



Ravenscroft Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2025

What a half term it has been! It has been absolutely packed with trips, fundraising events and so many opportunities to celebrate our wonderful children and their successes. I am incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm our children show every day – both in the classroom and when representing our school at sporting, choir and events within the community.

A huge thank you to our fantastic parent team and staff who helped to organise and run our fundraising events. Thanks to your generosity and support, we have raised a staggering amount – just under £2,000 – which will make a real difference for our children. Thank you! ☺

I would also like to thank all our wonderful staff, who work tirelessly to ensure that every child has the very best opportunities, experiences and education. Their commitment truly shines through and I feel blessed to work with such an incredible team.

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mr Lockley today, who is moving on to new adventures as he follows his passion for sport. We thank him for his dedication and hard work and know he will be greatly missed by staff and children alike. He has promised us that he will be back to visit.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a very happy, restful and joyful Christmas. Thank you also for the thoughtful cards and generous gifts we have received, all accompanied by such kind and lovely words. These gestures are never expected, but they are truly appreciated and mean a great deal to us all. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year. 🌲

Best wishes
Mrs Coleman

Christmas Festivities 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 £1915.00, and this will now go towards our school fund, enabling us to further improve our school. In the new year, we will be doing A big thank you to all staff and PTA who made these amazing events happen!



School Nurse

Our School nurse will be back in February 2026.

Reception Places September 2026

The deadline to submit applications for Reception places for September 2026, is Wednesday 15th January 2026. If you need any help applying, please contact the school office.

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Parking

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



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

Celebration of Achievement Awards Ceremony



Our wonderful children finally got their amazing awards for Celebration of Achievement.

Y2 Visit Fairhaven Care Home



Reception's Fruit Snowmen



Festive Friday, Xmas Dinner & The Santa Dash

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



Music Recognition Award



Congratulations! Knowsley Music and Performing Arts Service would like to celebrate the value that you place on music in your school by presenting you with the Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition & Quality. The school recognises the value of music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.

Nativity Performances

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!



Christmas Christingle at



Kendal & Merian @ the Shakespeare North Playhouse

2 of our lovely girls from Year 6 won the opportunity (with their beautiful singing voices) to sing at Shakespeare North Playhouse. We are so immensely proud of you both.

Xmas Market Night



Movie Night

Our fabulous KS2's snuggled up in the hall ready to watch The Grinch and KS1 and Foundation Stage watched Mickeys Twice Upon a Christmas, with all the best treats!

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.7%	90%	90%	92.5%	90.3%	92.7%	90%

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.

Diary Dates Spring Term 1

Spring Term 1 Diary Of Events



JANUARY	
Mon 5 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.
Mon 5 th – Thur 8 th	Year 6 daily swimming sessions.
Thur 8 th	3.25pm: Year 6 Parents' SATs Meeting
Mon 12 th – Thur 15 th	Year 6 daily swimming sessions.
Wed 28 th	3.25pm: Parents' Phonics Meeting (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents)
Mon 19 th to Thur 22 nd	Year 5 daily swimming sessions.
Wed 21 st	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.
Mon 26 th to Thur 29 th	Year 5 daily swimming sessions.
FEBRUARY	
Fri 6 th	Number Day Fundraising Event – letter to follow. Children can come dressed as digits (own clothes decorated with numbers) or their favourite rock/pop star or even their own TT Rockstars avatar. Children to bring in £1. 9.00am: Parent Focus Group Meeting – all welcome 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.
Mon 9 th	Reception children hearing and vision screening.
Tue 10 th	Safer Internet Day
Mon 9 th to Fri 13 th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Fri 13 th Feb	As part of Children's Mental Health Week, the children can wear what makes them feel comfortable. School finishes for half term, 3.20pm

As you can see from the image above, our attendance is not good, across the whole school.

Our highest attending class is **92.5% (Year 3)**, which is well below our school expectation and the Local Authority and National expectation. In fact, **across the 50 Knowsley Primary Schools, our attendance is one of the lowest.**

In Knowsley, schools and the local authority are urging families and pupils to aim for **97% attendance.**

Attending every day gives children the best chance to learn, develop skills, make friends and succeed later in life. Regular attendance is linked to *better outcomes in reading, writing and maths*, and even a small amount of absence can leave gaps in learning that are hard to catch up on. Here in Knowsley, too many pupils are still missing too much school, with a large proportion persistently absent from lessons - a challenge the council and schools are working together to address.



Holiday Dates 2026 - 2027

We appreciate how expensive holidays can be for families. With this in mind, we would encourage parents and carers to **consider booking holidays during the second week of the Summer half term break (Week Beginning 31st May 2027)**, rather than taking children out of school during term time.

This week falls outside the holiday period for many other schools, meaning **flights and holidays are usually significantly cheaper**. Planning ahead for this week can help families enjoy valuable time together while avoiding peak prices, unauthorised absence, and disruption to learning.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2026 – 2027



AUTUMN TERM 2026

Open: Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 8:40am
Close: Friday 23rd October 2026 at 3:20pm 38 Days
INSET day Tuesday 1st September 2026 – school closed

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: MONDAY 27th OCTOBER 2026 TO FRIDAY 31st October 2026

Open: Monday 2nd November 2026 at 8:40am
Close: Friday 18th December 2026 at 1:15pm 35 Days

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2026 TO Friday 1st JANUARY 2027

SPRING TERM 2027

Open: Monday 4th January 2027 at 8:40am
Close: Friday 12th February 2027 at 3:20pm 30 Days

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2027 TO FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2027

Open: Monday 22nd February 2027 at 8:40am
Close: Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1:15pm 24 days

EASTER HOLIDAY: FRIDAY 26th March 2027 TO FRIDAY 9th APRIL 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027

Open: Monday 12th April 2027 at 8:40am
Close: Friday 21st May 2027 at 3:20pm 29 Days
May bank holiday Monday 3rd May 2027 – school closed

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: MONDAY 24th MAY 2027 TO FRIDAY 4th JUNE 2027

Open: Monday 7th June 2027 at 8:50am
Close: Thursday 22nd July 2027 at 1:15pm 34 Days

Total: 190 Days

Lunchtime and After School Clubs – Spring 1

Clubs will begin the week beginning 12th January. Letters will go out in the first week back.



After School Clubs – Spring 1 Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime Clubs	KS2 Choir Lunchtime Mrs Cochrane	KS1 Gardening Club, 12.30 – 1pm, Mrs Armstrong	KS1 Phonics Club, 12.30 – 1pm, Mrs Armstrong	KS1 Choir 12.30 – 1pm Mrs Chronican	
		KS2 Spanish Club Mrs Buckley			
After School Clubs	Mindfulness Monday (Y1,2,3) – Miss Murray	Year 5/6 Netball 4.15pm finish Miss Milner	Year 5/6 Football 4.15pm finish Mr Gilmore	Year 3/4 Music Club 4.15pm finish Mr Jones	
	Year 3/4 Football 4.15pm Finish Mr Newman		Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Homework Club 4.00pm finish Miss King, Miss Casey & Miss Fitzsimmons	Year 6 Intervention Mrs Mather	
	KS2 Girls' Football 4.15pm finish Miss Fleming & Mr Riley			Year 1/2 Dance Club 4.15pm finish Miss Tomlinson	

Local Events and Activities

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS 2025
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BILLS

2 Kids Eat Free on Boxing day 2025

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE from Fri 19th Dec – Sun 6th Jan 2026

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARSTONS PUBS

from 29th Dec - Jan 9th 2026 in selected locations

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

This Christmas at Kirkby Town Centre

SANTAS GROTTO

A meet and greet with a festive treat.

Opening Times Visit our social media pages for more info

Fri 5th Dec 12pm - 4pm* Sat 6th Dec 12pm - 4pm*

Fri 12th Dec 12pm - 4pm* Sat 13th Dec 12pm - 4pm*

Fri 19th Dec 12pm - 4pm* Sat 20th Dec 11am - 3pm**

Sun 21st Dec 11am - 3pm** Mon 22nd Dec Grinch Takeover Day 11am - 3pm**

Tue 23rd Dec 11am - 3pm** Wed 24th Dec 11am - 3pm**

*Queue closes 3:30pm **Queue closes 2:30pm

* No booking is required but entry will be on a first-come-first-served basis.
 * All children MUST be accompanied by an adult at ALL times.
 * Please inform a member of the team if your children have any food allergies.

FREE ENTRY