



Ravenscroft Newsletter

Thursday 13th February 2025

As we reach the end of a fantastic half term, I want to thank our wonderful children, staff, and families for their hard work and support. From exciting learning experiences to special events, our school community continues to shine.

This half term, we have celebrated so much and taken part in so many fun activities, in addition to the fantastic curriculum work that has happened. We've also loved spotting children doing the right thing and adding their names to the Spotty Box – their hard work, determination, kindness and positive choices make our school a better place every day.

I continue to be amazed by the successes and achievements of our children, whether in the classroom, on the sports field, out of school or through their acts of kindness. You make us so proud!

We also want to say a huge thank you to The Walmsley Family: Mr Walmsley's company – Plus Dane Housing – have very generously donated 32 iPads to our school. We are incredibly grateful, and these will be well utilised by our children and have a huge impact on teaching and learning. Thank you!

Wishing you all a restful break - we look forward to another great half term ahead.
Stay updated by following us on Twitter: @ravenscroftcp.co.uk our numbers are growing.

After School Wraparound

Our After School Club is growing in numbers week by week. It runs each day from 3.20pm – 5pm. The cost is £5.50 per child and £3.00 for siblings, and includes a snack of sandwich, cheese and crackers or a sausage roll and a drink and fun activities and games.

Households eligible for Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare may be able to use the support to help pay for wraparound care. To check if you are eligible visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

We would like to offer a **free trial session** for anyone who may be interested in signing up their child/children. If you are interested in our After School Provision or the free taster session, please contact the office for more details.

Year 6 Ormside Residential

If you are interested in going to Ormside and have not handed in a form or not paid a deposit, please call school we still have places available. The children are really excited for this trip!!

Breakfast Club Reminder

Reminder to all parents that Breakfast Club does not start until 8am. We are not permitted to have children on site before this time. Thanks

Book Fair & Book Day

We have the Book Fayre on Tuesday 25th until Thursday 28th February After School in the Hall. World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March children can come dressed as their favourite storybook character.

'Vaping' on School Grounds

We have had a few complaints of parents using 'vapes' on the school yard at drop off/pickup. Please refrain from using these on school site. Thanks

Parking

Please take care when parking outside of school. The roundabout needs to be accessible at all times to ensure the safety of our children and is limited to a 20-minute stay only..



What has been going on at Ravenscroft...

Cyber Bullying

Year 5 have studied Cyberbullying and have noted some very important key messages to always be kind online and how to respect themselves and others.



Time For Bed Fundraising

We raised a fabulous amount of £148.25 in aid of Time for bed. Time for Bed is a Knowsley Charity which supports families with household furniture.



NSPCC Number Day

The children all loved number day. They came dressed as their favourite TT Rockstars Avatar or in numbers – they all looked amazing!! We had a Battle of the Bands competition, where children (and staff) had some times tables battles! This created an exciting and intense atmosphere and had the best time being competitive!! We raised £105 for NSPCC. #MathsIsFun #NSPCCRocks

Out of School: Achievements

Please remember to keep us in the loop with your achievements outside of school; we would love to celebrate these with you in our Celebration Assembly every month.



Year 2 visit to St Andrews Church

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to our local church St Andrews. We found out lots of information about the features of a church and also got to discuss the rules within a church.



KABS Football Club

We have a fabulous new club for our KS1's run by KABS. The children are thrilled to take part in such a fun none stop club. They absolutely love it. Thanks KABS!



Animal Kind

It was lovely to have some sessions from Animal Kind at Animal Aid. Year 1,2,3 and 4 had the chance to talk about how we should protect animals. We also looked at potential dangers for animals and how to prevent them from getting hurt. The children were amazing!



Y2 DT Building a Fire Engine

Year 2 have been busy finishing their models for DT. The children have absolutely loved researching, designing and making their own fire engine models. We added wheels and axels so they could move freely.



Family Craft Session Reception Class

We've had great engagement in our Family Craft Sessions this half term. There's been puppet making, maths and reading.



Children's Mental Health Week

Our celebrated CMHW last week and we have been looking at mindfulness techniques and understanding ourselves better..



County Cross Country

A huge well done to these children who competed in the Merseyside County Primary School Cross Country Competition. They showed real determination and represented our school so well.

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.4%	93.9%	89.9%	90.3%	91.9%	93.1%	92.6%

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.

Punctuality: Please ensure that your child arrives at school between 8.40am and 8.50am everyday. School gates close promptly at 8.50am. Any child arriving after 8.55am will get a Late Mark.


After School Clubs Spring Term 2

Clubs will start again from Monday 24th February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Choir Mrs Cochrane Lunchtime	Running Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 Mrs Coleman Morning at 8.10am	Coding Club Y5 & Y6 Mr Hughes Lunchtime	Multisports Club Y3 & Y4 Mr Newman 4.15pm	KABS Football Rec, Y1 & Y2 KABS 4.15pm
KS1 Singing Club Mrs Cronican Lunchtime	KS1 Dance Club Y1 & Y2 Miss Tomlinson 4.15pm	Football Club Y5 & Y6 Mr Gilmore 4.15pm		
	Netball Club Y5 & Y6 Mr Newman 4.15pm	Homework Club Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Miss Casey & Miss Brierley 4.00pm		
Y3 & Y4 Football Club Mr Newman 4.15pm	French Drama Club Y6 Only Mrs Buckley 4.15pm	KS2 Girls Football Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Miss Flemming 4.15pm		

Winning Class for Attendance:

Year 1
97.1%



Getting your child to school
really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance. Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity



Our Garden Club Project, is well underway with 3 voting stations in Tesco Stores. Please if you are passing, go in and vote.

This 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.



Diary Dates Spring Term 2

FEBRUARY	
Mon 24th	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.
Tue 25th	9 – 11am: Triple P Fearless Course for Parents and Carers. See newsletter or ask at school office for more details.
Tue 25 th to Thur 28 th	Scholastic Book Fayre in the hall at the end of each day
Wed 26 th	Cyber Security Workshop – Year 3, 4 and 5
Fri 28 th Feb	Year 5 History Session at Kirkby High School
MARCH	
Wed 5 th	9.00am Inclusion Coffee Morning: come and meet the school's Inclusion Team, while you have a cup of tea or a coffee. This is your opportunity to ask any questions that you may have and chat with other parents.
Thur 6 th	World Book Day – Children can dress up as a character from a book. Parents' Reading Event (More details to follow nearer the time)
Mon 10 th – Thur 13 th	Whole school assessment week Year 5 Swimming
Fri 14 th	9am: Parent Focus Group Own clothes day – children to bring in items for Easter Bingo Raffle (more details to follow)
Mon 17 th	1pm: Year 6 visit to St Chad's Church
Mon 17 th to Thur 20 th	Year 5 Swimming
Wed 19 th	Year 1 Pedestrian Training
Mon 24 th	3.30 – 5pm: Parent Review Meetings (normal pick-up time)
Wed 26 th	1.30 – 5pm: Parent Review Meetings (1.15pm pick up)
Thur 27 th	Year 6 Trip to Liverpool World Museum
Fri 28 th	10.30am: Out of School Achievement Assembly. If your child has had any recent out-of-school successes, please let the office know and they will provide you with the form to be filled in.
APRIL	
Tue 1 st	Year 1 Road Safety Session
Wed 2 nd	2pm: KS2 Sing Up Assembly (Families welcome) 4.00 – 6.00pm: Family Bingo & Raffle (Tickets on sale nearer the time)
Thur 3 rd	2pm: Foundation Stage & KS1 Sing Up Assembly (Families welcome)
Fri 4 th	1.15pm: Break up for Easter

Correct as of 07.02.25

Dates are subject to change and additional events may be added

Community Support & Easter Bingo

We are always looking for ways to enhance opportunities for our children, and we know that many of our families work for companies that support schools through social values projects. If your workplace offers community grants or support for local schools, we would love to hear from you! Additionally, as we prepare for our Easter Bingo, we would be grateful for any donations of raffle prizes from local businesses or families. Your generosity helps us make these events even more special for our children. If you or someone you know can help, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you for your support!

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) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS
Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BILLS
Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays from Monday 17th - Friday 28th February 2025.

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 Daily at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

LAS IGUANAS
Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas under 12.

WHITBREAD INNS
Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN
Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS
Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

BURGER KING
From Friday 14th - Friday 21st Feb 2025. Kids Eat Free with every adult meal purchased via the app.

ZIZZI
From Monday 17th February until Sunday 2nd March 2025 kids eat free at Zizzi

COCONUT TREE
One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 10th - Sunday 23rd February 2025

SAINSBURYS CAFES
Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

HARVESTER
From Monday 10th - Friday 28th Feb 2025, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal via the app

TABLE TABLE
Two children under 16 get free breakfast daily with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

BREWDOG
Pre-book online using code: **KIDS EAT FREE** and Kids under 13 eat free (various dates, see link)

HUNGRY HORSE
Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Knowsley Parent Power

Would you like to take part in interactive, fun sessions alongside your child?

You are invited to join us for our next Knowsley Parent Power meeting, organised by Hope University.


Date: Monday 17th February
Time: 5pm - 7pm
Venue: Hope Park Campus, Childwall, L16 9AG

Calling all sleuths! Through a game/crime investigation activity, the group will explore the different ways we can use biology in crime scenes, including blood typing and microscopy of hair samples. Using key biological techniques, the group will work through our samples to identify the suspect in the crime.

In addition, we'll have several nutrition tasks to get us thinking about the food we eat and what this means for our health. These activities will show different and fascinating ways students could use a biology degree!

To register your interest and find more information, contact:

Jane Harrison via 07429 404 687 or parentpowerknowsley@thebrilliantclub.org



What is wraparound childcare?

Wraparound childcare is before and after school childcare for primary aged children during term time.

It can take place at your child's school, at a local neighbouring school, or at another local venue.

Private, voluntary, and independent providers, including childminders and early years settings, are able to offer wraparound childcare.

Where can I find out more information about wraparound?

Please speak to your child's school in the first instance or you can contact the childcare information service.

How much does it cost and is there any financial support available?

Schools and providers will set their own fees for wraparound places, so prices will vary.

You will pay the wraparound childcare provider directly for your child's place.

Households eligible for Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare may be able to use the support to help pay for wraparound care. To check if you are eligible for either of these visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

My child has SEND, are they able to access wraparound childcare?

Wraparound is intended to be inclusive. Speak to your child's school about their offer for children with additional needs and what support may be available.

For more information contact
0151 443 5633
childcare.information@knowsley.gov.uk




In School Courses



Triple P Fearless

Fear-Less Triple P is a 6-week course which supports parents and carers of children 6 to 14 years to help children manage their anxiety more effectively.

The program helps parents and carers to understand anxiety and develop their strategies and their confidence and to support their children and the whole family.

Starting Tuesday 25th February 9am-11am at

Ravenscroft School, Ebony Way, Kirkby L33 1ZQ

For more information and to book a place please contact

AnnMaria (07825117500)

Alternatively email annmaria.miller@knowsley.gov.uk



If you are interested in either of these courses, please contact the school office for further details or to register your interest.



MAKING LEARNING FUN



This is **5-week** course for parents/ carers of children in Reception, Year 1 & 2
Starts on WEDNESDAY 5th March 2pm-3.15pm

We would like to welcome parents into school to take part in a fun and informal course. Each week we will do an activity that supports your child's learning. During the course you will be provided with resources to make all activities for learning which will be yours to keep at the end of the course.

The first part of the session will be adult only, where we will discuss the benefits of the activity. The children will then join us to help to complete the task or use the activity/game.

ALL RESOURCES WILL BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE
If you would like to take part, please complete the reply slip and return to school

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Yes, I would like to attend the Course

Name of adult.....

Contact Number:.....

Name of child/ children

Class.....

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