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This week at

Ravenstone



16.10.26

DATES FOR DIARIES

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

19.10.26 House morning for Y1 - Y6

19.10.26 Y1 visit to Balham library

21.10.26 Y4 drama performance

21.10.26 Nursery visit to Tooting Common

21.10.26 Y3 visit to Balham Mandir

22.10.26 MP is visiting Ravenstone

23.10.26 Inside Ravenstone: 9.00 for Nursery and Reception; 2.30 for all other year groups

Dear families,

We are fast approaching the end of the first half-term of this school year. It has been such a joy to be part of the team during this time. We have welcomed several new children to the school this term, and our newest addition will be Omar, who joins us in Year 4 this coming Monday. Our current pupil numbers are set out later in this newsletter.

We have also been pleased to welcome a student teacher to our nursery class over the coming weeks. Her name is Danishiya Jaresvathanan, and it is great to be part of her journey towards becoming a teacher!

Next week, we have several events to look forward to. Our first House Morning of the year will take place on Monday, when children will join pupils from different year groups across the school to take part in a range of activities. On Friday, we will welcome families into school for our first *Inside Ravenstone* event of the year. Please check the timings on the left hand side of this newsletter.

On Monday, you will receive a letter outlining the nomination process for any parent or carer who would like to put themselves forward for the role of school governor. This is a hugely important voluntary role, providing a balance of support and challenge to the senior leadership team and helping the school to continue to grow and develop into the best it can be.

We strive to be an approachable and friendly team, and we are always happy to speak to families about how their children are getting on in school. Wherever possible, class teachers have been encouraged to speak to families directly, either in person or over the phone, rather than by email. We feel this is a more efficient way to communicate and often helps ensure that matters are resolved more quickly and effectively. Teachers are also happy to arrange in person meetings with families when needed.

Thank you all for your understanding and support following the new guidance issued by the school last week regarding cakes, biscuits and sweets being brought in for birthdays. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that these are not brought into school.

Wishing you all a restful weekend ahead of our final week of school before the half-term break.

Mike Riches, Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Ensuring that your child is in school, on time (from 8:30 and by 8:45), every day is the most important commitment we ask of all families. As a school, we are aiming for at least 95% attendance and as of this week our total for this current year is 96.79%.

If you want to request a leave of absence please speak to a member of staff on the gate.

This week's year group attendance:

Yr R	98.47%
Yr 1	93.33%
Yr 2	99.05%
Yr 3	95.79%
Yr 4	98.61%
Yr 5	96.3%
Yr 6	97.3%

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

Thought of the week!

"ALL PEOPLE HAVE FEELINGS. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AND LOOK OUT FOR FEELINGS TODAY"

UN Convention Focus Articles for October

[click here for more](#)



PUPIL NUMBERS

The total number of children at Ravenstone now stands at 254. In the table below you will be able to see the number of children in each class. We currently have one class in each year group except in Year 2 and Year 6. Please note: teaching assistants are predominantly based in these classes but can move around to focus on specific areas of the school, for example daily reading groups. We're looking to fill any spaces so that we have 30 children in each class.

Class name	Number of children	Teacher	Teaching assistants
Nursery	22	Mrs Williams	Angie Tara
Reception	29	Miss McDonald	Maftuha
Year 1C	25	Miss Clarke	Lisa
Year 2L	18	Miss Leach	Wahida
Year 2G	17	Miss Greenaway	Wahida
Year 3D	29	Mr Downey	Sue Wahida
Year 4M	25	Mrs Mitchell	Sarah S
Year 5A	33	Miss Ahmad Mr Sajjad (student)	Soraia
Year 6B	18	Mrs Bull	Sarah P Sarah S Alison
Year 6T	21	Miss Turner	Sarah P Sarah S Alison
Lower Hive	8	Mrs Cunningham	Simon Oriana Fatima
Upper Hive	9	Mrs Reed	Andrew Kate Betini Lyn

We also have two members of staff who cover staff non-contact time. Their names are Miss Pinnell and Miss Gow.

WANDSWORTH FAMILY HUB GUIDES

We are pleased to share the Wandsworth Family Hub Autumn 2026 Guides, which include a range of advice, support, services and activities for families, children and young people aged 0-19, or up to 25 for those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Please click on the relevant link below to view what's available in your local community.

[Battersea](#)

[Roehampton](#)

[Tooting](#)

AUTUMN 2 CALENDAR DATES

The following key dates will also be available on the school website. They will be shared in a weekly email through the school office and featured in each week's newsletter.

Event	Date and time	Details
INSET day	2nd November	School closed to all children
Showing assemblies begin for nursery and reception	6th November, 9am	Lower hall
Individual photographs	9th November	
Flu immunisations	10th November	
Parent/teacher meetings	11th November 12th November	Look out for an email from the school office to enable bookings.
Children in Need day	13th November	
Anti-bullying week begins	16th November	
RavenSNOW	29th November	Our Friends of Ravenstone winter fair is open for all to attend.
Nursery and reception performances	9th December, 9am 10th December, 9am	
House morning	14th December	
Year 5 drama performance	16th December, 9am	
Christmas jumper day	16th December	
Christmas lunch	16th December	
Christmas class parties	17th December	
Last day of term	18th December	Children to be collected at 1pm

Please note: we have now set a date for sports day. This will take place on 24th June, all day.

TERM DATES 2027-2028

We have now been notified of the term dates for next academic year. These are as follows:

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Start date	6th September	2nd November	5th January	21st February	18th April	5th June
End date	22nd October	17th December	11th February	31st March	26th May	21st July
INSET days	2nd September 3rd September	1st November	4th January	N/A	N/A	16th June 30th June

ASSEMBLIES

What a vibrant week we've had! Our school was a sea of red as everyone joined forces to Show Racism the Red Card this Friday. Alongside being asked to make educational posters that promote kindness, fairness, and respect, our students showed incredible maturity in what they had learnt. Year 5 did a wonderful job sharing more about this during this week's showing assembly. It was also fantastic to hear 1C and 3D talk about their classroom PSHCE discussions. It is wonderful to see our pupils equipping themselves with such positive, real-world strategies to support one another!

CLASS NEWS

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This week, we went on our first ever school trip to Wandsworth Common! We were so excited to step into the 'wild forest' and discover what we could find. Although we didn't spot any bears or foxes, we did discover a green-haired friend hiding in the trees, straight from our story *Wild* by Emily Hughes! We loved bringing our story to life through our woodland treasure hunt and investigating who had sent us a mysterious letter earlier in the week. We also explored the textures of the trees by creating our own bark rubbings. What a fantastic, outdoorsy morning full of adventure and curiosity!



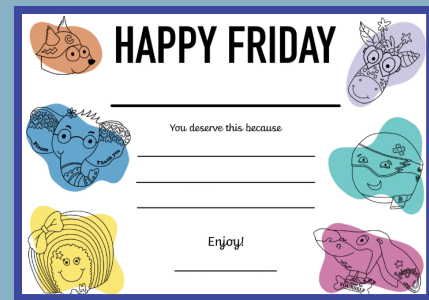
3D

Last Friday, we wore yellow to raise awareness for mental health and learned how exercise can help our mental well-being. We learned how chemicals such as oxytocin, endorphins and dopamine wakes up in our brain when we move, and makes us feel good. We turned the hall into RavenGYM and worked out using custom made barbells and weights. We all finished the session feeling energised and happy.



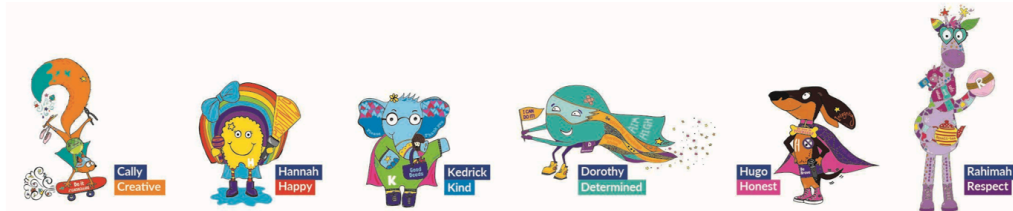


STARS OF THE WEEK!



Year 1 Jayden
Year 2 Leo B and Maria
Year 3 Ivy
Year 4 Keola
Year 5 Aden
Year 6 Jonathan and Callum
HC Kamil

Year 1 Nikolay
Year 2 Jamie S and Jayden
Year 3 Theo
Year 4 Sebastian
Year 5 Juliette
Year 6 Ayub and Maya



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