



Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 24**

13.3.2026

Spring has Sprung!



Next weeks marks the start of astronomical spring, with meteorological spring starting at the end of the half term break. To mark this change in season, we are pleased to give children right across school the chance to enter our '**Spring has Sprung**' competition. Find out more on Page 6!

Reception

This week in PE, the children had a fantastic time developing their early football skills. They practised dribbling the ball with control, stopping it with their feet, and aiming gentle kicks towards targets. We were so impressed with how confidently they moved around the space and how well they worked with partners to pass and take turns. The children showed great teamwork, determination and lots of smiles as they played!



Year 1

This week, we have started our length unit in Maths. We went down to the forest to look at ordering sticks by length. We found sticks that were longer and shorter than others and then compared the length of the sticks



BIG WALK AND WHEEL

16 – 27 March 2026

 Walk Wheel
Cycle Trust

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We're taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026 challenge.

*Join in by walking,
wheeling, scooting or
cycling to school
between 16 - 27 March.*

- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- Help us win some fantastic prizes

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Year 2

We had a lovely time planting trees with Year 5. It was really interesting to find out all about what saplings need to grow and learn how to plant them! There was great team-work!



Competition Time



It will soon be Spring so we are inviting children to draw a picture depicting Spring or perhaps even write and illustrate a Spring Poem at home. There are 4 prizes up for grabs, one for each phase in school.

Reception

Years 1&2

Years 3&4

Years 5&6

Could all entries be

- *on A4 paper*
- *in by 27.3.26*
- *children's own work*
- *full name & class on the back*
- *handed into their class teacher*

We will announce winners the following week!

Year 3 News

Year 3 have begun a four-week Child Pedestrian Training programme delivered by Gateshead Council. Last week, the children took part in a classroom workshop where they were introduced to the Green Cross Code and discussed the importance of making safe choices as young road users. This week, small groups headed out into the local area for their first roadside training session. With support from the team, pupils practised key pedestrian safety skills such as finding safe places to cross, crossing safely near junctions and thinking carefully about hazards such as parked cars. The children will continue developing these important skills during their weekly sessions over the coming weeks.



Year 4

Last Thursday was World Book Day! Year 4 had a blast dressing up as their favourite characters and taking part in a range of book-themed activities in the morning. In the afternoon, we had an amazing time creating a huge reading den and getting cosy together under the tables to read our favourite stories.





Year 5

In English, we have written some excellent suspense writing based on Kensuke's Kingdom. We used the toolkit to ensure we included the features of suspense including short sentences and figurative language.

Tuesday 3rd March
Suspense writing

As Michael steered the boat, a gust of wind unsteadied him. Above, dark, grey clouds loomed over him, signifying a storm could be coming his way. He bit his lip nervously. The thought startled him. Suddenly, Stella let out a loud bark. She was very near to the edge of the boat. Michael knew if he left her alone she would fall overboard. He searched the deck for something, anything, to lure Stella forward. Aha! The football! He picked up the precious object and tossed it from hand to hand in hope Stella would come closer. The boat turned slightly. It was there. He found the wheel. Before Michael could stop it, the ball rolled into the deep, dark sea. Michael was so angry. This was all Stella's fault. What would Eddie think of him? Despite Michael's frustration, he kept ~~his~~ trying and decided to make a lunge for Stella. Cautiously and carefully, he made his way over. Whilst he was doing this, he heard something, someone singing. This must be the reason Stella was barking!

* peculiar

The wind howled like a fierce werewolf as the menacing black waves rocked the boat side to side. BOOM! A roar of thunder. Then, a bolt of fork lightning lit up the pitch black sky. Michael trembled, more frightened than he'd ever been. He pushed himself out of his comfort zone and ran across

8. the slippery deck to Stella. At that moment, a heavy downpour of rain came tumbling from the clouds. Michael heaved and pulled, but Stella would not budge. Suddenly, the boat veered violently. But there was not time to grab the guard rails. Before he could open his mouth to scream, Michael was in the cold of the sea.

5.3.26 In the black waters, Michael found himself being dragged further and further away from the Peggy Sue by the mighty currents. He gasped frantically, waving his arms in hope someone would see him. As the ocean was cold, Michael's teeth chattered and his whole body shivered and shook. He felt dozens of goosebumps form on his arms. Would he survive this unexpected situation? The terror came fast, one upon another. Michael thought of the dangerous sharks circling the black waters beneath him. Could he be eaten alive or drowned slowly? His head continuously filled with horrible thoughts. Michael swam through the impenetrable darkness. All of a sudden, Michael's eyes met a blur of white. Stella! Building up all his strength, he pushed his way through the currents. Just then, he remembered Stella's head was mostly black. This was white. The football! Michael's body flooded with mixed emotions. Relieved he still had a chance. Devastated his willing companion was gone. After a long matter of time, Michael drifted into a deep sleep.

6.3.26 As he slept, strange dreams circled Michael's head like a Tornado whilst the ominous ocean carried him further and further into

the unknown. After what felt like days, Michael's eyelids slowly opened. Where on earth was he? Eyes wide, he gazed around in amazement, fascinated but confused at the sight. In the distance, looming palm trees created vast shadows on the pebbly sand, standing tall like giants. The gentle wind whispered secrets to the bushes and trees. All of a sudden, Michael heard something. Startled, he leapt to his feet as Stella came ~~over~~ bounding over to greet him. Relieved and overjoyed, he dug his head in her soft fur. He could feel her warm, comforting breath on his face. Suddenly, a ghostly sound ended the joyful moment. They were not alone.

Year 6

Year 6 have been writing persuasive letters to the Sheriff, based on our class text Holes. In their letters, they implore him to set Sam - the love of their life - free.

The children have been using semicolons, subordinating conjunctions and a range of persuasive techniques - such as rhetorical questions, emotive language, direct address, strong opinions, and clear reasons supported with evidence - to strengthen their arguments and make their writing more convincing.

Wednesday 11th March
Write a formal persuasive letter

Dear Sheriff

I am writing to you to explain why Sam (my white world) should not be publicly killed. Please take my words and think about them before you make the irreversible decision.

To begin with, Sam most certainly does not deserve to die with the punishment. If Sam goes white, you would be allowing us to live a happy, safe and beautiful life, wouldn't you? You are not possibly that it is acceptable to murder an innocent person. What for his crime? Don't you realise, he can not change the colour of his skin? You are a monster. You are a disgrace to a sheriff. The fact of the matter is that if Sam was white, you would not be slaughtering him. How DARE you punish an innocent man. You are a monster; you deserve to die by execution.

In addition, I love him with every single bone in my body. As I am writing to you, now I feel sick to my stomach at the thought of Sam getting assassinated. I know you think he took advantage of me; however, I was the one who went in for the kiss. Why can't you just realise, were you love? I loved him, I should be punished too. Also I think you are forgetting you are violating my laws right. Don't you realise that? I beg the love of my life he should not be killed because if you kill him I do too. I promise you I will never forgive you if you make this irreversible decision.

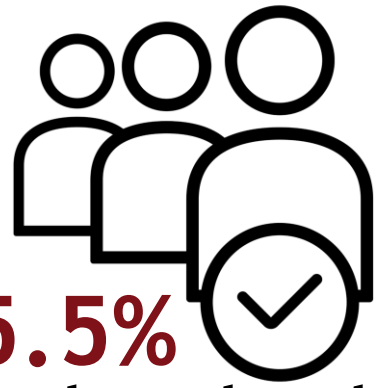
Furthermore, he is a respected member of society, known to the entire prison which are diseases. People respect him. All sensible people would see that Sam's original intention was to help and save people. It is unfair everyone would be making this. Don't you see, you know well the rest? I thought you had your own reputation to think on. Don't you see your own reputation is on the line? Not only are you hurting me you are hurting poor Mary Lopez. She needs her husband, loving father. Sam has done nothing but be kind and respectful and what does he get in return? She and painful death.

Sheriff, please do not make this permanent decision. If I were you I would free Sam instantly. For the rest of your life, you will be known as a monster and a slaughterer. For these reasons, I hope you realise Sam should not be killed.

Great piece of persuasion! ♥ Sxhp

Yours sincerely,
Katherine Barber

Attendance



95.5%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	95.7
Rec B	Miss Phazey	95.8
1A	Mrs Johnson	94.3
1B	Mrs Linsley	95.1
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	94.9
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	95.5
3A	Mrs Shaw	96.8
3B	Ms Attwood & Miss Stafford	96.3
4A	Mrs Beard	95.2
4B	Miss Rooney	96.5
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	94.1
5B	Mrs Grieves & Miss Shepherdson	94.9
6A	Mr Catton	95.1
6B	Miss Iredale	96.2

Ready | Respectful | Safe

House Points

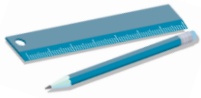


Millennium
Bridge

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Queen
Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

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17404



Tyne Bridge

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

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Next is Week 25



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

Clubs



Thu
Forest School & Football

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.

