



# Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

## @ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 30**

8.5.2026



A slightly shorter week has still been a busy one with lots of exciting activity inside and outside of the classroom. Reception had a wonderful day at the farm despite the rain. Children have represented the school brilliantly in both Orienteering and Tennis. Year Six are continuing with the final push to SATs which start - and end - next week. They have worked hard all year, and I know they will do well. They can enjoy a lovely summer term looking forward to their residential and leavers' assembly. Good luck next week Year Six.

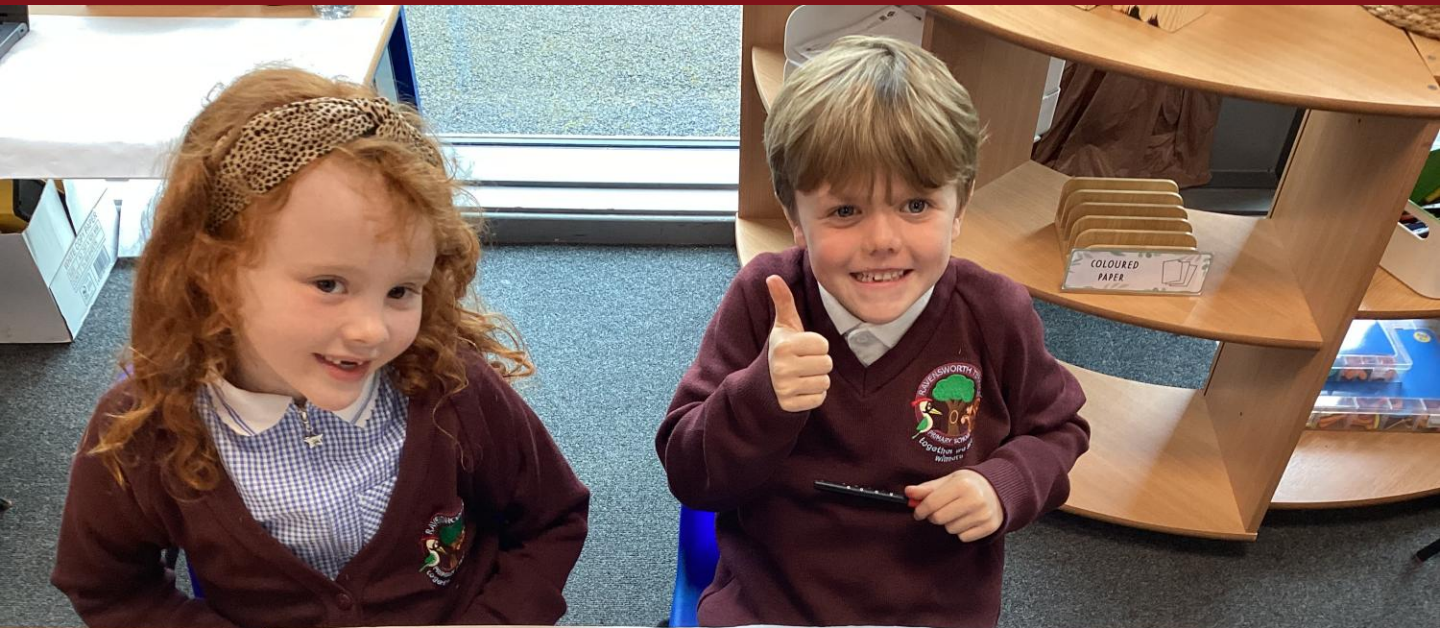
# Reception

We had a fantastic time at Hall Hill Farm, and we met so many amazing animals. We saw goats, llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats, horses, peacocks, highland cows and even a turkey, called Henry, who gobbled when you shouted his name! We all had a turn at giving a lamb a bottle of milk, held chicks and guinea pigs and fed lots of the other animals. It was a little bit drizzly but that didn't stop us from enjoying our bumpy tractor ride.



# Year 1

We have started our work on plants this week and have been learning about the different parts. We were so excited to dissect a real plant and look at the different parts up close.



# Year 2

This half term, Year 2 are developing their striking and fielding skills. They all persevered when ensuring they were using the correct technique to throw overarm and underarm. They also did a fantastic job of working together as a team.



# Focus on Values

At RTPS we have 5 core values.

Respect

Kindness

Teamwork

Independence

Perseverance

Teamwork is the ability to work well with others to achieve a common goal. For children in primary school, learning to be part of a team is an essential life skill that supports academic success, social development, and emotional wellbeing.

This is important as it:

- Builds communication skills
- Encourages cooperation & respect
- Develops problem-solving & creativity
- Promotes empathy and social skills
- Prepares them for future success

*High Aspirations*  
Aim high



*Always ready*  
Step by step



*Growing confident*  
High standards



*Do our best*  
Lots of success



# Teamwork



## 1. Builds Communication Skills

Working in a team teaches children how to share ideas, listen to others, and express themselves clearly. These skills are vital for learning and relationships.

## 2. Encourages Cooperation and Respect

Teamwork helps children understand that everyone has strengths and that success often comes from working together. It teaches respect for different opinions and abilities.

## 3. Develops Problem-Solving and Creativity

When children collaborate, they learn to think creatively and find solutions as a group. This strengthens critical thinking and adaptability.

## 4. Promotes Empathy and Social Skills

Teamwork requires understanding others' feelings and needs. This builds empathy and helps children develop positive friendships.

## 5. Prepares Them for Future Success

Life is full of situations where teamwork matters - school projects, sports, workplaces, and communities. Learning this skill early sets children up for success in all areas of life.

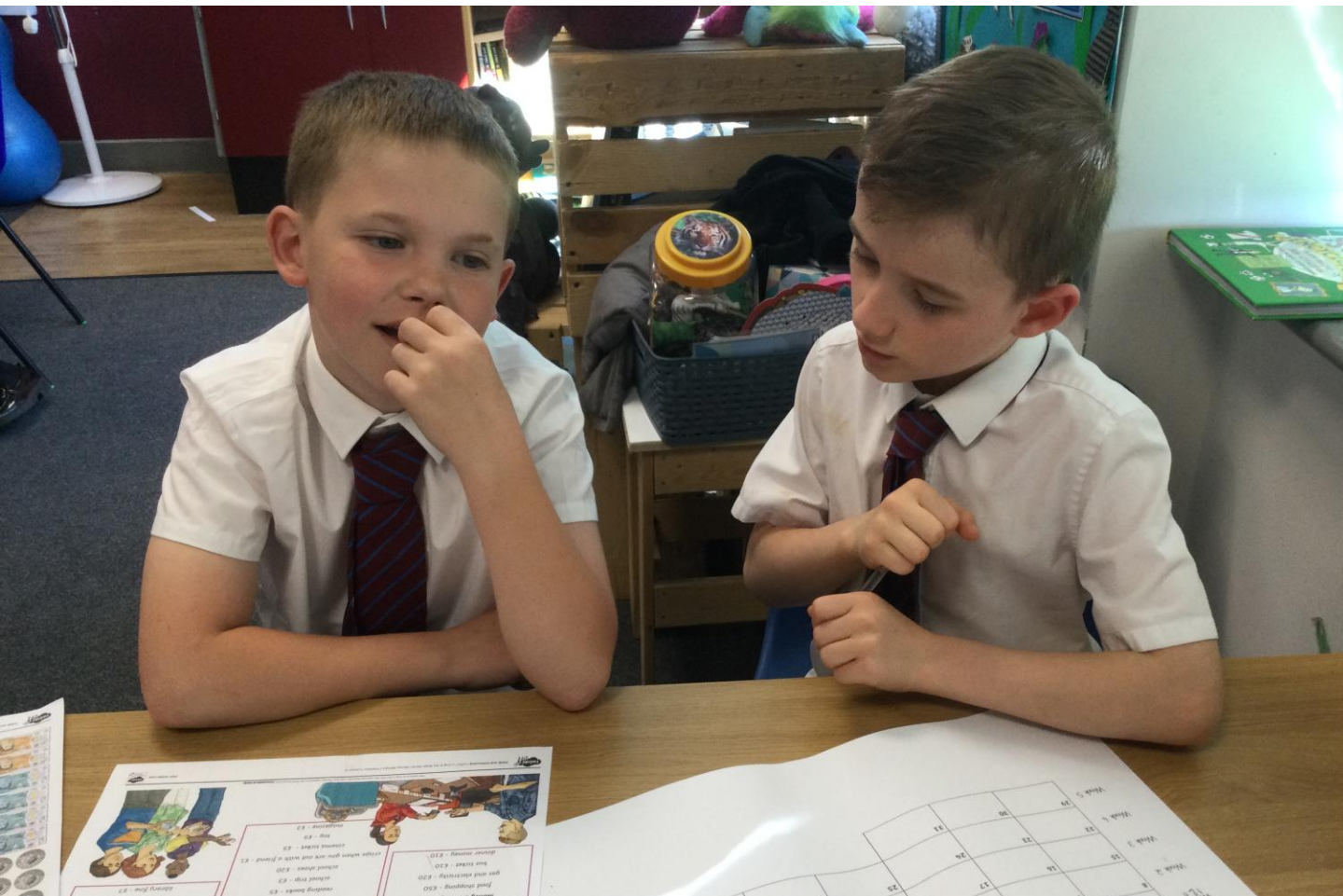
# Year 3 News

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been learning to play rounders as part of our 'Games' unit. The children have practised both batting and fielding, taking turns and working together as a team. They have shown great sportsmanship by cheering each other on and have started to develop simple strategies - such as choosing to run post to post when the ball hasn't been hit far. It's been lovely to see their confidence and teamwork grow each week!



# Year 4

Year 4 had a very productive afternoon in PSHE, focusing on spending priorities and budgeting. The children were given a weekly budget covering a five-week period and worked in pairs to plan how to manage their money over a month. They had set costs that needed to be paid each week, as well as an expense that occurred monthly, before deciding how to allocate any remaining money on additional items of their choice. It was lovely to see the pupils so engaged, working collaboratively and having thoughtful discussions as they justified and reviewed their spending decisions.



# Meet the staff

Hello, I am Mrs Kirk and I have been teaching at Ravensworth Terrace for 11 years. Prior to this, I taught within Durham and Hackney local authorities. I have always loved working with children and whilst studying at university, I worked in a local nursery, visited and taught in an orphanage abroad and later visited schools in Canada. I have three wonderful children who keep me very busy and a border collie named Branston. I love spending time outdoors with my family and often visit the theatre when I have the opportunity.



# Year 5

In Science this week, Year 5 investigated forces, focusing on the effect of friction. We explored how different surfaces affect friction by measuring how many Newtons were needed to drag a shoe across each surface. To ensure our results were reliable, we repeated each test three times and calculated the average. We recorded our findings in a table and then presented the data clearly using a bar chart.



# Year 6

As SATs week approaches, we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the year, and we are very proud of all they have achieved. To help them feel prepared for the week ahead, please ensure they get plenty of rest and arrive at school on time each morning for our SATs breakfast in the hall from 8:10am. Most importantly, we encourage all children to simply try their best - we know they will all do brilliantly!

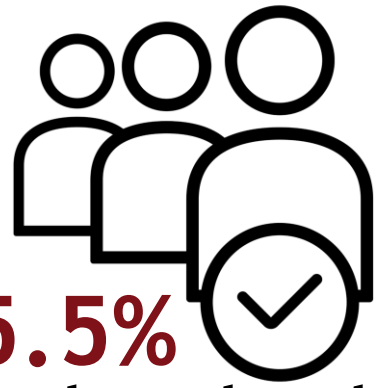
## Key stage 2 tests

The statutory [key stage 2 tests](#) are timetabled from Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026:

Date	Activity
Monday 11 May 2026	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English reading
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
Thursday 14 May 2026	Mathematics Paper 3



# Attendance



**95.5%**  
Whole school

<b>Rec A</b>	<b>Miss Dorner</b>	<b>95.7</b>
<b>Rec B</b>	<b>Miss Phazey</b>	<b>96.0</b>
<b>1A</b>	<b>Mrs Johnson</b>	<b>94.8</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>Mrs Linsley</b>	<b>95.6</b>
<b>2A</b>	<b>Mrs Clelland &amp; Mrs Kirk</b>	<b>95.0</b>
<b>2B</b>	<b>Mrs Mitchinson</b>	<b>95.8</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>Mrs Shaw</b>	<b>96.8</b>
<b>3B</b>	<b>Ms Attwood &amp; Miss Stafford</b>	<b>96.6</b>
<b>4A</b>	<b>Mrs Beard</b>	<b>94.7</b>
<b>4B</b>	<b>Miss Rooney</b>	<b>96.8</b>
<b>5A</b>	<b>Mrs Kane &amp; Mrs Clewes</b>	<b>95.7</b>
<b>5B</b>	<b>Mrs Grieves &amp; Miss Shepherdson</b>	<b>95.2</b>
<b>6A</b>	<b>Mr Catton</b>	<b>94.8</b>
<b>6B</b>	<b>Miss Iredale</b>	<b>96.1</b>

**Ready | Respectful | Safe**

# House Points

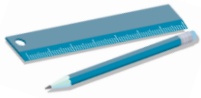


Millennium  
Bridge

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Queen  
Elizabeth II



Swing Bridge

25523



21475



Tyne Bridge

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

CLICK HERE



# Next is Week 31



## PE



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



## Y5 Swimming *every Tuesday*

### Mon

Basketball, Artventurers  
& Gymnastics

### Tue

Forest School & Football

### Wed

Multisport, Lego &  
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.



## Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

New  
Starters'  
19.5.26



Countdown  
Cricket  
Y5&6

for a selected team  
@ Ryton CC  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2026



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



# Go Run For Fun

for Year Six at Saltwell Park



Y4 Durham Cathedral



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**#RTPSLearningTogether**

# Girls Countdown Cricket Y5&6

for a selected team  
@ Gateshead Fell CC  
8<sup>th</sup> June 2026





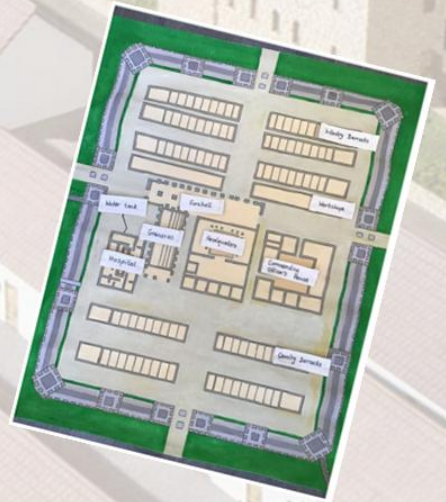
# Y1 Beamish Museum

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## #RTPSLearningTogether

# Year Three

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026



# Y5 Centre for Life

25<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Newcastle

#RTPSAwayDaysTogether

# Gateshead School Sports' Partnership Primary Athletics' Festival

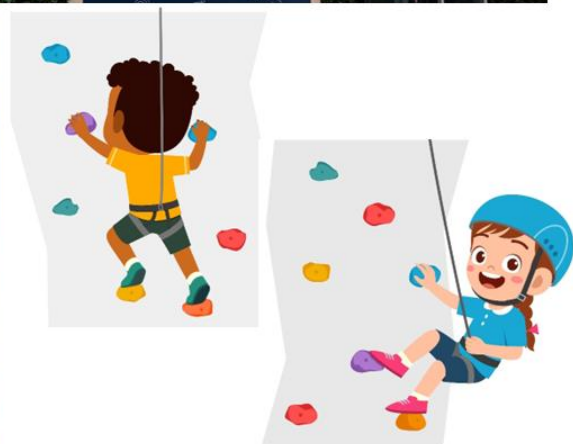
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 @  
Gateshead Stadium

*#RTPSActiveTogether*



**Year Six**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Newby  
Wiske  
Hall  
Residential**



*#RTPSAwayDaysTogether*  
*#RTPSONTour*

