Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 4** 25.9.2026

Fun With Friends



Next week we say goodbye to September and welcome to October which means we are well and truly into the season of autumn. Children right across school have settled well into their classes, enjoying learning with their friends and this week's edition of @ The School Gate should give you an insight into some of the exciting opportunities your children are receiving. I'd like to remind families that the application process for September 27 is open for next year's Reception class and for Y6s moving to Y7.

Recognition!









We are delighted to announce that we, Ravensworth Terrace Primary School, have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Reception

Gross motor development is a key aspect of the Physical Development area of learning in EYFS. We enjoy regular opportunities for active play and movement to support children's strength, coordination and overall development. Gross motor development is important because it underpins children's physical health, independence, confidence, learning and readiness for later skills, including writing. Look at our amazing travelling skills!









Year 1

Year 1 have a new class text! Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring the story The Three Billy Goats Gruff. This week we have been focussing on trolls.

We discussed what we already know about trolls and then were introduced to some new vocabulary.

We used this vocabulary to discuss if all trolls are the same by answering questions such as, “Are all trolls aggressive? Do all trolls have ragged clothes? Are all trolls muscular?”

The children then thought of their own questions and categories to sort the troll pictures.



Year 2

Year 2 had a special visitor this week to introduce our new history topic. That History Bloke taught us all about The Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle. We learned lots of interesting facts and had great fun acting out the main events of the fire. We also discovered what life was like in Victorian times and explored how different Newcastle and Gateshead looked 172 years ago when the fire began. It was a fantastic start to our new topic, and we are excited to learn about the similarities and differences between this fire and the Great Fire of London.





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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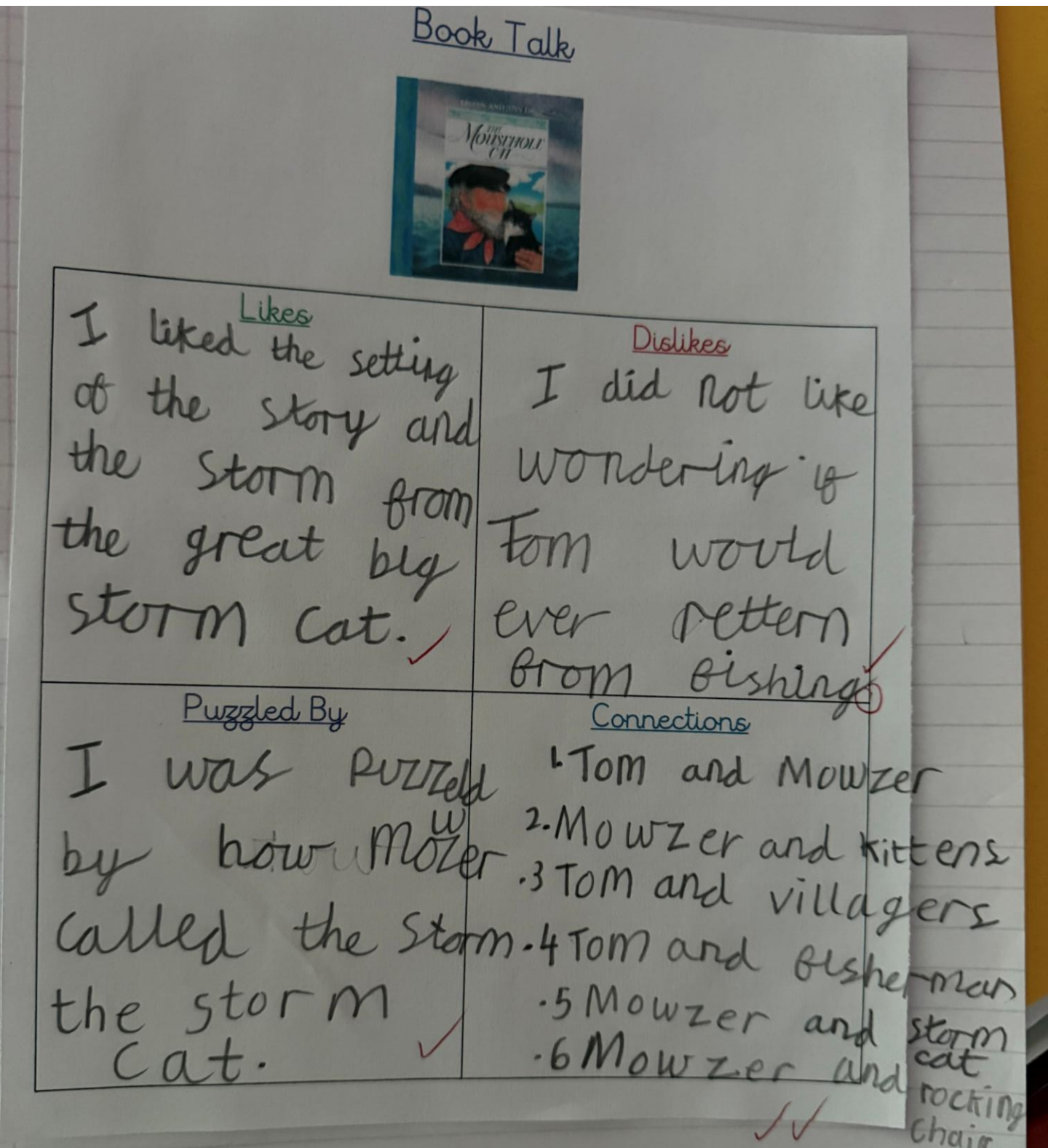
Year 3 News

Year 3 have been discovering how to communicate via email. Last week, we looked at the many different forms of communication along with their advantages and disadvantages. This week, we focused on emails and how useful and speedy they can be. Using Purple Mash on the iPads, they learned how to open an email after receiving a notification, and then they posted a reply. The children really impressed us with their computing skills!



Year 4

This week, we finished our class text, The Mousehole Cat. During our book talk, we discussed what we liked and disliked about the story, shared anything that puzzled us, and recognised connections between characters. The children enjoyed sharing their ideas and listening to the views of others.



Sporting Update



A hard night saw the team face some tough opposition. The positive highlight was grabbing a last-minute equaliser, and we hope to build on that next week.

RTPS 1 - 1 St Margarets
RTPS 1 - 4 Portobello
RTPS 1 - 6 Newker



Year 5

On Friday, Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the Oriental Museum to learn all about the Shang Dynasty. We took part in a range of exciting activities, including a mini-play about the downfall of King Zhou, arts and crafts where we created a gui pot using copper foil, and a scavenger hunt to find Shang Dynasty artefacts around the museum. It was a fun and engaging day that helped bring our learning to life.

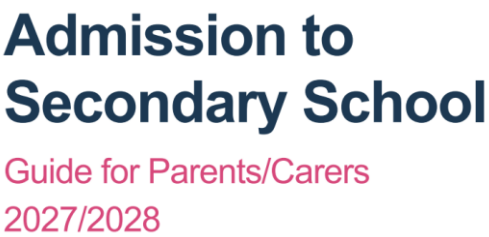


Secondary Schools

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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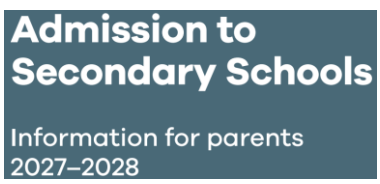
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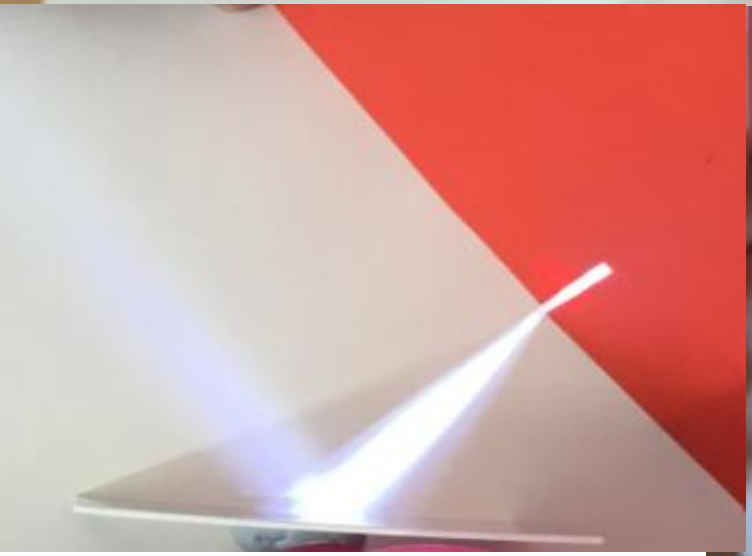
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Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about the law of reflection. They carried out an investigation to explore how light reflects from a surface and demonstrated that the angle of incidence is always equal to the angle of reflection. The children worked scientifically, taking careful measurements and using their results to support their findings.







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









British Values

Our School Values of Respect, Kindness, Teamwork, Independence and Perseverance, support us in 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. The Rule of Law and Individual Liberty are supported by the value of Perseverance, which helps children understand the importance of rules, boundaries and personal responsibility. By making positive choices and understanding the consequences of their actions, children develop self-discipline, accountability and respect for others. It also supports children to become confident learners who can make informed choices and take responsibility for their actions.

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



95.7%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	97.3
Rec B	Miss Phazey	91.9
1A	Mrs Johnson	99.3
1B	Mrs Linsley	97.7
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	95.7
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	97.1
3A	Mrs Shaw	93.7
3B	Ms Attwood	92.2
4A	Mrs Beard	99.4
4B	Miss Rooney	98.4
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	95.4
5B	Ms Magnay & Miss Shepherdson	92.3
6A	Mr Catton	95.5
6B	Miss Iredale	95.5

Ready | Respectful | Safe

Next it is Week 5



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 2 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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