



Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 11**

21.11.2025

In Preparation



It's hard to imagine that we start the last four weeks of this term next week, and children across school are starting to think about Christmas. We know how busy this time of year is and, just as many of you are starting to prepare now, so are we. Children in Reception and Year 4 have started learning songs for their nativity and the other year groups have dusted off that Christmas song book for some familiar classics to share in their carol concerts. A quick reminder that Wednesday 3rd December is Christmas lunch, Festive Dress Day and Festive Family Fun night!


Focus on Rules



High Aspirations
Aim high



Always ready
Step by step



Growing confident
High standards



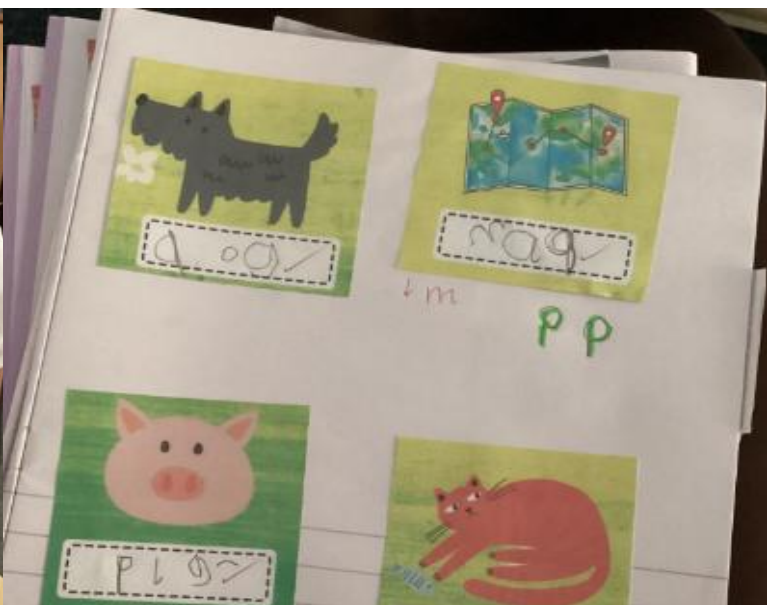
Do our best
Lots of success

Ready | **Respectful** | **Safe**

Being '**Safe**' is important, and next week we are focussing on the importance of moving around school safely and especially, we will also be practising our 'Sheltering' Policy in which we practise securing our site. We will be discussing this in child friendly terms in assembly on Monday. This will be done sensitively with conversations about how it can be necessary to stay inside a building rather than having to evacuate a building. You can find out more in the family information PDF that you have been sent alongside the link to this edition of **@ The School Gate**.

Reception

Reception looked like Year 6 this week with all the fabulous writing that's been going on. We have been applying our phonic knowledge to our writing. We took the necessary steps to write the words independently. Firstly, we must say the word so we can hear the sounds. Then, we segment the word using our hands and blend it back together. Next, we find the letters on a sound mat, and this supports us to form them correctly. We are learning to follow these steps, every time we write, which will build a secure foundation for writing.





Festive Family Fun Night

**Wednesday 3rd December 2025
3.30pm - 5.30pm**

Wristbands £5 per child

Available to purchase via schoolcomms.

**Price includes lots of Festive games,
activities, and a very special visitor or two!**

Tombola, glitter tattoo's, hair tinsel,
refreshments and a sweetie/pocket
money stall at additional cost.

Year 1

Year 1 have been learning how to identify, name, describe and sort 2D shapes. They had great fun in the forest, carefully choosing the correct number of sticks to make a representation of each shape. They used language such as 'longer' and 'shorter' when measuring their sticks to make sure that they were the correct length.

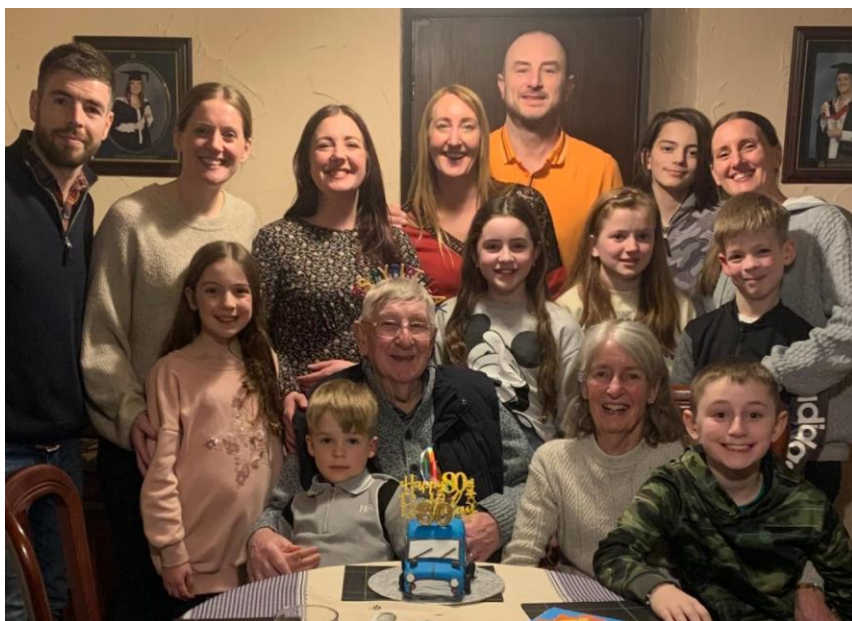


Meet the staff

I am Miss Phazey ,and I currently teach in Reception. I have been teaching since the year 2000 and I still remain passionate about education - in particular, teaching children to read.



I always say that KS1 is where the magic happens and it is such a special moment when a child recognises themselves as a reader. I love my role as Phonics Lead, but I also get to share my creative side as Art Lead. In my free time, I love to complete craft projects with my daughter, Emily. Family is incredibly important to me, and I love spending time with my three



sisters, parents and having adventures with my many nieces and nephews.

Year 2

This half term our Science topic is Living Things and Their Habitats. This week the children loved exploring the forest area looking for microhabitats. The highlight were some eggs, which were spotted under a fallen log. Centipedes, slugs, worms, flies and spiders were also found.



Year 3 News

This week, Year 3 completed a sustained piece of writing: a biography of Wilma Rudolph. The children drew on skills they have been building over several weeks, including using different openers, possessive apostrophes, capital letters, full stops, and a range of subordinate conjunctions. They wrote in the past tense, used third person, and included factual description to give clear information about Wilma's life. The children produced some fantastic biographies and showed real pride in their writing. Take a look at Grace's writing below. Well done, Year 3!


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The Life of Wilma Rudolph

Wilma Rudolph was Tennessee's most famous female athlete. Wilma is famous for overcoming polio and being a track star. She was positive, determined and brave for achievements showing anything is possible if you have hope.


Childhood

In Tennessee Wilma Rudolph was born on the 23rd June 1940. Since she was so small she only weighed 4.5 pounds! She was often sick with the diseases that came through town. Sadly her leg twisted in and got a awful disease called polio. She went for check ups weekly to the hospital. Unfortunately she got a leg brace so it was hard to walk at first but she never gave up. Her 19 siblings took turns massaging her twisted leg. Wilma looked plain and was isolate because she wasn't allowed to play.



Recovery and training


After years of discomfort, Wilma was free from her leg brace and the doctors were shocked she could walk again! Since her family had massaged her leg, she was able to play sport so Wilma decided to play basketball. Wilma's brothers made a basketball hoop in their backyard. The coach for basketball at Wilma's school wanted her sister but her dad wanted both



coach named Ed Temple saw Wilma play and thought she was really skilled. He let Wilma train with his team. Wilma wasn't fast at first but as she trained she got faster and faster.



Sporting achievements

After years of hard work, Wilma was ready to go to her first Olympic relay. Wilma ran with her talented team at the Melbourne Olympics. Amazingly Wilma's team won bronze and came third in a 100 metre relay! A year later she ran at the Olympics in Italy. There were 3 races so she ran in all of them. She ran the 100, 200 and 400 metre relay. Fantastically Wilma won gold for all the Rome Olympics. At home there was a parade to honour her great achievements. She became a great role model. Her achievements were outstanding.



Later life

After her fantastic achievements she no longer went to the Olympics. After her races, Wilma Rudolph learned to teach and coach young athletes. Unexpectedly, Wilma died at a young age on the 12th November 1994. Her achievements were still remembered by a grave and the USA postal service made her a stamp so no-one forgot her.



The life of the Black Pearl is such a role model. Wilma

Tidiest Class



Y6 monitors inspect the school and identify the tidiest class. This is announced in Monday's assembly with the winning class getting a trophy to look after for the week. This week it has been 4A Mrs Beards's class. Well done to them again!



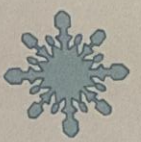
Year 4

It has recently been Remembrance Day, and we had a lovely lesson talking about our history and why Remembrance Day became an annual event. The children then created fantastic poppy silhouette 3D scenes that we have displayed on the walls outside of the classrooms.

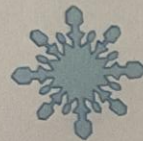


Year 5

This week we have started to publish our setting descriptions in English. We have been focusing on using expanded noun phrases and figurative language to entertain our audience.



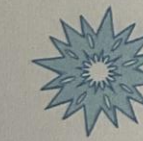
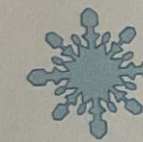
Stepping Into Narnia



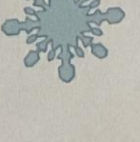
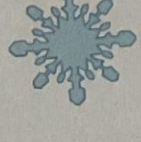
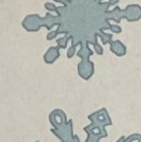
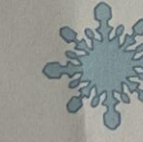
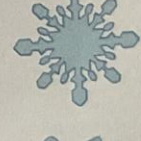
Pushing the snow-laden branches to one side, she was once again in the mysterious world of Narnia. Her eyes widened in amazement as she gazed at the magical sight before her. The wind whispered as snow danced onto Lucy's eyelashes. The next second stars twinkled like diamonds shining.



The snow tumbled and turned as it twirled like ballerinas. Trees covered in a white cloak swayed in the wind. It is an enchanted place but it has hidden dangers. Cold engulfed the place and made it winter forever as it swallowed spring, slayed summer, and attacked and devoured autumn. Lucy had to venture through.

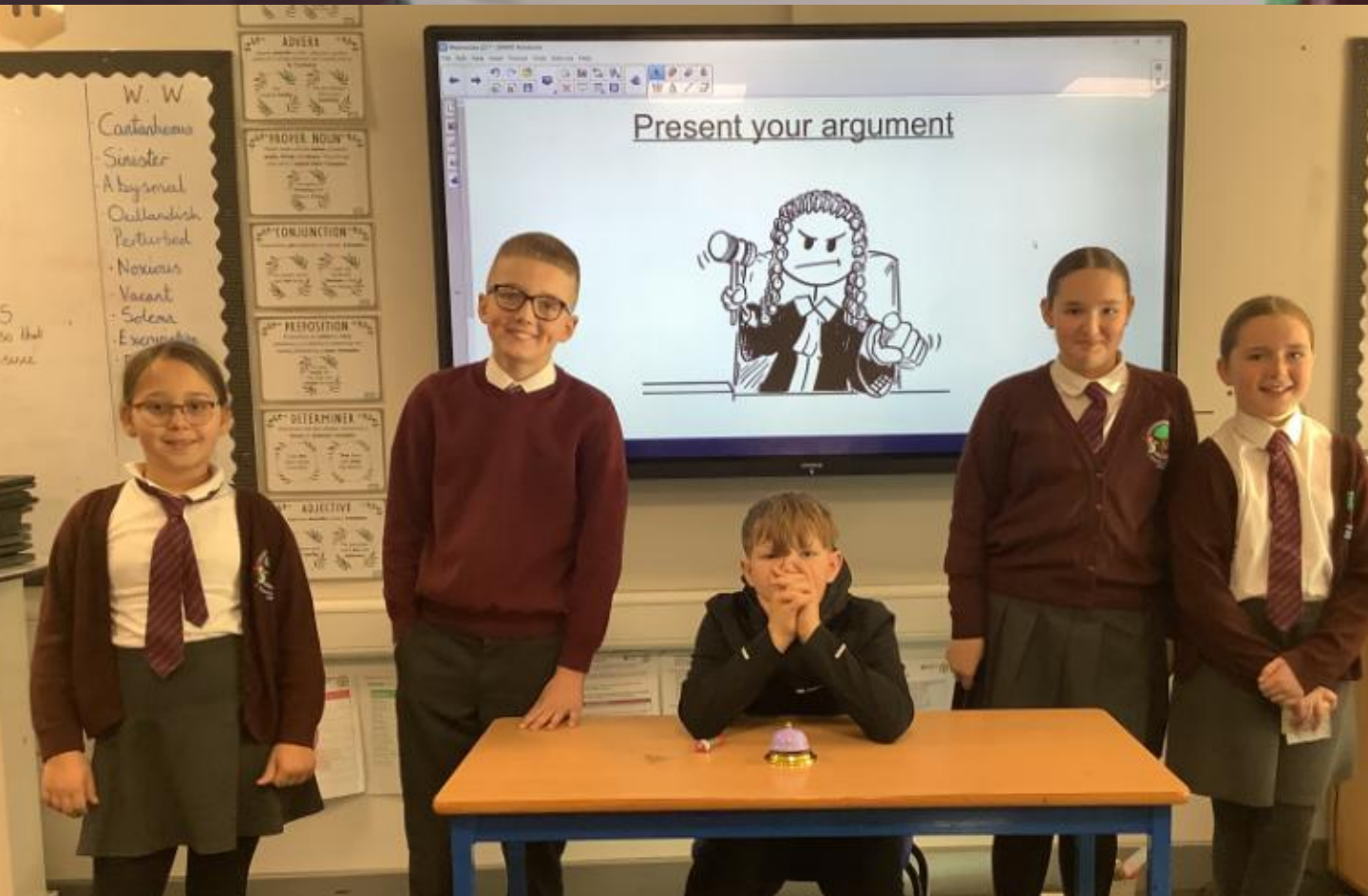


Everywhere she looked, all she could see were snow covered trees. Trees that towered and guarded the land for the White Witch. Trees that swayed in the breeze whispering secrets to each other. Looking more closely at them, their trunks sent a shiver down her spine. For a second, she thought she could see strange silver images. Blinking to clear her vision, the images seemed to disappear and only the icy, rough surfaces of the trunks remained. As she continued into the heart of the forest, woven branches with ice, pine needles crossed her path.



Year 6 News

Year 6 have been developing their persuasive writing skills in a mock courtroom, debating the big question: should homework be banned? Their arguments were creative, confident and compelling!



House Points

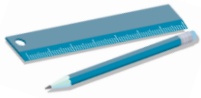


Millennium
Bridge

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Queen
Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

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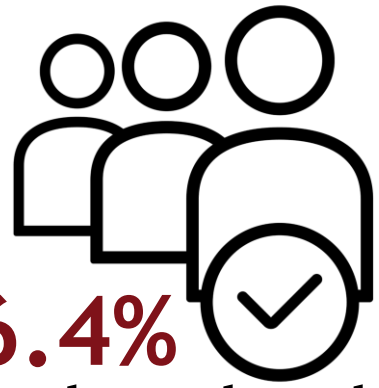
Tyne Bridge

Watch this short video to find out more about our reward systems

CLICK HERE



Attendance



96.4%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	97.2
Rec B	Miss Phazey	97.2
1A	Mrs Johnson	96.1
1B	Mrs Linsley	96.4
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	95.2
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	96.6
3A	Mrs Shaw	97.1
3B	Ms Attwood & Miss Stafford	97.4
4A	Mrs Beard	96.1
4B	Miss Rooney	97.1
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	94.1
5B	Mrs Grieves & Miss Shepherdson	96.8
6A	Mr Catton	95.5
6B	Miss Iredale	96.9

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Coming up Week 12



PE



Mon	Y1
Tue	Y4
Wed	Rec
Thu	Y3 & Y6
Fri	Y2 & Y5



Y5 Swimming *every Tuesday*

Mon

Artventurers & Gymnastics

Tue

Forest School & Football

Wed

Multisport & Artventurers

Thu

Forest School & Football



Clubs

School menu

GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING

Gateshead Council

WEEK 3

Click on Week 3 for next week's menu

Coming soon...



Ravensworth Key Dates Terrace Primary School

Keeping families informed



An updated copy for the fridge was sent home last week. Click on the image above for a digital version.

**Festive
Dress
Day**



**Christmas Lunch
Wednesday
3rd December**

**Coming this Christmas
Festive Family
Fun Night
3rd December
Save the date!**



RTPS ANGLO SAXON DAY THURSDAY 4TH DEC

Oriental Museum Staff teaching Y4 how to be mini archaeologists, learn about life as a monk, look at the Lindisfarne Gospels and learn how to write with a quill.



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Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion

Together we raised £256 - 74p

Thank you

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commemorating

187


years

since the Armistice was signed ending WWI

£256.74

donated

Thank you

We raised £265 for Children In Need




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