Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 3** 18.9.2026

Autumn Days



As we approach the autumnal equinox, we are still experiencing some unseasonally warm weather following a summer with some record-breaking temperatures. Despite this there are still some noticeable changes, and I'm sure families will enjoy looking for changes with their children. Although meteorological autumn began on 1st September, next week sees the start of astronomical autumn. Autumn is a season of colourful landscapes, cooler weather and steadily shortening days, bridging the gap between summer warmth and the onset of winter. Enjoy!

Reception

We have loved going to the forest for the first time. We learned about the forest creatures that help us to stay safe in different areas of the forest, and we had lots of fun exploring. We are very lucky to have such amazing school grounds.









Raring to go?



Ready for RTPS?

Born between 1.9.22 & 31.8.23 ? ✓

Due to start Reception in 2027? ✓

Turning 5 between 1.9.27 & 31.8.28? ✓

Want to join our lovely school? ✓



Apply before 15.1.27

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Year 1

This week we have started our new book Oi Frog! We are looking at rhyming words and rhyming sentences. We have worked hard to identify rhyming words and hear the sound pattern.



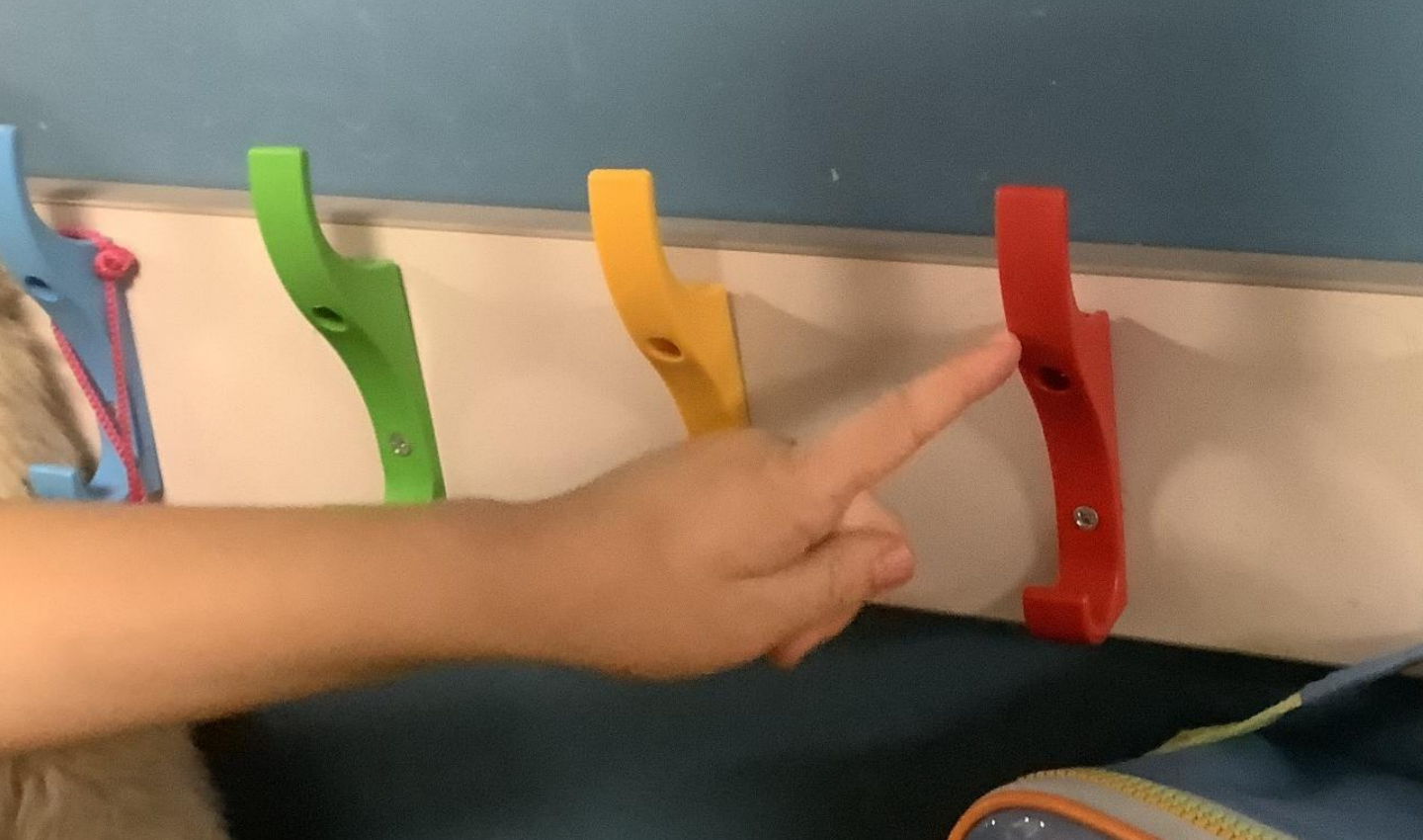




Year 2

This week, Year 2 continued learning about different materials in Science. We went on a hunt around the school to identify the different materials that different objects are made from. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and gave some fantastic answers.





Year 3 News

Year 3 have been having lots of fun exploring our new music topic! We have been listening to and exploring a piece of jazz music, finding the beat and rhythm, and learning about musical notation. We have discovered staves, treble clefs and rests, and practised identifying notes using FACE 'Face in the Space' and EGBDF 'Every Good Boy Deserves Football'. We have also enjoyed playing along to the music on our glockenspiels and are becoming confident young musicians!



Sporting Update



A solid start to the new season began on Thursday night with the team being unlucky to concede a last-minute goal against Chester-le-street CE.

RTPS 2 - 0 Lumley
RTPS 1 - 1 Belmont
RTPS 1 - 2 Chester-le-street CE



Year 4

This week in PE, Year 4 have been developing a range of fundamental movement skills, including throwing, catching and improving their hand-eye coordination. Through a variety of fun and engaging activities, the children have practised controlling and receiving balls, aiming accurately, and working cooperatively with partners and teams. It has been wonderful to see their confidence, determination, and teamwork grow as they continue to build these important skills.









Meet the staff



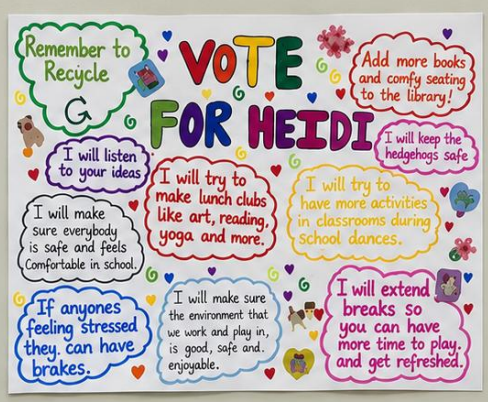
I am Mrs Clewes and I have been part of this amazing school community for 14 years. During that time, I've had the pleasure of teaching across many different year groups and now teach in Year 5A on Thursdays and Fridays. Outside of school, I'm a musician and member of two bands where I play the violin and often get to go on tour during festival season which is a great adventure!

I'm also mum to two gorgeous twin boys and we love spending time outdoors together going for walks, fossil hunting, and spotting wildlife using the Seek app. We're also kept busy taking them to rugby, tennis and swimming! At home, we have two rather hairy cats, Ralph and Archie who keep us entertained! In my spare time, I love painting, running and reading.

Year 5

We have been so impressed with all of the children who put themselves forward for School Council! The candidates produced some fantastic ideas for ways we could make our school even better and worked incredibly hard to prepare their campaigns. They delivered confident, well-prepared speeches to their classes and explained their ideas brilliantly. The standard was so high that the classes had a very difficult job choosing who to vote for! A huge well-done to everyone who took part. You should all be very proud!

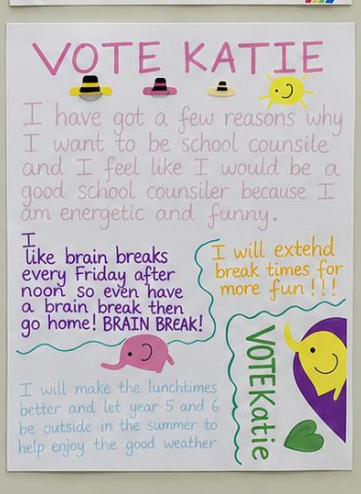










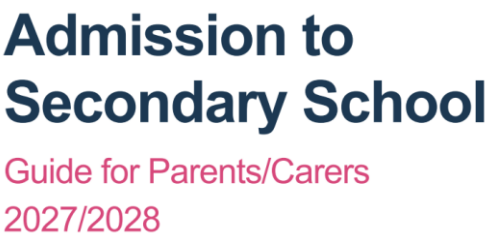


Secondary Schools

The deadline for Y6 families to apply for secondary school is 31st October 2026. You must apply to your home Local Authority, and they have different application opening dates

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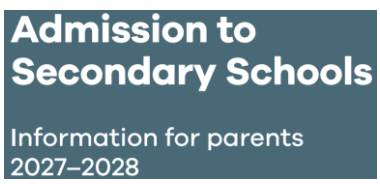
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Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been busy hosting their School Council elections. Each candidate shared their manifesto and proudly displayed posters as part of their campaign. A huge well-done to all of our candidates for their enthusiasm, confidence and commitment to making a difference in our school community!













Focus on Rules









It is important that we maintain high expectations and high standards which apply to all aspects of school life, including our 3 school rules.

Ready | Respectful | Safe

Being 'Ready' is an important rule that emphasises everyone's personal responsibility to be ready to learn. This starts with wearing the correct uniform, applies to how we enter the classroom and how we approach the start of every lesson. Being ready is the first step in being successful.





British Values

Our core expectations of Ready, Respectful and Safe provide the foundation for promoting British Values;

Democracy,
The Rule of Law,
Individual Liberty and
Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs.

Together, they help children develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to become responsible, active and caring members of society.
Democracy encourages children to share their ideas, listen carefully to the views of others and participate positively in decision-making. Being Ready helps pupils engage actively in discussions and learning.
Individual Liberty is about helping children make positive choices and understand their rights and responsibilities. Being Ready supports pupils to take ownership of their learning.

Reception 2027



Have you heard that you can now apply for a place in RTPS Reception class for 2027?



Yes! You can find out more below.

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Admission to Primary School

Guide for Parents/Carers 2027/2028

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Attendance



95.6%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	98.1
Rec B	Miss Phazey	90.4
1A	Mrs Johnson	99.0
1B	Mrs Linsley	97.3
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	98.5
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	98.2
3A	Mrs Shaw	91.7
3B	Ms Attwood	90.2
4A	Mrs Beard	99.1
4B	Miss Rooney	98.8
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	96.2
5B	Ms Magnay & Miss Shepherdson	92.5
6A	Mr Catton	96.0
6B	Miss Iredale	95.0

Next it is Week 4



PE



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



Y5 Swimming
every Tuesday

Mon
Buzz Dance KS1 & Artventurers

Tue
JJ Football, Lego &
Forest School

Wed
Artventurers & Buzz Dance KS2

Thu
JJ Football & Forest School



Clubs



Click on Week 1 for next week's menu

Coming soon at RTPS

Ravensworth Terrace Primary School Key Dates

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.







Y2 West Boldon Lodge

Tuesday 6th October 2026

#RTPSLearningTogether

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Monday 19th October

Individual & sibling photographs



Flu Immunisations
5.11.26





Ravensworth
Terrace Primary School

The Children's Bookshow





Poet, **Matt Goodfellow**



Y5 Northern Stage

Thursday 5th November 2026

#RTPSLearningTogether

seven stories







Y1 Visit Seven Stories

Monday 9th November 2026

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