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This week at

Ravenstone



04.09.26

DATES FOR DIARIES

Please also reference the school calendar on our [website](http://www.ravenstoneschool.co.uk)

09.09.26 Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting 15:30

10.09.26 Swimming start: Year 4 and Lower/Upper Hive

18.09.26 Genes for Jeans Day - children can wear denim

23-24.09.26 Book Fair

23.09.26 Prospective Family Open Morning

ATTENDANCE

First Figures of the New Year Coming Next Week

Ensuring that your child is in school on time every day, arriving between 8:30 and 8:45, is one of the most important commitments we ask of all families.

As a school, we are aiming for at least 95% attendance. Please work with us and your child to ensure that attendance remains a high priority throughout the year.

We look forward to celebrating everybody's achievements this year, both big and small!

Below is information about attendance percentages and how these are recorded.

This week's year group attendance:

100%	Outstanding
99.9 - 95%	Good attendance
94.9 - 90%	Cause for concern
89.9 - 85%	Persistent absence
84.9 - 80%	Persistent absence
<79.9%	Persistent absence

Dear families,

Thank you all for your warm welcome to Ravenstone. It has been fantastic to meet you over the past two days and to begin getting to know you and the children at our school. Our staff team have been busy establishing routines so that the children get off to a great start and are ready for the year ahead. During our first assembly of the year, we spent some time looking at our school values, with a particular focus on kindness.

We are pleased to welcome 30 children to our Reception class this year. We also have new children beginning in Nursery over the coming weeks, as well as three new children starting in The Hive and three in Year 1. A very warm welcome to you all.

Several new staff have joined the team this year. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Flora Martin as our Deputy Headteacher. The Hive is joined by Ms Kate Koczwara and Miss Oriana Domingos, while our lunchtime team welcomes Mr Keval Bharadia and Miss Chelsea Ryan.

You will notice several diary dates on the left-hand side of this newsletter. These are also available on the school website, along with additional dates for the year ahead. The school office will continue to remind you about key dates both a week ahead and the day before, which we hope will help you to stay organised.

Library visits begin on 14th September, with Year 6 heading off first. Each class will have the opportunity to visit regularly as we progress through the year. We are very fortunate to have a library so close by, and we know the benefits this brings to the children's enjoyment of reading. Swimming also begins next week, with children from Year 4 and The Hive attending first.

You may have noticed that some of the planters on the school playground have been replaced over the summer, and they are looking great. We have also had some other work carried out inside the school building, including new LED lights throughout and a refurbished floor on the ground floor. We are now looking to upgrade some of the toilets and continue with painting and decorating in several other classrooms, helping to make the school as inviting as possible.

On Friday 11th September, we would like to invite families to help us tidy the garden area at the front of the school. If you are able to join us, please come along to the playground (weather permitting) from 1.30pm. Bring along any gardening gloves or tools you may have that could be useful. We are simply looking to cut back any plants and trees that may have died over the summer. We are also hoping that the new topsoil for our planters will have arrived by then.

Finally, a message from all of us at Ravenstone: we are really looking forward to working with you throughout the year ahead and making sure

that your children have a fantastic year of learning, growth and fun!

Warmest wishes,

Mr Mike Riches

Headteacher

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