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This week at

Ravenstone



11.09.26

DATES FOR DIARIES

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

18.09.26 Jeans for Genes day - children can wear jeans to school

18.09.26, 9.15 Friends of Ravenstone AGM

22.09.26, 8.50 Reception phonics information session in lower hall

23.09.26, 9am Open morning for prospective families

23.09.26 & 25.09.26 Book fair is open after school

25.09.26 RavenPLAY

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 **97.1%**.

This week's year group attendance:

Yr R	91.8%
Yr 1	90.66%
Yr 2	97.87%
Yr 3	97.46%
Yr 4	98.05%
Yr 5	98.27%
Yr 6	94.36%

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 once again to all families for your warm welcome to Ravenstone. It's been great to meet so many of you on the gate and to begin to discuss how we can work together to ensure all children have the best possible education during their time with us. We have an extremely committed team who work tirelessly to ensure the children are kept safe and well educated each day.

Over the coming weeks we will begin to show families around the school for next year's Reception cohort. Please do book in if you would like to have a look around and it would be great if you could encourage others you know to do the same. We are proud of our school and we believe we have a lot to offer the children in this community so we are looking to boost our numbers over the coming years.

Next Friday we will hold Jeans for Genes day:

<https://www.jeansforgenes.org/> All children are invited to wear jeans to school and to pay £1 which will go to this important charity which helps some of the most vulnerable people in the UK. Please don't worry if you cannot afford to make a donation, your child can still get involved. Our school council will lead an assembly all about this during the week, supported by Miss Greenaway, our school council staff rep. Thank you for your support.

We provide all children at Ravenstone with a broad and balanced curriculum which means they have access to lots of different subjects as well as having opportunities to develop important life skills such as responsibility. We are therefore going through the process of appointing members to our child led teams such as house captains and rights respecting schools ambassadors. Please see more information below from Miss Turner.

As well as this, we would like to share with you our amazing end of year results from last year. We are incredibly proud of the children's progress and achievements which are highlighted by exceptional results across the school which are all well above national and local averages.

As we come to the end of our second week of term, I'd like to say a huge thank you to you all for your ongoing support of this school.

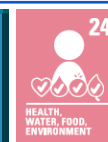
Mike Riches, Headteacher

Thought of the week!

"CHALLENGE YOURSELF
TO COMPLIMENT
SOMEONE THIS WEEK"

UN Convention Focus Articles for September

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SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

As a school, we are constantly looking for ways to develop and grow what we do, ensuring we keep ahead of any national and local changes whilst responding to the needs of individual context. We have therefore set 4 school improvement priorities for the year ahead which we'd like to share with you.

Priority 1: attendance

- Increase rates of attendance to 95% on average by the end of the year.
- Reduce the number of children with less than 90% attendance.
- Increase punctuality rates so that all children arrive on time ready to learn.

Priority 2: writing

- Implement the next phase of the new national writing framework.
- Introduce a new approach to the teaching of handwriting which is in line with Little Wandle phonics.

Priority 3: curriculum

- Review the curriculum in light of recent national curriculum and assessment changes.
- Further embed the PATHS (promoting alternative thinking strategies) approach introduced in previous years and achieve model school status.
- Further refine the Wandle Promise and Ravenstone entitlement ensuring all children have a rich range of wider opportunities through the year.

Priority 4: teaching and learning

- Continue to increase rates of progress for all children with a specific focus on those with additional needs.
- Work with Wandle Learning Trust to review the provision on place for children with additional needs.

We will keep all families updated on the progress towards our priorities over the course of the year and we'd love to hear your feedback so please do let us know if you'd like to find out more.

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

We are proud of the amazing results achieved across the school last year which are outlined below.

	Expected standard or above		Higher standard	
	Ravenstone	National	Ravenstone	National
Reception 'Good Level of Development'	88%	68%		
Year 1 phonics screening	100%	80%		
Year 4 multiplication tables 25/25	64%	34%		
Year 4 multiplication tables average	22.9	20.6		
Year 6 reading	91%	76%	38%	33%
Year 6 writing	88%	73%	25%	13%
Year 6 maths	88%	75%	28%	26%
Year 6 reading, writing, maths combined	81%	74%	41%	30%

PUPIL LED TEAMS

Pupil Leadership is a huge part of what we do here at Ravenstone. It provides children with valuable opportunities to develop confidence and responsibility, and empowers them to use their voices to support and advocate for themselves and their peers. Through a range of leadership roles, our pupils make a meaningful contribution to school life and help shape our vibrant school community.

Our Head and Deputy Head pupils from Year 6 were announced last term:

Head Pupils – Lucas and Ana

Deputy Head Pupils – Reon and Bella

This week, the children from Year 1-6 met in their houses for the House Captain elections. They heard speeches from the Year 6 candidates, before casting their votes for who they wanted to lead them throughout the Year. House Captains play a huge part in organising house mornings, counting house points, supporting younger pupils, and much more. Our House Captain team for 2026-27 is:

Brompton – Niyanna and Sam

Richmond – Domi and Harrison

Victoria – Aleena and Isla

Greenwich – Mariam and Maisie

Hyde – Isabelle and Harry

Regents – Kasim and Neve

Class elections for pupil leadership responsibilities across the school begin next week. Watch this space to hear more about our School Council, Eco Council and Rights Respecting Ambassadors.

ASSEMBLIES

This week, Mrs Martin led our whole-school assembly, which focused on our value of the term: Rahima Respect. The children had the opportunity to reflect on what respect means and what we can do to show respect to everyone.

We also welcomed our new house captains, revealing which candidates had been successful in their posts. Congratulations once again to all our new house captains, and a huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward. The children showed incredible resilience and made themselves, and all of us here at Ravenstone, very proud.

Finally, we had our first showing assembly of the year, where children from 6T, 3D and 1C showcased the fantastic writing they had already begun. Thank you to these classes for sharing your learning with us. We can't wait to hear from 2G, 4M and 6B next week!

CLASS NEWS

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have welcomed our new friends. They have all settled in extremely well and are enjoying making new friends. We have practised our days of the week song and thought about the weather for the day.



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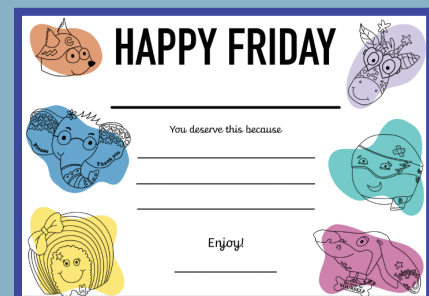
It has been our first full week back, and we have thrown ourselves into some exciting topics! From swimming and basketball in PE to our learning in science. We have worked incredibly hard. A highlight this week was creating 3D models of the different types of teeth in science. We can't wait to continue our exciting learning next week!



STARS OF THE WEEK!



Year 1 Arthur
Year 2 North and Islay
Year 3 Eissa
Year 4 Ariana
Year 5 Kimi
Year 6 Raihanah and Malaika



Year 1 Roma
Year 2 Jamie and Rani
Year 3 Khalani
Year 4 Mihrimah
Year 5 Theo
Year 6 Charlotte and Xertes
SW Israel



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