



# Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

## @ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 21**

13.2.2026

# Meet The Parents



This week has given families the opportunity to meet with class teachers and to talk about their child's progress. We hope that you found these meetings useful and that you found the new booking system on ARBOR easy to use. Next week is the last week of this half term and it also sees the start of the year of the Fire Horse for Chinese New Year as well as Pancake Day. This tells us it will be Spring soon!

# Staffing Update



**Goodbye &  
Good luck**

I am writing to update families about a number of changes to staff over the next few weeks.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to two of our fantastic teaching assistants, Mrs Johnston and Miss Bell who are leaving RTPS at half term. They have both contributed a huge amount to our school and have cared for hundreds of children between them. They will be missed by children and staff and I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the best in their new adventures.

We have also made some new appointments and are delighted to welcome Miss Maitland to the team. She has already started working with children across school and will soon be joined by Mrs Tompkins and Mrs Dick who will be joining the team as well. I'm sure you'll join me in making them feel very welcome.

# Reception

The boys used their creativity this week to develop the shelves into an office. They made laptops using the sound mats and folded paper. We went for a visit to the library upstairs and we practised being safe on the stairs. During Maths, we have been making doubles by finding a partner and jumping in hoops.

We then learnt a song to help us remember the number facts.



# Year 1

On Monday, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Life Centre in Newcastle. They learnt about animal habitats around the world and enjoyed a science show, where they explored how not everything is as it seems. The visit to the Planetarium was a popular experience and the children were excellent ambassadors for our school.



# Year 2

In Maths, we have been learning about multiplication. We used counters to create arrays. Working with the counters helped us to understand how to solve the multiplication calculations.



# Meet the staff

Hello, my name is Mrs Charlton, and I work in our School Office.

I am a Mam to my 2 lovely children, Finn and Millie, who keep me very busy.

Although I've only worked at RTPS for 3 and a half years, my children have attended since 2017, and I have always loved being involved with school life as a FORT member. Outside of school we love music, singing and especially a bit of musical theatre. I love to spend time with family and friends travelling, socialising and eating out. I like to be active, and you might see me out walking or running in warmer weather - so give me a wave.



# Year 3 News

This week, Year 3 have continued developing their touch-typing skills. We focused on sitting with good posture, keeping feet flat on the floor, backs straight, and placing our fingers correctly on the home row keys. The children practised using the correct fingers on their right hand to reach different keys. In previous weeks, we worked on the left hand and learning the different keyboard rows. The children have also enjoyed trying to beat their previous scores to help improve their speed and typing pace. Well done, Year 3, for your growing confidence and accuracy!



# Focus on Values

At RTPS we have 5 core values.

Respect

Kindness

Teamwork

Independence

Perseverance

Perseverance is the ability to keep going, even when things are difficult. For children in primary school, learning to stick with tasks and overcome challenges is essential for their academic success and emotional growth. This is important as it:

- Builds resilience
- Encourages a 'Growth Mindset'
- Improves problem-solving skills
- Builds confidence through achievement
- Prepares them for real-world success

*High Aspirations*  
Aim high



*Always ready*  
Step by step



*Growing confident*  
High standards



*Do our best*  
Lots of success



# Year 4

Year 4 had the opportunity to go to Lord Lawson last week where they took part in a range of field and track events. All children showed great sportsmanship to each other and the students from the other schools. Our school came second out of 4 schools and we got lots of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place individual certificates. It was such a lovely afternoon!



# Year 5

Last week, Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity to take part in an exciting science workshop at Lord Lawson. The children enjoyed a taste of secondary school science during a special transition session. The visit was all about helping Year 5 feel confident and curious about the next stage of their learning, and it certainly delivered! The children loved exploring the science labs and seeing all the specialist equipment used in secondary school. During the session, they learned how to use a microscope to examine cells up close. It was a brilliant afternoon full of hands-on learning, excitement, and discovery, and the children came away buzzing with enthusiasm for science.



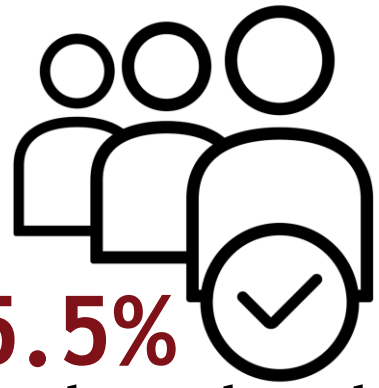
# Year 6

Year 6 have been creating beautiful pastel artwork inspired by the intricate patterns found on butterfly wings. They explored a range of artistic techniques, including careful blending, layering, and colour mixing to achieve vibrant, eye-catching effects. The children showed fantastic attention to detail and creativity throughout the process. Their finished pieces are truly amazing, and we are so proud of the skill and effort they have demonstrated!





# Attendance



**95.5%**  
Whole school

<b>Rec A</b>	<b>Miss Dorner</b>	<b>96.2</b>
<b>Rec B</b>	<b>Miss Phazey</b>	<b>95.4</b>
<b>1A</b>	<b>Mrs Johnson</b>	<b>94.1</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>Mrs Linsley</b>	<b>95.0</b>
<b>2A</b>	<b>Mrs Clelland &amp; Mrs Kirk</b>	<b>95.0</b>
<b>2B</b>	<b>Mrs Mitchinson</b>	<b>95.6</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>Mrs Shaw</b>	<b>96.8</b>
<b>3B</b>	<b>Ms Attwood &amp; Miss Stafford</b>	<b>96.9</b>
<b>4A</b>	<b>Mrs Beard</b>	<b>95.8</b>
<b>4B</b>	<b>Miss Rooney</b>	<b>96.3</b>
<b>5A</b>	<b>Mrs Kane &amp; Mrs Clewes</b>	<b>94.3</b>
<b>5B</b>	<b>Mrs Grieves &amp; Miss Shepherdson</b>	<b>94.8</b>
<b>6A</b>	<b>Mr Catton</b>	<b>95.2</b>
<b>6B</b>	<b>Miss Iredale</b>	<b>96.4</b>

**Ready | Respectful | Safe**

# House Points

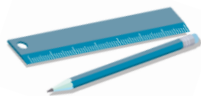


Millennium  
Bridge

20251



18562



Queen  
Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

19157



15864



Tyne Bridge

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

[CLICK HERE](#) 

# Week 22 is next



## PE



Mon	Y2
Tue	Y4
Wed	Rec
Thu	Y3 & Y6
Fri	Y1 & 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 1**

Click on Week 1 for next week's menu

# Coming soon at RTPS



**Ravensworth** Key Dates  
Terrace Primary School



*Keeping families informed*

A copy of 'Dates for Families' was sent home today; ideal for sticking on the fridge. Click on the image above for a digital version if you're out and about.

## Swimming Gala

@ Dunston Leisure Centre  
for a selected team  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2026



## Show You Care

# Valentine's Party!

Also available  
at additional cost

- ♥ Glitter Tattoos
- ♥ Face Painting
- ♥ Refreshments
- ♥ Pocket Money Stall



VALENTINE'S ACTIVITIES

DISCO

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm - 5:30pm

£2.50 per child via School Comms

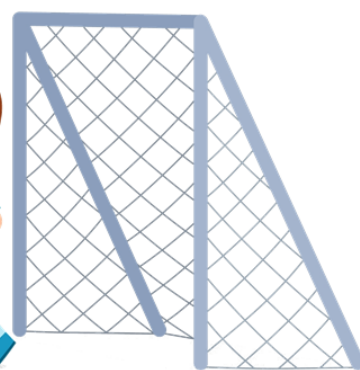
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026**



## **Y3 Football**

**@ Lord Lawson of Beamish**

**19th February  
2026**



## **Girls' Football**

**for a selected Y2 team**

**Tournament @ Gateshead Stadium**

