



Ravenscroft Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

What a busy and exciting time we've had this term. The children have been immersed in so much wonderful learning, alongside a range of fun activities and successful fundraising events – take a look at some of the highlights on our Twitter page @ravenscroftcp. We are incredibly proud of our recent Ofsted outcomes, which reflect the hard work and dedication of our amazing staff and the outstanding efforts of our children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership in making our school a fantastic place to learn.

This term, we have had so much to celebrate; in this last week, we were especially proud of our fantastic school choir, who brought joy to the community with their beautiful singing at the Christingle event and a special performance at the local library. These moments truly showcased the talent and enthusiasm of our children and were a highlight of our festive celebrations.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we are thrilled to begin developing our library, utilising the funds that have been raised to create an inspiring space for our children to enjoy books and nurture a love of reading. We are also excited to make greater use of our outdoor environment, incorporating it more into our learning and play to enrich the children's experiences further.

However, we still have work to do in improving attendance and ensuring all children arrive on time. Together, we can make a real difference in the New Year.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the festive season with your loved ones, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in January ready for another great term!

Best wishes
Mrs Coleman



Christmas Grotto & Movie Night Fundraising

We would like to thank all of our children and parents/carers for their amazing support in attending our Christmas events. We are thrilled to say that we have raised £1225.78, and this will now go towards our school library project. A big thank you to all staff who made these amazing events happen!

House Teams

The School Council have been working on new House names to reflect the diversity of our modern world. They decided that they would like these to be based around key figures in STEM. After much work learning about 8 key figures all children in KS1 and KS2 have voted for their top choices, which are: Albert **Einstein**, Alan **Turing**, Katherine **Johnson** and Fei-Fei **Li**. We are looking forward to introducing our new house names in the new year.

Reception Places September 2025

The deadline to submit applications for Reception places for September 2025, is Wednesday 15th January 2025. If you need any help applying, please contact the school office.

Mobile Phones

We are having an increasing number of children bringing mobile phones into school. This is only allowed in specific cases of emergency, and parents must notify the office that their child will have their phone with them. In such cases, the phone will be kept in the school office.

Asda Fundraising

Thank you to all those who added us to their Cashpot for Schools at ASDA. We have raised an amazing £261.71 for our school!!

Thank you to all who shopped!

Inappropriate Language

We have been notified about some inappropriate language being used when dropping and picking up children. Can all visitors please be mindful of what they are saying/doing whilst on school grounds around the children.

Thank You

School Nurse

Our School nurse will be back in February 2025.



What has been going on at Ravenscroft this winter term...

YOGA ♥

We have now introduced yoga into our PE lessons. The children have really enjoyed these sessions as a calming way to end the day.



Year 2 Fire Engine Visit

Our Y2's had a great visit; they took a seat inside, they tried on uniform and even had a go of some equipment!



Y4 Trip to The Library

Y4 had a brilliant day visiting the Gallery and Kirkby Library. The children enjoyed it so much they want to go again! They had a look at all the artwork around and chose some books to enjoy.



Festive Friday, Xmas Dinner & The Santa Dash

All our children really enjoyed their Christmas dinner, festive jumper and Santa dash. Happy smiles all around!



TT Rockstars

Our fabulous children took part in a times table competition for Britain.

1st Year 6

2nd Year 4

3rd Year 3

Well done our Rockstars!



Santa's Grotto & Xmas Market Night

KS2 Nativity



Clatterbridge Fundraiser

We raised a fabulous amount of £178.97 in aid of Clatterbridge.



Movie Night

Our fabulous KS2's snuggled up in the hall ready to watch Home Alone with all the best treats!

All children across the whole school have blown us away with their performances. They have all done so well learning their lines and songs. We thoroughly enjoyed watching their performances and we hope all our families did too!

Attendance

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 91.3% | 92.6% | 87.6% | 89.9% | 91.5% | 93.0% | 88.9% |

Our attendance target for all pupils is 97% and above.

At Ravenscroft Primary School, we expect children to attend school every day, as long as they are fit and healthy to do so.

Is 90% Attendance Good? 90% attendance in one academic year is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school.

Absence from School: If your child is absent from school, please: Ring school at the earliest opportunity (on each day of absence); If you know your child is going to be absent (for example an appointment), please bring the appointment letter to the school office for a copy to be taken for your child's attendance record. School will contact parents/carers if a reason for absence has not been received by 9.15am.

Parenting Courses

PARENTING TIMETABLE

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
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| Triple P Baby Postnatal 4 weeks 10am-12noon Home-Start Rupert Road 20/01/25 | | | Triple P Fearless 6 weeks 9.30am-11.30am Hilltop Children's Centre 09/01/25 Triple P Primary 6 weeks 9.30am-11.30am Hilltop Children's Centre 27/02/25 | Nurture 0-18 10 weeks 9.30am-12 noon George Howard Centre 17/01/25 |
| Welcome to the World 5 weeks 3pm-5.30pm Northwood Family Hub at The Pride 13/01/25 | Keeping your child in Mind 4 weeks 3pm-5.30pm Northwood Family Hub at The Pride 25/02/25 | | ACES 10 weeks 12.30pm-2.30pm Northwood Family Hub at The Pride 23/01/25 Welcome to the World 5 weeks 3pm-5.30pm New Hutte Children & Family Hub 16/01/25 | |

Winning Class for Attendance:



Year 5

93.0%



Parenting Courses timetable for January through till March. For more information follow the link [Knowsley Parenting](#) or contact school.



We are thrilled to announce that our application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful! Our Garden Club Project, which began in Spring 2024 and has been a wonderful experience for both children and staff, will be part of a customer vote in local Tesco stores. The funds raised will help us enhance our garden area and Forest School.

Voting will take place in-store from mid-January to the end of March 2025 at the following Tesco locations: **Kirkby Express L32 2AE**, **Fazakerley Longmoor Lane Express L9 0EF**, and **Fazakerley Longmoor Lane Express, L10 9LF**. Projects with the most votes can win up to £1,500, so we'd love your support! Keep an eye out for the voting units and help us bring this exciting project to life.



Local Events and Activities



KABS Sessions

Free activity sessions for kids

Our sessions include a wide range of games and activities that help build skills such as teamwork, resilience and confidence!

No booking, just show up!

WHERE?
Tower Hill Community Center
Kirkby Merseyside, North L33 1XT

WHEN?
Every Wednesday 5pm-7pm

www.KABS-fitness.co.uk



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING CHRISTMAS 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

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| <p>MORRISONS Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants</p> <p>SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>TRAVELDODGE & PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p> | <p>EMBER INNS Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends)</p> <p>COCONUT TREE One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025.</p> <p>LAS IGUANAS Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas. Niños get a main, two sides and a dessert with every adult main (or three tapas dishes) purchased.</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.</p> |
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Saturday Art Clubs

at Kirkby Gallery, 10.30am-12.30pm



Looking for something to keep your young artists busy?
At Kirkby Gallery, we have two art courses on offer for young people under 18 years of age:

Our **Little BIG Art club** is a fabulous opportunity for young people aged 7-12 to try new and exciting techniques, have fun and make new friends. Central to the course is gaining confidence in drawing and learning new ways of further developing their creativity.

We also now run the **Young Makers Group**, designed for young people aged 13-17 who wish to develop their practical art skills further and their knowledge of artists past and present.

Both courses are led by professional artists and run 10.30am till 12.30pm. It costs just **£75** for the **10 weeks** and all art materials are included in the course price. **Booking is essential** as places are limited.

Our next courses start up again after the Christmas break, on Saturday 25 January and run until Saturday 29 March.

Find out more by meeting the club leaders for an informal chat and demonstration of work on Saturday 18th January between 10am and 12.30pm in the gallery.

For further information please email: Tina.Ball@knowsley.gov.uk

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Kirkby Gallery The Kirkby Centre
Norwich Way, Kirkby, L32 8XY

Kirkby Gallery & Prescot Museum
Knowsley Council

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Diary Dates Spring Term 1

| JANUARY | |
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| Mon 6 th | Back to school. Gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. Please arrive on time so that your child is not missing out on any learning. |
| Thur 9 th | 3.25pm: Year 6 Parents' SATs Meeting |
| Fri 10 th | 9.00am: Parent Focus Group Meeting – all welcome |
| Tue 14 th | 3.25pm: Parents' Phonics Meeting (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents) |
| Thur 16 th | Spring Party Dinner Day (Chinese New 2.15 – 3.15pm: Family Arts & Crafts Session (Reception Parents + children). More details to follow. |
| Mon 20 th to Thur 23 rd | Year 4 Swimming Sessions |
| Thur 23 rd | 2.15 – 3.15pm: Family Maths Session (Reception Parents + children). More details to follow. |
| Fri 24 th | Pyjamas and Bedtime Story Day. Children to come into school in PJs and bring favourite book. This is something that all Kirkby Primary schools will be taking part in and is to raise money for Time to Bed – a charity that provides free bed bundles to children impacted by furniture poverty across the whole of Merseyside to ensure they have a comfortable place to sleep |
| Mon 27 th to Thur 30 th | Year 4 Swimming Sessions |
| Thur 30 th | 2.15 – 3.15pm: Family Learning Session (Reception Parents + children). More details to follow. |
| FEBRUARY | |
| Fri 7 th | Number Day – more details to follow |
| Tue 11 th | Safer Internet Parent Workshop (Online) – more details to follow |
| Thur 13 th | 2.15 – 3.15pm: Family Maths Session (Year 1 Parents + children). More details to follow. |
| Fri 14 th | Break up |

After School Clubs Spring Term 1

After School Clubs will start again from Monday 13th January 2025. There have been some changes to clubs – please check carefully. Letters will go out for new clubs in January.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| KS2 Choir Lunchtime Mrs Cochrane | Y4, 5 & 6 Morning Running Club 8.10am start Mrs Coleman | Year 5/6 Coding Club Lunchtime Mr Hughes | Year 3/4 Multisport Club 4.15pm finish Mr Newman | |
| KS1 Singing Club Lunchtime Mrs Cronican | Year 1/2 Dance Club 4.15pm finish Miss Tomlinson | Year 5/6 Football 4.15pm finish Mr Gilmore | | |
| KS2 Yoga Club with Towerhill ABC 4.15pm finish | Year 5/6 Netball 4.15pm finish Miss Milner | Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Homework Club 4.00pm finish Miss Casey and Miss Brierley | | |
| Year 3/4 Football 4.15pm finish Mr Newman | Year 6 French Drama Club 4.15pm finish Mrs Buckley | | | |