



Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

@ The School Gate

RTPS Weekly e-News **Week 5**

2.10.2026

Hello October!



As we end Week 5, we have entered the month of October, and the nights are truly drawing in. You can really notice the changing colour of the leaves, and I've seen a few conkers around school too. Children are starting to get excited about Halloween and it won't be long until our Spooktacular RTPS Monster Mash, which you should have received information about earlier this week. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading this week's edition of @ The School Gate.

Reception

This week, we have been learning about families and the special people we love. We talked about how every family is unique and what it means to us. Through our activities and active learning books, the children shared what makes their family special. They showed confidence in expressing their ideas and experiences, demonstrating successful playing and exploring, actively engaging, and thinking creatively about their own life.



Year 1

This week we have been continuing with our book *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We have been enjoying all things trolls! We have made our own trolls, designed bridges for the goats to cross over and have been using adjectives to describe trolls in our writing.



Year 2

In History, we have been History Detectives, helping us to find out about the Great Fire of London. In groups, we looked at pictures to help us discover when the fire happened, where it started, and why it spread so quickly.



#GreenerRTPS



All schools now need a climate action plan in place in order to become more environmentally friendly, sustainable and reduce their carbon footprint. Our plan focuses on four key priorities:

- Decarbonisation and Net Zero
- Adaptation and Resilience
- Biodiversity and Nature
- Climate Education and Green Skills

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Our plan will help the children in our school understand that small changes, such as reducing waste, recycling and reusing materials, can have a big impact. We will continue to promote their love of the outdoors by increasing opportunities to care for and improve our school grounds by planting wildflowers, hedges and trees. In addition, our Eco Warriors will lead our exciting new project Eat Smart, which focuses on reducing food waste. This project will begin this term, and all children will have the opportunity to take part in class workshops exploring why it is important to value food.

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?

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**Apply before 15.1.27
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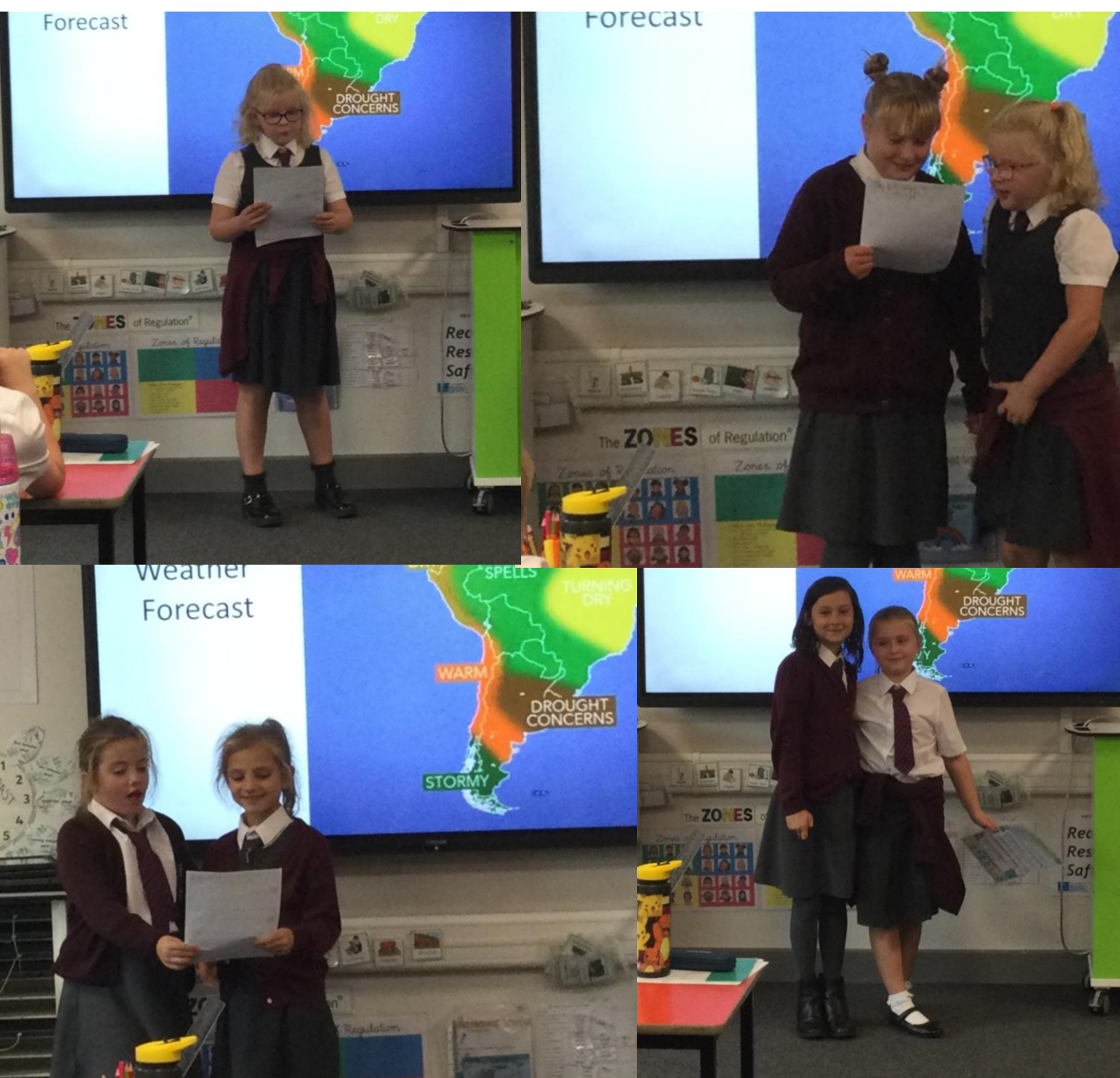
Year 3 News

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been perfecting their music skills in our unit called, 'A Shining Performance'. We have been learning to read notation on a staff and then play the notes on our glockenspiels. We are improving every week! On Tuesday, we even played in a 3-part ensemble! We also used various other instruments to convey the mood of a watercolour painting. We combined the sounds of shakers, wooden scrapers and other percussion to create happy, calm sounds following a particular rhythm.



Year 4

The children have been learning about the climate of different South American countries. They researched their country, gathered information about typical weather patterns, temperatures and rainfall, and recorded their findings. The children then used their research to create and present weather forecasts, sharing their knowledge with the rest of the class while developing their speaking and presentation skills.



Sporting Update



Lots of hard work saw a huge improvement for the school football team this week. Despite losing twice, the results were much closer than last week, and Ms Ingle was impressed with the improvement.

RTPS 3 - 1 Lumley

RTPS 1 - 2 St Margaret's

RTPS 1 - 2 Chester-le-street CE



Year 5

Year 5 have been inquisitive scientists this week whilst testing materials to see which materials are most suitable for a range of purposes. We tested them for magnetism, permeability, flexibility, durability and transparency.



Meet the staff

Hello, my name is Mrs Kane, and I have been a teacher for 15 years! I have worked at RTPS for 10 years now and I am currently in Year 5, as well as the PSHE lead. Outside of work, I have two young children who seem to have much busier social lives than I do, so a lot of my time is spent ferrying them to various activities and parties! I enjoy walking along the seafront where I live, keeping active at the gym and curling up with a good book! As a family, we love adventures to the beautiful Lake District and Northumberland coast.



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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Year 6

Over the past three weeks, Year 6 have been exploring the UK Grime music scene and learning about its key features, including rhythm, flow, lyrics and beat production. They have taken inspiration from artists such as Stormzy and Eyez, using their music to develop their own ideas and creative styles. The children have written their own lyrics, experimented with different beats and sounds, and created an original Grime track using YuStudio. You can hear some of their work [here](#).



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



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.

Democracy and **Mutual Respect** are supported by the value of **Teamwork**, which teaches us that everyone's voice matters. By listening to others, sharing ideas and working together, children learn how democracy works in everyday life. They discover that the best decisions are often made when people cooperate, respect different viewpoints and contribute as part of a team. Opportunities such as pupil voice activities and collaborative learning help children recognise this.

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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RTPS MONSTER MASH

HALLOWEEN EVENT

Wednesday 21st October
4:00 – 5:30pm

Ticket price per child - £3

OWL EXPERIENCE



BROOMSTICK FLIGHT ACADEMY



WEREWOLF ACADEMY



THE POTION LABORATORY



MONSTER BAKERY



THE SPOOKY SCIENCE LAB



IN THE HALL



MONSTER MASH
DISCO



POCKET
MONEY STALL



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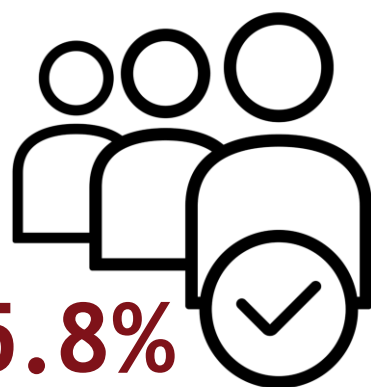
GLITTER
TATTOOS

BEST DRESSED GROWN UP
& BEST DRESSED CHILD

★ ⇒ WIN A PRIZE! ⇒ ★



Attendance



95.8%
Whole school

Rec A	Miss Dorner	97.4
Rec B	Miss Phazey	93.3
1A	Mrs Johnson	98.6
1B	Mrs Linsley	97.4
2A	Mrs Clelland & Mrs Kirk	95.1
2B	Mrs Mitchinson	96.6
3A	Mrs Shaw	94.8
3B	Ms Attwood	93.9
4A	Mrs Beard	98.7
4B	Miss Rooney	97.7
5A	Mrs Kane & Mrs Clewes	95.6
5B	Ms Magnay & Miss Shepherdson	92.2
6A	Mr Catton	95.0
6B	Miss Iredale	96.3

Ready | Respectful | Safe

Next it is Week 6



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 6 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.



Y2 West Boldon Lodge

Tuesday 6th October 2026

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**Monday 19th
October**

**Individual & sibling
photographs**



 **Ravensworth**
Terrace Primary School

Tea & Coffee	Long Life Food
Pasta	Rice
Tinned Food	Other non-perishable items

Harvest Festival Performance

Friday 23rd October 2026

9:15 am - Year 2 Families

2:30 pm - Year 5 Families

Donations

gratefully received

from 29.9.26 until 16.10.26

serving Tea & Coffee

See you there!



Flu Immunisations

5.11.26



Ravensworth Terrace Primary School

The Children's Bookshow



Poet, **Matt Goodfellow**



Y5 Northern Stage

Thursday 5th November 2026

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seven stories



Y1 Visit Seven Stories

Monday 9th November 2026

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