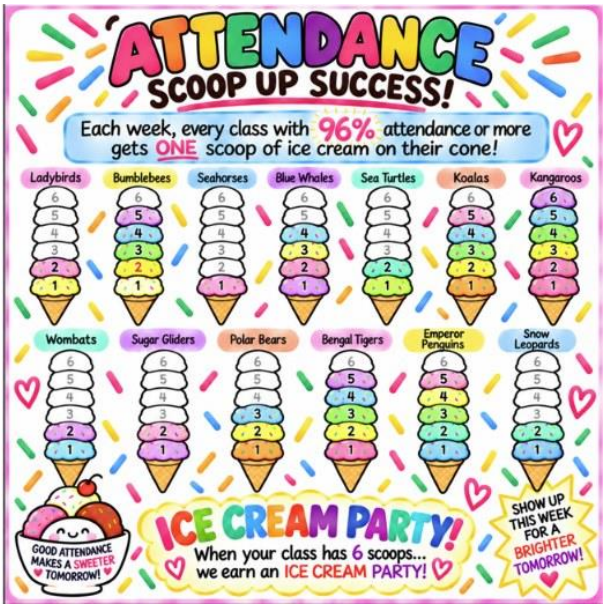
🏆 A **HUGE WELL DONE** to **Kangaroos** 🦘, who have scooped their way to an amazing **6 SCOOPS!** 🍦🍦🍦🍦🍦🍦

🥳 **WOOHOO!**

You've earned your very first **ICE CREAM PARTY!** 🎉🍨 What a fantastic achievement!

👀 But who's going to be next?!

🍦 The scoops are definitely piling up, and we don't think it'll be long before more classes join the ice cream party celebrations! 🥳🌟 **KEEP IT UP, EVERYONE!** 🌟



Notices

Assessment Week – starts Monday 16th November

Assessment week starts on Monday 16th November.

Please help your child to be in school and on time every day this week.

Learning together

We really value working with you as parents and carers. You play a big part in your child's learning. This half term there will be chances for you to come into school and join in with activities alongside your child. Keep a look out for more information about these.

Follow us on Social Media



We love sharing the wonderful things happening in school and regularly post photos and examples of the children's learning, activities and achievements on our social media pages. It's a great way to get a little glimpse into what the children have been up to and celebrate all the exciting things happening across the school.

Make sure you follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with school life and see what your child has been learning. We would love for you to join our online school community!

Term Dates

Ravensthorpe Primary Academy

School Term Dates 2026 - 2027

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

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
37	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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October 2026

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November 2026

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December 2026

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June 2027

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July 2027

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School Holidays
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